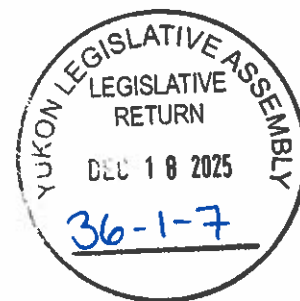


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SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Tourism and Culture

1. On December 16, 2025, Justin Ziegler, Member for Riverdale South
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Arts funding - MLA Justin Ziegler: Multiple projects are being supported through the different funding streams of the Tourism and Culture department. My question is: Is there a balance between different projects? Can the minister tell me what portion of funding is allocated to recreational arts and what portion is allocated to professional arts, if this is differentiated within the department throughout the funding stream?

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on Dec 16, 2025 related to:
- Bill No. 200 Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 54 Tourism and Culture
- Motion No. # RE: Arts Funding
at page(s) 156 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

[Arts Funding Programs_Nov2024.pdf](#)

The Arts Unit has a suite of ten funding programs to help support Yukon artists, cultural workers, and arts activities at all stages of an artist's career. Emerging, recreational, community and advanced artist funding opportunities are all available.

The list below is divided into programs for individuals, programs for individuals and groups, and programs for groups and organizations.

Programs for individuals

Advanced Artist Award <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/apply-professional-artistic-development-funding>

Artists who are working at a senior level of their practice may apply for up to \$5,000 or \$10,000 to support projects that help them grow creatively, experiment and learn.

Who can apply? Advanced artists of all disciplines

How much? Up to \$10,000

Application deadlines: April and October 1 (by 4:30pm)

Indigenous Artists & Cultural Carriers Micro-grant <https://yukon.ca/en/Indigenous-artists-micro-grant>

This fund supports Indigenous Yukon artists and cultural carriers with accessible and timely funding for a variety of activities, including creating new work, mentoring with artists or knowledge keepers, professional/artistic development opportunities and more.

Who can apply? Indigenous people who've lived in the Yukon for at least 1 continuous year when they apply; Yukon First Nations who live in the Yukon, and Yukon First Nations who

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previously lived in the Yukon and maintain ties to the territory.

How much? Up to \$5,000

Application deadline: apply any time

Touring Artist Fund <https://yukon.ca/en/touring-artist-fund>

Do you have an opportunity to showcase your art outside (or inside) of the Yukon? This program can help support travel expenses related to performances, exhibitions, and other arts presentations. Priority will be given to the tours that occur outside the territory.

Who can apply? Advanced artists of all disciplines

How much? Up to \$10,000

Application deadlines: March, June, September, and December 15 (by 4:30pm)

Creative and Cultural Career Advancement Fund <https://yukon.ca/creative-cultural-career-fund>

This program supports those working in the creative and cultural industries to focus on and develop their careers over the course of a year.

Who can apply? Individuals working in the creative and cultural industries

How much? Set amount of \$50,000

Application deadline: May 15 (by 4:30pm)

Programs for individuals and groups

Cultural Industries Training Fund <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/apply-funding-train-cultural-industries>

This program addresses training needs that allow for economic activity or to increase productivity and service in the for-profit or labour force component of the arts or cultural sector.

Who can apply? Artists/creatives and cultural industry workers

How much? up to \$5,000 for individuals; up to \$8,000 for groups

Application deadlines: March, May, September, and January 15 (by 4:30pm)

Express Micro-grant <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/apply-small-grant-funding-your-creative-or-cultural-project>

The Express Micro-grant is for people in the creative and cultural industries who are looking for small amounts of funding to support individuals or groups to respond to a time-sensitive or unique opportunity.

Who can apply? Yukon-based creatives, cultural workers, non-profit societies, businesses, First Nations and municipal governments and artist collectives

How much? Up to \$5,000

Application deadline: apply any time

Culture Quest <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/get-funding-performing-visual-and-literary-artists>

The objectives of this program are to increase arts presentation capacity, particularly in rural and First Nations communities, support the intersection of arts and cultural practices or heritage, to prepare work to be showcased national or internationally, and to support First Nations cultural gatherings and festivals around the Yukon.

Who can apply? Individuals, not-for-profit organizations, companies and collectives, living or registered in the Yukon (including representatives from First Nations, culturally diverse, arts, heritage, museums and archives communities).

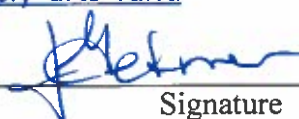
How much? Up to \$10,000

Application deadline: January, April and September 15 (by 4:30pm)

Programs for groups and organizations

Arts Fund <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-events/apply-arts-fund>

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This program supports group projects that develop the arts and engage the public in Yukon. Projects vary, and may include workshops, festival development, performance and event production.

Who can apply? Non-profit societies, industry and community associations, First Nations and municipal governments and artist collectives.

How much? Up to 70% of the project's eligible expenses

Application deadlines: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 (by 4:30pm)

Arts Operating Fund <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/apply-operational-or-ongoing-arts-project-funding>

This program provides operational support for established organizations that develop and sustain Yukon's arts community, fostering vitality and long-term health of the arts.

Who can apply?

Operating component: Yukon non-profit societies with on-going and year-round arts activities and that have a territorial impact.

Project component: Yukon non-profit societies, First Nations and municipal governments and industry associations with an established annual arts activity that fosters the development of the arts.

How much? No ceiling, but funding is competitive

Application deadline: February 15 (by 4:30pm)

New Canadians Event Fund <https://yukon.ca/en/arts-and-culture/programs-and-funding/apply-event-funding-support-new-canadians>

This program supports public festivals or events that celebrate the communities and cultures of new Canadians.

Who can apply? Registered Yukon non-profit societies with a primarily cultural or multicultural mandate,

or that are significantly involved in a cultural activity

How much? Up to \$10,000

Application deadline: apply any time

Not sure which fund is right for you?

Arts Advisors are available to provide guidance and support to funding applicants. If you need accessibility accommodations or are facing barriers that may impact your application, we may be able to offer support or find solutions. To learn more: visit yukon.ca and search for "apply for arts funding" to find application forms and program guidelines.

Email: arts.fund@yukon.ca

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