

GRANTS AT A GLANCE

2023 Program
Deadlines

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Toronto Arts Council (TAC) is the City of Toronto's funding body for artists and arts organizations. TAC grants lead to exhibitions, performances, readings and workshops seen annually by over 5 million people throughout the City of Toronto and beyond. Through its ongoing funding, TAC cultivates a rich engagement between artists and audiences.

Our grants support a broad range of artistic activity, and are available to Toronto-based arts organizations, arts collectives and professional artists.

Knowing about TAC's different types of grants can help you decide on which and *how many* grants you can apply to in one calendar year.

TAC offers:

1. Project grants: one-time grants for arts organizations, collectives or individuals
2. Operating grants: sustained funding for arts organizations and collectives.

TAC has two general categories of grant:

1. Discipline
2. Strategic

Applicants are eligible to receive one grant from *each* funding category per calendar year. Any exceptions to this limit are outlined in the grant program guidelines.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

To be eligible for a TAC grant, an **individual artist** must:

- ▲ Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant), have an application pending for Permanent Resident Status, or be a Protected Person (approved refugee claimant),
- ▲ Have been a resident of Toronto for at least one year prior to the deadline, and live and work in Toronto for at least eight months of the year (unless when applying to the Newcomer/Refugee Artist Mentorship program),
- ▲ Be a "professional artist," which TAC defines as someone who has developed their skills through training and/or practice;

is recognized as such by artists working in the same artistic tradition; actively practices their art; seeks payment for their work; and has a history of public presentation,

- ▲ Not have any overdue final reports for any grant programs or final reports due in the grant program for which the grant application is being submitted,
- ▲ May only receive one discipline-stream project grant and one strategic initiative grant per calendar year,
- ▲ Must be 18 years of age or older.

Organizations and collectives must:

- ▲ Be located and operating in the City of Toronto,
- ▲ Be an incorporated non-profit organization or a non-profit collective (two or more artists working together under a group name with a bank account held in that name),
- ▲ Have a track record of arts activity,
- ▲ Have a viable administrative and financial plan for meeting the proposed activities,

- ▲ Have received two project grants in addition to other eligibility requirements in order to be eligible for operating funding,
- ▲ Not have any overdue final reports for any grant programs or final reports due in the grant program for which the grant application is being submitted,
- ▲ May only receive one discipline-stream operating or project grant and one strategic initiative grant per calendar year.


For additional eligibility requirements, please read the guidelines for the program to which you are applying. Program Guidelines can be found at torontoartscouncil.org.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications to all TAC programs are submitted through TAC's online grants management system, TAC Grants Online, at tac.smartsimple.ca. Applications will be accepted until **11:59 p.m.** on the deadline day. Applications will not be accepted by any other means of delivery.

PEER ASSESSMENT

TAC uses a peer assessment process, meaning that all grant applications are evaluated by a committee or grant review panel of professional artists and arts administrators with relevant arts and culture expertise. Recommendations on what applications are funded are made by peer assessors.



SKETCH, Making With Place Public Art Projects. Artist Ayrah Taerb sits at a piano during preliminary shots for his album *installation Indica*; Omega. Photo by Jahmal Nugent (2021).



The Theatre Centre, *Pandora in the Box* produced as part of The Theatre Centre's Residency Program. Created by Lorena Torres Loaiza. Photo by Dhalia Katz (2021).

YOUR GRANT PROGRAM MANAGERS

TAC's Grant Program Managers help support the application process. This includes advising organizations, collectives and individuals about how to apply, ensuring that applications meet the funding criteria, and facilitating the assessment process. Applicants may contact their Grant Program Manager with their questions throughout the application process. Decisions on whether or not an application is funded are made by peer assessors, not by Grant Program Managers.

EQUITY FRAMEWORK

In 2017, TAC adopted the Toronto Arts Council Equity Framework and identified Equity Priority Groups. The groups are: Black, Persons of Colour, people who identify as Deaf, living with Disability or Mental Illness, Indigenous, and 2SLGBTQIAP. In addition to the Equity Priority Groups, TAC is committed to increasing access and participation by artists working outside of the downtown core, newcomer and refugee artists and young and emerging artists.

ACCESSIBILITY

TAC is committed to ensuring that our services remain equitable and accessible. TAC offers two opportunities to aid Deaf artists and artists with disabilities who may need additional assistance or funds to produce their work:

- ▲ **TAC Accessibility Grants:** for projects involving Deaf artists and artists with disabilities. Available to all applicants applying to TAC Project Grant Programs.
- ▲ **Application Accessibility Support:** for applicants who are Deaf or have a disability and need support to complete their grant applications. Up to \$500 is available per eligible applicant per year to cover the costs of assistance from Service Providers.

