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CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR ARTISTS

Supporting Artists

For over 30 years, the Prince Edward County Arts Council has had the privilege of **supporting professional events** that showcase the work of Ontarian artists. Our events annually generate upwards of \$250,000 in sales of art.

Today we are expanding our **support of local artists** by offering career development **grants** through the **Artist Fund**, a new initiative that, since its launch in 2017, has awarded \$8,000 to local artists.

With a one-time injection of funds from the Ontario Arts Council, we were able to kickoff the Artist Fund, but **require community support** to help grow the program in 2020 and beyond.

The Artist Fund offers an ideal opportunity for those wishing to **champion** the arts!

Programs

Our membership is a diverse group of artists including painters, makers, photographers, illustrators, cinematographers, authors, designers, performers, and more! Emerging and established artists may apply to the Fund's various programs.

- **Professional Development (\$1500)**

Strengthen artist careers through learning.

- **Market Development (\$1500)**

Support artists as they develop new markets for their work.

- **Public Art (\$1500)**

Encourage the realization of public art projects in the community.

- **Artists in the Community (2020 launch – \$TBD)**

Help the community engage professional artists to realize art-focused projects, or help artists to realize projects that engage residents.

Successful Candidates 2017

In the program's inaugural year, three local artists were awarded funds to pursue professional development activities.

Total funds available: \$1,500

- ✧ **Janice Edwards**, Painter – \$150 to attend Brush it Bold facilitated by Sheila Davis in PEC.
- ✧ **Kate Golding**, Surface Pattern Designer- \$750 to attend School of Hustle facilitated by Instagram Business and Hedley & Bennett in Los Angeles.
- ✧ **Tess Girard**, Cinematographer - \$600 to attend a Cinematic Lighting workshop facilitated by the Canadian Society of Cinematographers in Toronto.

Testimonial



“Attending School of Hustle has given me a new perspective on my position as a designer and entrepreneur... and a renewed confidence that I can achieve my goals. The generous funds provided by the Professional Development Program grant were integral to me being able to participate.”

- Kate Golding, 2017

Successful Candidates 2018

Applications more than doubled in 2018, demonstrating a real need in the community. We supported a diverse range of artists and projects, and awarded our first Public Art grant!

Total funds available: \$4,500

- ✧ **Chrissy Poitras**, Printmaker – \$325 to take online course *Getting Your Work into Galleries* at Praxis Centre, New York.
- ✧ **Karole Marois**, Muralist- \$112 to gain her *Working at Heights* certification.
- ✧ **Katrina Tompkins**, Furniture Designer - \$600 to participate in *Zanzibar Professional* with CoDesign Abroad in Zanzibar, Africa.
- ✧ **Gavin North**, Performer - \$450 to attend *Winter Improv Festival and Tournament* in Stratford, ON.
- ✧ **ICE BOX PEC**, Event - \$1,500 to support the creation of interactive art installations by Chrissy Poitras and Andrea Piller.

Testimonial



“ Thank you so much for your support! It was much needed to help get this event off the ground in its first year. Thank you for believing in us and being part of the magic that was ICE BOX! ”

- Krista Dalby, 2019

Successful Candidates 2019

In 2019, we awarded our first Market Development grant! This program allows artists to travel with their work in order to develop audiences and partnerships in new geographic regions. We also awarded our second Public Art grant to help a charitable organization realize a new project.

Total funds available: \$4,500

- ✧ **Kamee Abrahamian**, Filmmaker – \$800 to premiere their short film *Transmission* at the Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Vancouver, BC.
- ✧ **Dawn Middleton**, Ceramist- \$425 to attend a *Slip-casting Mold Systems Workshop* with Peter Pincus, Richmond Hill, ON.
- ✧ **Danielle Reddick**, Visual Artist- \$1,500 commissioned by Glenwood Cemetery to create a sculpture in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. To be installed in the cemetery in spring 2020.

Contact

Interested in learning more about the Artist Fund? Please get in touch!

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“Stimulating economic growth starts by investing in innovation, and that means putting money into arts and culture.”

-Mélanie Joly, Former Minister of Canadian Heritage



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