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Media Arts Organizations: Operating

This program has been replaced by the **new** Ontario Arts Operating Fund. For more information, visit the Ontario Arts Operating Fund web page.

Purpose

The program supports the ongoing operations of not-for-profit, professional media arts organizations in Ontario.

Priorities

The program's priority is to support organizations that demonstrate a consistent commitment to Ontario's professional media artists, the media arts infrastructure and their role in the region.

Deadline date(s)

March 5, 2025, 1 p.m. ET

- In 2025, this program is in year 2 of a three-year cycle.

- New applicants may only apply in the first year of a program's multi-year cycle.

- Applications are available in Nova about two months before the deadline.

- Financial and statistical reports must be submitted through Canadian Arts Data / Données sur les arts au Canada (CADAC) before the deadline.

- Grant notification will be available about five months after the deadline.

Eligible applicants

- Ontario-based, not-for-profit corporations, or national not-for-profit corporations with the head office in Ontario

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- Organizations must have:

    - at least $75,000 in total revenues for the last fiscal year, and in projected revenues for the current and requested years (for applicants not currently receiving funding from this program)

    - at least two years of sustained, regular, ongoing programming, as of the application date. If your organization does not meet this requirement, consider applying for project funding

    - a range of revenue sources

    - an active board of directors/governing body

- Organizations must pay appropriate professional fees to artists. See current recommended fee schedules established by Canadian Artists Representation/Le Front des artistes canadiens (CARFAC) and by the Independent Media Arts Alliance (IMAA). Artists' travel and accommodation costs and per diems are not considered substitutes for artists' fees to present/exhibit their work.

Important:
If your organization is within a multi-purpose institution (that is, a multidisciplinary arts organization), you must clearly demonstrate your independence by being able to fulfill all OAC eligibility requirements separately and distinctly from the multi-purpose institution.

The organization must provide their fully segregated and itemized financial statement as well as the multi-purpose institution's financial statement.

Read the Guide to OAC Operating Programs for more eligibility information.

Ineligible applicants

- non-arts organizations

- municipalities, colleges and/or universities

To apply

Complete and submit an application in Nova, OAC's online grant application system. You will be able to do this about two months before the deadline.

Before applying, you must:

- read the Guide to OAC Operating Programs

- read the Guide to OAC Assessment

- create or update your profile in Nova

- register for an account with Canadian Arts Data / Données sur les arts au Canada (CADAC) (new applicants only)

Your application includes:

- your answers to application questions

- financial and statistical information submitted through Canadian Arts Data / Données sur les arts au Canada (CADAC)

- financial statements for your organization's last completed year, uploaded to CADAC

- artistic examples: audiovisual documentation of your organization's programming activities

Complete instructions and requirements are in the application in Nova.

For information on how assessors rate applications see the Evaluation Rubric - Operating Programs.

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Resources

- Nova User Guide

- Guide to OAC Operating Programs

- Guide to OAC Assessment

- Guide to OAC Support Material

- Grant Program Deadlines and Important Dates

- [Support for Deaf Artists and Artists with Disabilities](#)
- [Recognition Requirements for Operating Grant Recipients](#)
- [Showcase your photos on our website and publications](#)
- [OAC Geographic Regions Maps (PDF)](#)