



Catalyst Grants – Program Description ¹

<i>Overview - Please read the full description carefully</i>	
Application Deadline	April 30, 2025
Results announced	June 1, 2025
Eligibility	Entry is open to visual artists living on the 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 \$6,000 (includes an artist stipend of \$3,000)
Required components of an application	Completed application form, including an art supply budget Relevant images of concepts or past work

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. The program focus is on innovative concepts that push the boundaries of what an artist has done in the past; highlighting creativity, innovation and quality of the artistic practice and endeavour.

The program also provides an opportunity for local artists to consider 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.
- Visual artists working in any contemporary or traditional medium, at any stage of their practice. See the FAQ for a list of eligible media.
- Visual artists based in the Southern Gulf Islands and Indigenous artists based in the southern Vancouver region for whom the Gulf Islands are ancestral territories.

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

- Artists who have received a previous Catalyst Grant are eligible to reapply only after the completion of the previous project and submission of the required report on their project has been received by the Catalyst Grants Committee. A copy of this report is to be included with the new proposal and application.
- Artists may submit proposals as individuals or as part of a collaboration of up to three persons. If part of a collaboration, all collaborators must meet the eligibility requirements. The involvement of each of the collaborators must be essential to the project and their contribution clearly outlined. Complete transparency is required, and all collaborators must be named in the application.

Value, Duration and Release of Funds

Grants are between \$3,000 to \$6,000, with the value determined by two factors. Every grant includes an automatic \$3,000 stipend, and the applicant can apply for an additional amount up to \$3,000 more to cover the cost of materials required to complete the artistic work. Grants will be disbursed in one lump-sum installment.

Costs eligible for the residual \$3,000:

- Art supplies and materials
- Technology required for the artwork, excluding software licenses or royalties/licensing
- Professional photography of artist's work
- Exhibition costs

Excluded from eligible costs:

- Travel and hotels
- Studio rental
- Education/professional development courses

Application Procedures

Applications must be submitted to the SSNAP Society (SSNAPS) by April 30, 2025.

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.

Criteria and Evaluation

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

- Quality, innovation, and creativity of the artistic/cultural endeavour;
- The extent to which the applicant's proposed project enhances their artistic practice, pushes boundaries, and explores new opportunities and risk-taking in their practice;
- Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis. SSNAPS decisions are final.

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

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

- Providing proof of their identity and residency on the Southern Gulf Islands 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;
 - 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.