

## Arts Grant Application Guide

The Arts Grant offers financial support to artists and arts groups on Haida Gwaii, with the aim of fostering new art projects, promoting professional growth, facilitating mentorship between artists, and enhancing public appreciation for local art. The goals of the Arts Grant include:

- **Passing Down Skills:** Preserve and share traditional knowledge and artistic skills between generations.
- **Supporting Emerging Artists:** Assist new artists in establishing a professional career in the arts.
- **Developing Creative Practice:** Provide opportunities for established artists to further refine and evolve their creative work.
- **Professional Development:** Promote access to training, workshops, and mentorship that help artists grow professionally.
- **Increasing Public Access:** Enhance public participation and appreciation of the Haida Gwaii arts community.

### Important Information

- Applications are due February 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> by 11:59 p.m.
- Up to \$10,000 per project. No equity required.
- Projects must start at least two months after the application intake deadline. Any expenses incurred before Board approval will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- Applicants with overdue reports are not eligible to apply.

## Who can Apply?

**An individual artist who is a resident on Haida Gwaii\***

Artist experience levels:

Emerging (1-3 years), Established (3-5 years), Professional (5-10 years), Master/mentor (10+ years)

**A Haida Gwaii based Non-Profit Arts Group or an organization with an Arts mandate**

\* Open to all residents on Haida Gwaii - a resident is defined as someone who has lived on Haida Gwaii for a minimum of five **consecutive** years (excluding time at a post-secondary school).

## Who gets priority?

- Priority goes to first-time applicants, followed by those who haven't received the Arts Grant in the past three years.
- Projects that support emerging or established artists.
- Projects that benefit all communities on Haida Gwaii.
- Projects with cultural impact.
- Applications from experienced artists who want to mentor new artists or teach artistic skills or traditional knowledge.

## Artistic Disciplines Supported

- Ceremonial
- Performing
- Music
- Literary
- Textiles
- Digital
- Visual
- Crafts
- Fashion
- Other (*you'll need to contact our Community Grant Specialists to check*)

## Eligible Expenses

- Only expenses directly related to the project.
- Artists, mentors, and any daily collaborative costs (up to a maximum of \$400 per day).
- Materials and Supplies.
- Tools and Equipment purchases (up to a maximum of 20%).
- Workspace and Equipment rental.
- Workshops, course, or training program costs.
- Expenses related to the production of a performance, exhibition, or publications.
- Travel - transportation or accommodation costs (up to \$2,000).
- For Arts Groups: Administrative costs (up to 10% of the requested amount).

## Ineligible Expenses

- Any promotion or marketing costs.
- Touring costs for off-island shows, exhibits, or productions.
- The production of merchandise intended for sale.
- Using funds for fundraising, as prizes, or for awards.
- Construction or renovation of art studio or spaces.
- Business operational costs (payroll, utilities, etc).
- Expenses incurred prior to grant approval.

## What You Need to Apply for an Arts Grant

- [Apply online at gwaiitrust.com portal.](https://gwaiitrust.com)
- Your total project cost and the amount you would like to request.
- Any additional project funding or revenue you may have.
- A brief project summary.
- Your project start and end date.
- Two examples of your previous work (pdfs, photos, video, or sound files accepted).
- How will you acknowledge Gwaii Trust's support?
- Any additional supporting information - like a partnership or authorization letters.

## When your project is done

- Provide your final budget to actual spreadsheet and include all the relevant receipts.
- Provide photos of the project - we'd like to share your success!
- Write a brief final project summary - tell us things like:
  1. What went well?
  2. Were there any challenges?
  3. How many people participated or attended?
  4. Any additional comments, feedback, or recommendations.

## I need help with this, who can I speak to?

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