
Arts Sector Donation Program Guidelines

Background

As part of the Government of Alberta's commitment to the creation of a Creative Partnerships Alberta program for artists and non-profits in its Government of Alberta Strategic Plan 2021-2024, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) was asked to launch the Arts Sector Donation Program in spring 2022 as a complement to Creative Partnerships Alberta and as mechanism to support Alberta's important arts sector.

Program Purpose

The Arts Sector Donation Program supports the arts as a significant contributor to quality of life in Alberta. This program is designed to foster and contribute to the growth and development of the arts in Alberta by accepting cash donations from eligible donors to support AFA programs and services.

Eligible donors include individuals, non-profit organizations, public and private foundations registered as charities, and private sector organizations (corporations).

Program Overview

The AFA will oversee the Arts Sector Donation Program that is intended to support AFA programs that provide assistance to art organizations and opportunities for individual artists across arts disciplines in Alberta.

Understanding the **unconditional** nature of the donation, donors cannot designate their donation to be directed for a specific beneficiary/program but may ask or prefer that their donation be considered towards supporting specific AFA programs as long as there are no benefits to the donor.

Ultimately, to qualify as a gift, no donations will be directed to specific organizations or individuals as the AFA will still retain the right to direct donated funds to support AFA programs where needed or as they see fit.

AFA programs that can be supported through donated funds include (but may not be limited to):

- Art Acquisitions by Application
- Artists and Education Project Funding
- Arts Presenting Project Funding
- Curatorial Purchases to Support the Collection
- Dance Individual Project Funding
- Film and Video Individual Project Funding
- Indigenous Arts Individual Project Funding
- Literary Individual Project Funding
- Music Individual Project Funding
- Organization Activation Project Funding
- Theatre Individual Project Funding
- Visual Arts and New Media Individual Project Funding

Eligibility for funding through AFA Programs remain unchanged and only eligible program recipients* will benefit from support provided through the Arts Sector Donation program.

* *Ineligible recipients include: any for-profit organization, commercial entity, municipalities or other not-for-profit organizations or individuals not eligible for, or not in good standing with AFA programs.*

- The full amount of each donation goes directly to support AFA programs that provide assistance to not-for-profit art organizations or opportunities for individual artists to create, produce or present art in Alberta, without any administrative fees deducted from the donated amounts.
- No amount of donated funds will be used to support AFA's operations or special initiatives but will be directed towards supporting AFA programs only.
- Donated funds will also be expended in the fiscal year they were received and will not be carried over to subsequent years.

Donors and Official Donation Receipts

To obtain an official donation receipt for a donation, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Donation/gift must comply with all guidelines of the program and Canada Revenue Agency's guidelines; Please refer to what qualifies as a gift (<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/operating-a-registered-charity/receiving-gifts/what-a-gift.html>)
- Donations will not be accepted from public sector organizations (e.g. municipalities).
- Donor has made an unconditional gift to support AFA programs in the form of cash only donations (assets and in-kind donations are not accepted).
- Cheques must be made payable to the **Alberta Foundation for the Arts**.
- Eligible donations to this program qualify for an official donation tax receipt with a minimum donation of \$50.00. Contributions from any donor who does not require an official donation receipt will also be accepted.
- Donor name and acknowledgement will be made public to the Board and on the AFA's website but donor may also wish to remain anonymous.

The AFA also accepts donations of artworks. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.affta.ab.ca/collection/acquisitions/donations>

Donation Process

Eligible donors will need to complete a form digitally, print and sign that declares their intention to make a donation and the amount of the donation. Mail completed form and donation cheque to:

Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Arts Sector Donation Program
10708 – 105 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5H 0A1