

The **Adapt** program assists applicants who are responding to the changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic by adapting their artistic practice, expanding their skills, building new relationships, or creating new work. This funding intake is made possible by the Manitoba government's investment in the Arts and Culture Sustainability Funds to support Manitoba's arts and culture sector, which has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notification of results

Mid-April

Grant amount

\$ 10,000

Note: Grants received through the Support - Adapt program are excluded from the Manitoba Arts Council's maximum level of funding of \$30,000 in a calendar year. Successful applicants must submit a final report by March 31, 2023.

Applicants – who can apply

- Professional artists
- Arts/cultural professionals
- Indigenous Knowledge Keepers
- Professional arts groups

Activities – what you can apply for

Funding is available to support applicants who are expanding their skills and choosing bold new directions for their art in response to the challenges brought on by COVID-19. Your application must make clear how this project will increase your ability to sustain your practice in the future.

Eligible activities can include:

- creating new work
- exploring new technologies and researching new ways of working
- developing alternate strategies for producing, presenting, and distributing your work
- acquiring new skills by participating in residencies, undertaking courses/workshops, or embarking on mentorship programs
- developing new collaborations and/or relationships

You will be asked to demonstrate how you will adjust to changing public health orders. Projects that are not able to observe public health orders may be deemed ineligible.

Expenses – what is eligible

Direct costs related the current project. For example:

- Living expenses
- Professional fees
- Registration fees
- Purchases of materials and equipment (up to 50% of the total grant amount)

Assessment – how decisions are made

Your application to the Adapt program will be assessed by a peer assessment jury on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit
- Impact
- Feasibility

Note: Refer to the [Peer Assessment Handbook](#) for more information.

Resources

To get in touch with the appropriate program consultant, to get technical assistance, or to request [Accessibility financial assistance](#), contact our Help Desk during our regular business hours (8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday). If the deadline you are applying to falls on a weekend, please get in touch with us before the end of our business hours.

If you are Deaf or living with a disability or mental illness, you may be eligible to receive funds to contribute to costs for disability-related supports and services.

The role of MAC Program Consultants is to provide support to our grant applicants. If you are looking for help with your application, a consultant can meet with you to discuss your proposed project or review parts of your application. Consultations are in high demand closer to the application deadline, so we suggest you contact us as soon as possible.

Help Desk

Phone: 204-945-2237

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Application content

MAC now receives grant applications through our Online Application System. In order to apply, you will need to have a valid profile in the Online Application System.

1. Project information

You will be asked to indicate the artistic discipline(s) most relevant to this application, the project start date and end date, and the focus of your project.

In addition, you will be asked to address the following:

- Describe your project (750 words)
- Explain what challenges the pandemic has presented to your work (150 words)
- Explain how your project will help change the way you work so that you can sustain your practice in the future (150 words)
- Identify who you are planning on working with and explain what they bring to the project (150 words)
- Describe how public health orders might affect your project and how you would adjust the project if that happens (250 words)
- Upload confirmation letters, descriptions of products or services you are intending to buy and bios of the people you are working with on this project
- Provide additional information that has not been asked that is essential to understanding your application (250 words)

2. Budget

You will be asked to complete the budget sheet provided. Do not include cents, you may enter whole dollar amounts only. The budget form is used across most MAC programs and some sections may not apply to your project. Include brief clarifications of individual budget lines in the description fields, if necessary.

3. Support materials

Support material should be samples of current work/activities relevant to your grant application; it may include the work/activities of other key artists or partners. You may choose to include earlier work/activities to provide a context for your application.

You will be asked to submit a minimum of one, and up to a maximum of three items of support material.

The following count as **one item**:

- up to 5 digital images **OR**
- up to 15 pages of text **OR**
- up to 4 minutes of audio or video

For instance, your three items can be a total of 15 images, or 45 pages of text, or 12 minutes of audio/video. But you can also submit a combination of images, text, and recordings, as long as it falls within the limits.

You will be asked to describe how the support material relates to this application.