



Survey on Federal Emergency Aid Measures and the Arts Sector

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The Canada Council for the Arts is collecting information from its clients to better understand how the Government of Canada's recently announced support mechanisms for Canadian workers and businesses address the challenges and needs of the professional arts sector during COVID-19. This survey will enable the Council to better understand the issues facing individual artists and organizations and provide insights into what other initiatives may help the sector in this time of crisis.

This survey briefly outlines key federal emergency aid measures and poses a few questions about how they relate to you as an individual or as the representative of an arts organization.

The main support mechanisms announced by the federal government are:

For workers:

Canada Emergency Response Benefit: Wage earners, contract workers and self-employed people who don't qualify for employment insurance are all eligible. See information [here](#).

For businesses, including non-profits and charitable organizations:

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: 75% wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks. See information [here](#).

Canada Business Emergency Account: Interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits to help cover their operating costs. To qualify, organizations will need to demonstrate they paid between \$50,000 to \$1 million in total payroll in 2019. Applications should be made through the organization's current financial institution.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to answer. We ask that you please respond to the following questions to the best of your abilities with the information you have at this time. Note that all responses are confidential and that any public reporting will be in aggregate only, with no identifying information.

To review our privacy statement, click [here](#).

We ask that you fill in this questionnaire as soon as possible, **no later than Wednesday, April 8, 2020**, as the situation, and responses to it, continue to evolve daily.

Individuals who are Deaf and/or have disabilities, including those living with mental illness, and require accommodation to fill out the survey can contact us by calling 1-800-263-5588, ext. 4205 or by emailing (research@canadacouncil.ca).



Do you want to participate in this survey as an individual or as a representative of an arts organization or a group?

- Individual
- Representative of an arts organization
- Representative of a group

(Individual)

We would also like to hear your perspective as an individual **and** as a representative of an organization or a group, if applicable.

We see that you have chosen to complete this survey as an individual. If you are also a representative of an arts organization or a group there will be an opportunity for you to provide feedback from this perspective at the end of the survey.

(Representative of an arts organization or group)

We would also like to hear your perspective as an individual **and** as a representative of an organization or a group, if applicable.

We see that you have chosen to complete this survey as a representative of an arts organization or a group. If you are also an individual artist there will be an opportunity for you to provide feedback from this perspective at the end of the survey.



(Individual)

Are you...

- an independent artist
- a cultural worker
- both

What was your employment status prior to COVID-19? Select one or more choices below.

- self-employed
- salaried employee
- unemployed or not seeking employment

Have you applied or will you be applying for the [Canada Emergency Response Benefit \(CERB\)](#)?

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why you have not applied to the [Canada Emergency Response Benefit \(CERB\)](#). Select one or more choices below.

- I am not eligible because I did not have an income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the past 12 months
- I am not eligible because I have earned employment or self-employment income for at least 14 consecutive days in the initial four-week period
- I am not in financial need of the benefit
- I do not have enough information about this benefit
- Other reasons, please specify (max. 100 words)



(Representative of an arts organization or group)

Is your arts organization or group:

- a not-for-profit organization
- a for-profit organization
- an unincorporated group

Is your arts organization primarily a festival or a presenter?

- Yes
- No

What are your organization's or group's approximate total annual revenues under normal circumstances?

- Less than \$250,000
- From \$250,000 to \$499,999
- From \$500,000 to \$999,999
- From \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999
- From \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999
- Over \$10,000,000



Has your organization or group applied or will it be applying for the [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\)](#), which may cover up to 75% of your employees' wages?

- Yes
- No

Please explain why. Select one or more choices below.

- My organization or group is ineligible because it will not have a decrease in revenues that meets the requirements of this initiative.
- My organization or group is not in financial need
- My organization or group is ceasing operations as result of this crisis
- I do not have enough information about this subsidy
- Other reasons, please specify (max. 50 words)

Please explain why your organization or group will not be eligible for this subsidy (e.g., level of public funding; timing of activities, etc.). (max. 100 words)



Has your organization or group applied or will it be applying for the **Canadian Business Emergency Account, through your current financial institution for an interest-free loan of up to \$40,000?**

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why. Select one or more choices below.

- My organization or group is not eligible (i.e., total payroll less than \$50,000 in 2019)
- My organization or group does not have administrative capacity to apply
- My organization or group is not in financial need
- I do not have enough information about this benefit
- Other reasons, please specify (max. 50 words)

(All respondents)

Do you believe the emergency aid measures already announced by the federal government will help you or your organization or group get through the crisis?

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why. (max. 100 words)



What are some other measures that could be put in place to support you or your organization or group? (optional) (max. 3 measures and 150 words)

What type of funding have you received from the Canada Council for the Arts in the past three years? Select one or more choices below.

- Core/operating
- Project
- Public Lending Right payments (for individuals only)
- Prize
- None of above

(Representative of an arts organization or group)

Does your arts organization or group self-identify with any of the following groups? (optional)

Important note: this means your mandate and the majority (i.e. 51% or more) of your activities, artistic content, and financial and human resources are dedicated to one or more of these groups.

- First Nations, Inuit, or Métis**
- Culturally Diverse**
People of African, Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern and mixed racial heritage who have been historically disadvantaged as a group and may experience discrimination based on colour, culture and race.
- Deaf and/or disability arts**
- Official Language Minority Community**
Canada's official languages are English and French.
Official language minority communities are groups of people whose maternal or chosen official language is not the majority language in their province or territory – in other words, Anglophones in Quebec and Francophones outside of Quebec.



(All respondents)

What fields of practice are most relevant to you or your organization or group? Select one or more choices below.

- Circus Arts
- Dance
- Deaf and Disability Arts
- Digital Arts
- Indigenous Arts
- Inter-Arts
- Literature
- Media Arts
- Multidisciplinary Activities
- Music and Sound
- Theatre
- Visual Arts
- Other, please specify: (for prizes only)

Which city, province or territory are you in?

City:

Province, territory or country (if not in Canada)

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon
- Other, please specify country:



(Individual)

Thank you for completing this survey!

Thank you for providing your valuable input as an individual artist.

The Canada Council for the Arts would also like to hear from representatives of arts organizations or groups. If applicable, we would invite you to share your opinion on these issues from this perspective.

To provide feedback from an organization or a group perspective please click on this link: [SURVEY URL]

(Representative of an arts organization or group)

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Thank you for providing your valuable input as a representative of an arts organization or a group.

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