



Catalyst Grants – Program Description ¹

| <i>Overview – this highlights key points. Please read the full description carefully</i> | |
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| Application Deadline | October 1, 2024 |
| Results announced | October 31, 2024 |
| Eligibility | Entry is open to visual artists living in British Columbia School District 64 (Southern Gulf Islands) and Indigenous artists in the southern Vancouver Island region for whom the Southern Gulf Islands are ancestral territories. |
| Grant levels | \$3,000 to \$10,000 distributed over 1-2 years |
| Required components of an application | Completed application form, including a budget Relevant images of concepts or past work |

Purposes

To:

- Advance education in the visual arts by giving artists in the Southern Gulf Islands opportunities to advance their work.
- Promote excellence in visual arts by inspiring and building capacity in that regard in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Description

This program of Catalyst Grants offers support to visual artists based in the Southern Gulf Islands to deepen their artistic practice and explore new concepts. This also provides an opportunity for local artists to prepare a future submission to the Salt Spring National Art Prize, the Parallel Art Show or contribute to other SSNAP-related activities.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Artists may submit proposals as individuals or as part of a collaboration. If part of a collaboration, all collaborators must meet the eligibility requirements.

¹ SSNAP has partnered with the Wilding Foundation who have generously funded this program.

- Visual artists working in any contemporary or traditional medium, at any stage of their practice. See FAQ for a list of eligible media.
- Visual artists based in the Southern Gulf Islands (British Columbia School District 64) and Indigenous artists based in the southern Vancouver region for whom the Gulf Islands are ancestral territories.

Grants may be used for the following costs:

- Artist supplies
- Technology required for the artwork
- Rental/costs of access to studio, printing press, kiln etc
- Travel and/or transportation
- Professional photography of artist's work
- Exhibition costs
- Artist stipend (maximum of \$750/week as per the BC Arts Council rate)

Application Procedures

Applications are to be submitted to the SSNAP Society (SSNAPS) by October 1, 2024. A submission must contain a completed application form, including a budget for the project or activity. The application form provides the applicant an opportunity to address the criteria outlined below.

Electronic submission of applications, including any images is required (e-mail to Catalystgrants@saltspringartprize.ca).

Criteria and Evaluation

Applications are evaluated by the SSNAP Catalyst Grants Committee on the following criteria:

- Quality, innovation, and creativity of the artistic/cultural endeavour;
- Demonstration of interest in new opportunities and connections with local arts communities and broader public engagement.

Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis. SSNAPS decisions are final.

Value, Duration and Release of Funds

Grants are normally in the amount of \$3,000 to \$10,000, tenable over a period of 1-2 years. Grants will be disbursed in one or two installments.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

By accepting a grant, recipients and collaborators (if any) agree to the following:

- Providing proof of their identity to SSNAPS.
- Using the grant as indicated in their grant application. Please let SSNAP know if there are major changes in your artistic direction. Any grant amounts not used as agreed must be repaid to SSNAPS.
- Reporting back on the final outcomes of the grant-supported activity within 1 month of completion, including:
 - Photos or videos of the artwork(s) completed or in progress;
 - A description of how the funds have had an impact on the artist's creative practice;
 - Information on any public exhibitions of artwork produced, including future plans in that regard;

- Engagement with youth, other artists and the broader public;
- How the grant funds were used.
- Allowing SSNAPS to document how the grant has been used by taking its own videos or photos of the grant related work.

SSNAPS' use of the information in the final project report will contribute to its 4th purpose to "advance education" and "provide opportunities to publicly exhibit art".

Other conditions of the award:

- The recipient retains copyright over any artwork created, however the recipient gives permission for SSNAPS and The Wilding Foundation to use any information provided in the recipient's report as well as images, videos and documentation based on work created as a result of this grant on SSNAPS' and The Wilding Foundation's website and social and print media.
- In the event of any exhibition of the grant related work, including in any related write-up, indicate that the work was enabled by the Catalyst Grant Program, being a collaborative initiative of the Salt Spring National Arts Prize Society and The Wilding Foundation.