

Original Peoples Investment Program Application Assistance

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What is Application Assistance?

We recognize that our granting programs create barriers to access for many artists who are interested in applying. Our programs are written in English, shared online and require applicants to submit online applications in English. This creates technological, linguistic, communication, and cultural barriers, to name a few.

In recognition of these barriers to access, eligible applicants can request assistance to help alleviate some of the costs associated with preparing and submitting a grant application.

Who can Request Assistance?

Individuals (or the primary contact for a collective) who self-identify as:

- An artist who is Deaf, hard of hearing, has a disability or is living with a mental illness.
- An artist facing language, geographic, or cultural barriers.

Requests must be received at least two to four weeks before you plan to submit your application, which means no later than April 5, 2021 for the Original Peoples Investment Program

To request assistance please contact Sable Sweetgrass, Specialist, Indigenous Programs at sable.sweetgrass@calgaryartsdevelopment.com or 403.264.5330 ext. 220.

Before applying for assistance, please ensure that you are eligible to apply to the **Original Peoples Investment Program**.

You will need to provide:

- The name and contact information of someone who can help you (this could be a trusted friend or family member, or a professional service provider). We may be able to make recommendations depending on the service being requested.
- The amount you are requesting, including the service provider's hourly rate.

Maximum Contribution Amounts

Depending on the type of service or assistance you are requesting, Calgary Arts Development has outlined the maximum amounts that we are currently able to provide towards the Original Peoples Investment Program.

General transcription or editing services and organizing of support materials

- Applicants who identify barriers within the writing process directly due to a physical or learning disability or due to living with mental illness.
- **Maximum Contribution:** \$160 – \$200

Language translation

- Applicants writing an application in another language who require translation into English, including American Sign Language.
- **Maximum Contribution:** \$350 – \$600

Application development

- Applicants who identify having a cognitive or developmental disability and require support to frame their ideas and concepts.
- **Maximum Contribution:** \$350 – \$600

How will Requests for Assistance be Evaluated?

After receiving the required information, the program specialist will review requests and determine eligibility.

If approved, the program specialist will confirm the amount Calgary Arts Development is able to contribute. Your service provider must send an invoice to the program specialist for the approved amount. Staff will then process the invoice and pay the service provider.

If you are not eligible or do not wish to request application assistance, below are some other ways you can get help with your application:

- Consult the [Investment Program FAQ](#).
- Call 403.264.5330 or email grants@calgaryartsdevelopment.com with general inquiries.
- Contact the program specialist for assistance at 403.264.5330 ext. 220 or sable.sweetgrass@calgaryartsdevelopment.com.
- Ask someone you trust, like a family member, friend or colleague to help you.