



## ***Grants to Districts and Province-Wide School Associations***

Funded by the BC Arts Council and the Government of British Columbia's Creative Futures Initiative, Artists in Education grants support artistic programming including performances, workshops and residencies in schools across the province. This district level grant is allocated to all B.C. School Districts, the Federation of Independent School Associations and the First Nations Schools Association. Each allocation considers the number of schools, number of students and geographic location of each district or association.

### **Program Goals + Objectives**

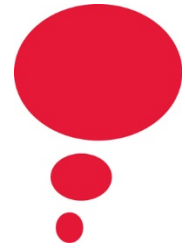
- Expose young people to workshops, performances, and residencies that have artistic quality and educational merit.
- Balance exposure of the arts to young people in remote, rural and urban environments.
- Establish professional standards for arts practices and presentations in schools and expose B.C.'s children and youth to professional quality arts programming.
- Develop, maintain and expand the market for professional artists working with children and youth.
- Facilitate communication between the arts and education communities by developing mutual awareness, respect and appreciation.
- Promote the arts as an area of study and professional employment.

### **Program Guidelines**

All applicants must use grant funds towards professional artist fees for a range of quality performances and workshops in schools. All arts activities must meet a professional artistic standard, have educational merit and be offered by professional arts organizations and/or artists. Arts activities may encompass the performing, visual, media and literary arts. Additional guidelines include:

- Applying organization must be a B.C. School District, the Federation of Independent School Associations or the First Nations Schools Association (individual schools, daycares, colleges and universities are not eligible to apply).
- Applicant funds must be equitably distributed throughout their district or association.
- Grant funds should only be for arts activities for the benefit of young people in Grades K – 12.
- Grant funds should be used to present professional arts activities that take place in schools.
- All AIE funds should be spent in the year granted.
- Applicants must meet all reporting requirements to receive their maximum funding allocation.





### Eligible Expenses

- Professional Artist Fees – **70%** for B.C. based artists; **40%** for out-of-province artists within Canada.
- Transportation Expenses for Remote Areas – up to 50% of transportation expenses for students attending qualifying events in remote areas and for artists travelling to schools in remote areas (note: transportation expenses cannot exceed more than 25% of the total AIE grant allocation)
- ArtStarts Showcase and Pacific Contact – **up to 100%** of conference fee, travel and accommodation.

### Ineligible Expenses

- Fees for artists residing outside of Canada
- Non-professional artists (including established youth companies)
- Events for which tickets are purchased, or for which admission is charged
- School assemblies with motivational speakers or novelty acts
- Administrative/staff time required to manage the program
- GST/PST

### Definition of Professional Artist or Arts Organization

Artists engaged in all funded activities must qualify as **practicing, professional artists**.

A professional artist is defined as someone who has specialized training in the arts (not necessarily in academic institutions); is recognized as a professional by his or her peers (artists working in the same artistic tradition); is committed to devoting more time to his or her artistic activity, if financially possible; and has a history of public presentation.

### Application and Final Report Deadlines

- AIE Application for 2016 – 2017 activities by **May 27, 2016**
- AIE Final report for 2015 – 2016 activities by **September 23, 2016**



**BC Arts Council** and the **Government of British Columbia** are committed to ensuring that all British Columbians are able to participate in a healthy arts and cultural community recognized for its excellence. Through this provincial financial support, the arts and cultural community will continue to achieve its creative, social and economic success .

**ArtStarts in Schools** is a catalyst in promoting arts and creativity among B.C.'s young people. Working with a dynamic province-wide network of educators, artists, parents, students, schools and communities, ArtStarts provides innovative arts programs for young people, practical resources for teachers and artists, and leadership in advocacy for arts in education.



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