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## All Branch Mail Out #79

**Date:** November 9, 2020

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
NS/NU Executive Council  
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**From:** Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte  
Executive Director  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** The COVID-19 Emergency Support Program  
for Arts and Culture Organizations

**Message:** Comrades: Comrades: Please refer to the attached information on the newest Government of NS program, COVID-19 Emergency Support Program for Arts and Culture Organizations. For further information please utilize the contact information provided. NS/NU Command has no further information at this time.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on arts and culture organizations across Nova Scotia. That is why the province is providing \$2.1 million to help meet their immediate needs.

The COVID-19 Emergency Support Program for Arts and Culture Organizations is a one-time, application-based program to help organizations who either receive Communities, Culture, and Heritage operating funding or who regularly receive project funding from the department. Criteria for funding will be based on need, and year-over-year financials and projections.

Financial assistance will be considered for plans that keep operations going, adapt spaces, and/or generate activity under the current public health guidelines. Organizations can apply online. The application deadline is Dec. 7.

For more on this release go to: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/emergency-support-for-arts-and-culture-organizations/>

## Coronavirus (COVID-19): Emergency Support for Arts and Culture Organizations

This program provides immediate funding to arts and cultural organizations in Nova Scotia that have been affected by COVID-19. The funding helps them stay in operation so they can maintain or restart activity under current public health guidelines. The application deadline is 7 December 2020.

### Eligibility

To apply for Emergency Support for Arts and Culture Organizations, your organization must be either:

- a current Culture and Heritage Development or Arts Nova Scotia operating client
- a registered not-for-profit cultural or arts organization that has received project funding from the Culture and Heritage Development Division or Arts Nova Scotia in the past 3 years (2017-2020)

# Funding

You can apply for up to \$75,000.

Financial assistance will be considered for plans that:

- maintain the organization's operations
- adapt spaces to meet public health guidelines
- generate activity under current public health guidelines

The amount of funding will be based on the organization's annual budget and its plan for recovering from the effects of COVID-19, as well as the program's available budget.

## Eligible expenses

Funding from this program is to cover operational cash flow up to 31 March 2021.

The program doesn't cover:

- debts from before the COVID-19 pandemic
- non-recoverable losses because of COVID-19
- operating costs beyond 31 March 2021
- building or capital expenses

## How to apply

1. Complete the [application form \(PDF 486 kB\)](#) and required supporting documents.
2. Submit your application by email by 7 December 2020.

## Before you start

When you apply, you need to include:

- a proposal explaining how you'll use the funding, and how you'll follow and adapt to public health guidelines
- a balance sheet showing assets, liabilities and equity as of 2 November 2020
- an income statement signed by an authorized representative
- projected cash flow for the period ending 31 March 2021

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