Peer-to-Peer Support Program

The Arts Fund endeavours to make applying for funds as straightforward as possible in order to provide meaningful grants. Due to the Conflict of Interest Policy, the Board of Directors are prohibited from providing direct assistance with any aspect of grant application preparation.

However, the Arts Fund recognizes that artists and arts organizations, especially first time applicants, may want help understanding the grant criteria and evaluation process. The Peer-to-Peer support program addresses this need by arranging access to former board members and/or past successful grantees who have agreed to share their experience.

The type and amount of guidance is negotiated directly between the applicant and the supporter based on the following conditions:

- Supporters provide contact information at their discretion and may withdraw at any time;
- Supporters provide assistance as a volunteer with no fee for service;
- Requests for support are not at the last minute; sufficient lead time must be allowed;
- There is a full understanding that no application is guaranteed to receive funding, with or without assistance;
- This program is offered at the direction of the current Board of Directors, and its merits will be reviewed annually.

Note: For technical assistance/guidance with the online application portal, click here to view the **Online Application User's Guide**. Peer-to-Peer volunteers do not provide technical support related to the online portal.

The following have agreed to assist applicants on behalf of the Arts Fund:

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