

Accessibility

Financial Assistance for Awarded Projects

Professional artists who are Deaf or who are living with a disability or mental illness, and Deaf and disability arts groups and organizations may be eligible for funds to contribute to costs for specific services and supports required to complete a project funded through a Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) program.

Funds are available as a supplement to an awarded grant and provided to recipients who identify specific disability-related supports that are needed to carry out their proposed activities. The supplement may not cover all of these costs but may be a contribution towards these types of expenses. Accessibility-Financial Assistance must be linked directly to the project activities of the grant it is associated with; it does not fund daily living expenses.

Note: If the request is approved, the applicant will be reimbursed for eligible expenses incurred.

Accessibility-Financial Assistance requests must be received, or post marked by 11:59 p.m. on the program deadline date.

Grant recipients may request up to a maximum of \$1,000 per grant.

Who can apply for assistance?

An individual applicant who:

- is Deaf or lives with a disability or mental illness, and;
- is submitting a grant through any MAC program.

A group or an organization that:

- identifies as a Deaf and disability arts group or organization in their online profile; and
- represents and is led by individuals who are Deaf or who are living with a disability or mental illness; and
- is submitting a grant through any MAC program.

Note: Accessibility-Financial Assistance will be awarded providing the requested expenses are eligible, the associated grant is awarded, and funds are available.

Eligible expenses

Eligible expenses include but are not limited to:

- sign language interpretation
- personal attendants, support workers, guides, and readers' fees
- transcription services
- rental of accessible van or specialized equipment
- accommodation and travel costs

The following is used as a general guide:

- Attendant services/Support worker: \$15 to \$ 30 per hour;
- Sign language interpretation- ASL: \$35 per hour; LSQ: \$55 per hour;
- Transcription services/readers: \$40 to \$60 per hour

Ineligible expenses

Ineligible expenses include:

- major capital expenses (e.g. purchase of wheelchair, vehicle, computer, renovations, etc.)
- supports for which an applicant is already receiving funding
- supports not directly tied to the activities of the associated grant

How do I request assistance?

1. Check your eligibility to apply to a MAC program in MAC's general guidelines.
2. Complete the Accessibility-Financial Assistance request form attached when you apply for a grant.
3. Submit the Accessibility-Financial Assistance request form to the Help Desk by the same deadline as the program you are applying to.

Help Desk, Manitoba Arts Council

525-93 Lombard Avenue
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helpdesk@artscouncil.mb.ca

Note: For your privacy please do not upload this request as part of your online application.

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How will my request be assessed?

Accessibility-Financial Assistance requests are not reviewed by peer assessors but will be assessed internally by MAC staff on the following criteria:

- a reasonable budget
- how necessary the support is to carry out your project
- the availability of funds

Note: Your Accessibility-Financial Assistance request will be treated as confidential and will not impact the assessment of your grant application. Awarded accessibility funds will not appear in our grants listing.

Should your associated grant be successful, what are the final steps?

You will be notified of the result of your request by email shortly after your associated grant has been awarded.

Once the activity is complete, we ask that you submit a revised budget with your receipts to the Help Desk. You will then receive a reimbursement for the eligible expenses incurred.

Request Form Instructions

Describe in detail the services and supports required to carry out your proposed activities.

The detailed description should include as much detail as possible and describe why the supports and/or services are required to carry out your project.

Example:

Expenses	Cost breakdown	Actual cost
I require sign language interpretation to communicate with my script editor. I will need to hire 2 interpreters for 3 hours at \$80 per hour each.	\$480	
Travel expenses for sign language interpreters (2 bus tickets at \$75 each).	\$150	
Total amount requested:	\$ 630	

The total amount requested must match the sum of the amounts requested in cost breakdown. If successful, you might not be awarded the full amount requested. The actual costs may differ from the amount request.

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Notice of collection

Your personal information, including personal health information, is being collected by the Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) under the authority of The Arts Council Act for the purpose of determining eligibility for accessibility financial assistance. The personal information provided on this application form will only be used or disclosed for purposes related to the accessibility financial assistance program.

To maximize the protection of your personal information, including any personal health information that you may provide, MAC has made arrangements to process and store the information separate from MAC's Online Application System. If you have any questions about the collection, use, disclosure and protection of your personal information, please contact the Access and Privacy Coordinator for MAC using the contact information below.

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Declaration

- I hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and I have read MAC's Accessibility policy and I agree to these terms and conditions.

Applicant Signature

Date