AWARDS

TAC's affiliate, Toronto Arts Foundation, celebrates artistic excellence, cultural leadership and contribution to the arts through its annual awards program. Over \$125,000 is awarded each year.

For more information about the awards and nomination deadlines, visit torontoartsfoundation.org

2023 TAC PROGRAM DEADLINES

DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

BLACK ARTS

TAC's Black Arts programs support the development, continuation, and flourishing of Black artists, arts organizations and communities.

Grant Program Manager: Timaj Garad
timaj@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x209

Annual Operating

Open to: Black-led, Black-focused and Black-serving arts organizations working in any discipline

Deadline: March 13, 2023

Black Arts Projects

Open to: Black artists, Black artist collectives, and Black-led, Black-focused and Black-serving organizations working in any discipline

Deadlines: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year with notification results released approximately 4 months after the submission date.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Formerly Community Arts

TAC's Creative Communities programs are for those who engage communities through the arts. Creative Communities can involve one or more art practices, such as music, dance, theatre, visual arts, storytelling and more.

Grant Program Manager: Kevin Reigh
kevin@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x227

Annual Operating

Open to: community arts organizations

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Creative Communities Projects

Open to: organizations and collectives

Deadlines: February 1 and August 1, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: community arts organizations

Deadline: April 3, 2023

DANCE

TAC's Dance programs support the creation, production and presentation of dance works, and other projects that advance the development of professional dance in Toronto.

Grant Program Manager: Catalina Fellay-Dunbar
catalina@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x224

Annual Operating

Open to: dance organizations

Deadline: February 1, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: dance organizations

Deadline: April 3, 2023

Dance Projects

Open to: organizations, collectives and individual artists

Deadlines: February 15 and August 1, 2023

INDIGENOUS ARTS PROJECTS

Indigenous Arts Projects increases the creation and presentation of high-quality Indigenous art in the City.

Grant Program Manager: Catherine Tamaro
catherine@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x223

Open to: Indigenous organizations, collectives and individual artists working in any discipline.

Rolling deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year, with notification results released approximately 4 months after the submission date.

LITERARY ARTS

TAC's Literary Arts programs support the development of writing, reading series, festivals, performances and other literary activities in Toronto.

Grant Program Manager: Rudrapriya Rathore
rudrapriya@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x236

Annual Operating

Open to: literary organizations
Deadline: March 1, 2023

Literary Arts Projects

Open to: organizations and collectives
Deadlines: March 1 and August 1, 2023

Writers Program

Open to: individual artists
Deadline: June 15, 2023

MUSIC

TAC's Music programs support all musical forms including folk, hip-hop, contemporary, classical, rock and more.

Operating Program Manager: Rudrapriya Rathore
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Annual Operating

Open to: music organizations
Deadline: March 1, 2023

Multi-Year Operating

Open to: orchestras & presenters/producers & festivals
Deadline: March 8, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: choir and opera organizations (year 2) and service organizations (year 3)
Deadline: April 3, 2023

Grant Program Manager: Christy DiFelice
christy@torontoartscouncil.org | 416-392-6802 x202

Community Music Making

Open to: community choirs, opera, orchestras, and ensembles
Deadline: April 11, 2023

Music Projects

Open to: organizations and collectives
Deadlines: March 1 and August 1, 2023

Music Creation & Audio Recording

Open to: individual artists
Deadline: September 5, 2023

THEATRE

TAC's Theatre programs support the development of theatre in Toronto.

Grant Program Manager: Elahe Marjovi
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Annual Operating

Open to: theatre organizations
Deadline: March 1, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: theatre organizations (year 2) and theatre service organizations (year 3)
Deadline: April 3, 2023

Theatre Projects

Open to: organizations and collectives
Deadlines: February 1 and August 1, 2023

Playwrights Program

Open to: individual artists
Deadline: June 15, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: theatre organizations (year 2) and service organizations (year 3)
Deadline: April 3, 2023

VISUAL/MEDIA ARTS

TAC's Visual and Media Arts programs support the development of visual/media arts in Toronto, including film, video, videogame and performance art, painting, ceramics, sculpture and more.

Grant Program Manager: Peter Kingstone
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Annual Operating

Open to: visual/media arts organizations

Deadline: March 1, 2023

Multi-Year Operating

Open to: artist run centres & festivals

Deadline: March 8, 2023

Multi-Year Mid-Cycle Report

Open to: public galleries (year 2) and arts service organizations (year 3)

Deadline: April 3, 2023

Visual/Media Arts Projects: Presentation

Open to: organizations and collectives

Deadlines: March 1 and August 1, 2023

Visual Artists Program: Creation

Open to: individuals

Rolling deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year, with notification results released approximately 4 months after the submission date.

