Multicultural Initiatives Fund – Project

Funding Levels

The maximum request amount per grant is $10,000. Matching funds for grants between $5,000 and $10,000 are no longer required. However, applications with requests of $5,000 and over should show greater evidence of community support and will benefit from showing other self-generated income.

The budget should include all revenue and expenses related to your project including grant requests to other funding programs or agencies and the budget should balance (revenue = expenses). Expenses claimed must be to support eligible activity proposed in the application.

The budget tool is for project costs only. Regular organizational operating expenses, staff wages and contributions of volunteer time should not be identified as revenue or expenses in the budget. These costs are ineligible for the program. In-kind contributions (donations for food, goods, services, equipment, waiving rental fee, etc.) do not substitute for eligible expenses and should not be included in the budget. Contributions and non-monetary support for a project can be described in the proposal as evidence of community support and partnerships.

Eligible Expenses

MIF-Project grants cover direct costs to the development and delivery of a cultural project. Please ensure that only Eligible Expenses are included and that they are clearly explained.

Eligible Project expenses include:
- Wages, honorarium and contract agreements for cultural resource people who are offering their skills and expertise for the term of the project. This does not replace wages for the core job responsibilities of existing staff;
- Travel expenses for program participants. This includes gas, rental of vehicles, bus transit and airfare. While the primary cultural activities must take place in Saskatchewan, travel outside of the province is eligible if it is to bring resource peoples in locally to conduct work;
- Material expenses related to the cultural activity;
- Facility costs would only be considered eligible in situations where additional space is required for the project to move ahead. The existing space/facility of an applicant organization is not eligible and would be considered as an in-kind contribution- i.e. rent, utilities and office overhead.
- A recommended maximum of 20% of the total grant award can support food expenses that are a part of the cultural experience that is being offered for participants. A strong rationale would need to be provided to exceed this amount.
- A recommended maximum of 10% of the total grant request can be utilized for advertising and promotion cost for the project. A strong rationale would need to be provided to exceed this amount.

- A small portion of the grant may go towards reasonable expenses for COVID-19 health safety measures. This includes hand sanitizer stations, masks and any other reasonable measures.
- **Organizations that are not ethno-cultural, multicultural, First Nations or Métis, and that are applying for support for a festival or performance, must provide details of the multicultural, First Nations or Métis performers and will be provided funding only for their artistic fees.**

All claimed expenses must fall within the indicated start and end date of the grant. All expenses **must be verifiable by receipts or transaction record, upon request**. Expenses incurred before or after the grant period will not be eligible.

Ineligible Expenses

The following items are ineligible for SaskCulture funds:
- Funds may not be used for construction, renovations or repairs, capital expenditures, cash prizes, gifts, or the purchase of alcohol;
- Activity that exclusively promotes definable religious or political viewpoints;
- Contributions of volunteer hours;
- Allowances, wages or personal expenses for program registrants and participants;
- Salaries and expenses of existing staff of the applicant organization; and
- Office and administration fees including utilities, rent and/or rental of an applicant organization facilities.

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