Media Artists Program: Creation

Open to: individuals

Deadline: October 16, 2023

STRATEGIC FUNDING

ANIMATING HISTORIC SITES

Animating Historic Sites provides funding for artists to re-imagine and animate selected Toronto historic sites, community museums and Evergreen Brick Works through engagement with their histories, local contexts and communities.

Grant Program Manager: Lena Golubtsova
lena@torontoartscouncil.org | 416.392.6802 x219

Open to: organizations, collectives and individuals working in any discipline

Deadline: July 4, 2023

ANIMATING TORONTO PARKS

Animating Toronto Parks supports free arts programming in selected Toronto parks, including the creation and presentation of dance, music, theatre, visual and media arts, community-engaged arts and more.

Grant Program Manager: Lena Golubtsova
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Open to: organizations, collectives and individuals working in any discipline

Deadline: December 5, 2022 (for projects taking place in 2023)

The deadline for the 2024 Animating Toronto Parks program will be in November 2023.

ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARY

Artists in the Library supports community-engaged creation residencies in selected Toronto Public Library branches.

Grant Program Manager: Lena Golubtsova
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Open to: organizations, collectives and individuals working in any discipline

Deadline: October 2, 2023

ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Toronto Arts Council has partnered with Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Prologue to the Performing Arts on tdsbCREATES; for a four-week spring festival that includes artist residencies, mentorships and special arts presentations events.

Grant Program Manager: Kadija de Paula
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Open to: individual and organizations participating in the festival
Deadline: TBA

ARTREACH TORONTO

ArtReach is a funding program designed to support youth arts initiatives in Toronto that foster youth engagement and provide high quality arts opportunities.

Open to: individual artists under 30 or groups/organizations led by youth under 30 in Toronto
Deadline: February 1, 2023

NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE ARTS ENGAGEMENT

Newcomer and Refugee Arts Engagement provides support to organizations and collectives that engage newcomers and refugees through the arts.

Grant Program Manager: Kadija de Paula
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Open to: organizations and collectives working in any discipline
Deadline: April 24, 2023

NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE ARTIST MENTORSHIP

Newcomer and Refugee Artist Mentorship provides support to newcomer and refugee artists to develop their artistic practice.

Grant Program Manager: Kadija de Paula
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Open to: individuals working in any discipline
Deadline: April 24, 2023

OPEN DOOR

Open Door is a funding opportunity designed to respond to timely and ambitious arts sector initiatives outside of discipline-specific funding programs.

Grant Program Manager: Liza Mattimore
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Open to: organizations and collectives working in any discipline
Deadline: September 7, 2023

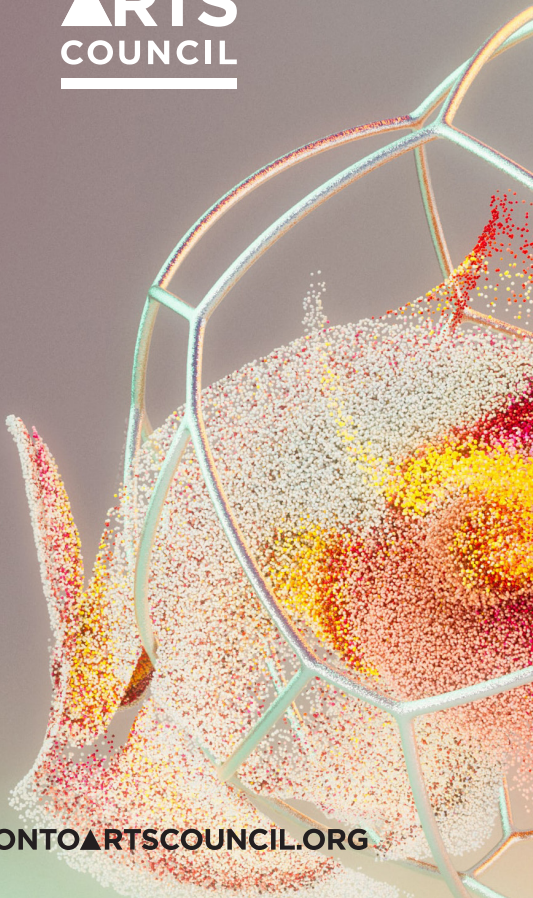
TAC-CS DIGITAL SOLUTIONS INCUBATOR

TAC-CS Digital Solutions Incubator provides funding to address organizational challenges using digital technology.

Grant Program Manager: Kadija de Paula
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Open to: organizations and collectives working in any discipline
Deadline: March 20, 2023

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