

Emerging Artists Development Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I am a recent arts graduate and have not tried to submit a grant application to HKADC. What is the difference between this grant and “Project Grant”?**

This grant aims to provide more opportunities for aspiring and promising **emerging** arts groups and artists to conduct arts projects of different nature in all art forms, hopefully can help grantees to take root in the industry. Comparing to “Project Grant”, this grant only accepts applicant **who graduated from arts and culture courses conducted by local or overseas tertiary education institutions within five school years**. Besides, assessment guidelines are more focused on applicant’s artistic merit and professional commitment to the art, and how the proposed project benefits to applicant’s professional development in the art field. Comparatively, it is also less competitive than “Project Grant”.

2. **As mentioned in the Assessment Guidelines of Emerging Artists Development Grant, applicant should be graduated from arts and culture courses conducted by local or overseas tertiary education institutions within five school years when the application is submitted. Students who have not yet graduated are ineligible. If I have finished my bachelor’s degree and currently enrolled in a master’s degree, am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply. Please be reminded to submit credentials of the finished degree within 5 school years with your application to avoid confusion.

3. **As a fresh graduate, I have completed the course but not yet received official graduation certificate, am I eligible to apply? How can I submit required supporting documents?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply, however you still need to provide credentials that prove you have completed the course and obtained the qualification. For example, you may submit Letter of Certification together with Transcript. Applicants should submit the graduation certificate as soon as possible after



being issued.

4. **In the “Assessment Guidelines” of Emerging Artists Development Grant, it is stated that the grant ceiling is \$90,000 but on the other hand footnote 1 mentioned that HKADC may has opportunity to grant funding exceeding the ceiling. How should I interpret?**

HKADC is not encouraging applicants to fill in a grant amount sought exceeding the grant ceiling. According to General Assessment Guidelines, the grant amount sought generally should not exceed the stipulated grant ceiling set by HKADC. However, subject to availability of resources, after considering various factors such as the nature, scale, creativity/artistic requirement of the project, the artistic standard and track record of participants and reasons provided by applicants, if HKADC considers the project to have great potential, there may be an opportunity to grant funding exceeding the ceiling so that the grantees can achieve their full potential but will not exceed \$120,000 anyway. In turn, HKADC will have stricter guidelines on using the grant, such as grants will be allocated by more installments and auditor’s report must be submitted. As an emerging artist, you need to consider whether you could undertake heavier administrative responsibility or not.

Besides, applicants should note that “The feasibility of project content, scale and work schedule; reasonableness of budget.” is one of the selection criteria. Applicants should give a second thought and consider will the assessment of your application be affected when you filling in the grant amount sought recklessly but without some proper justifications.

5. **What is the meaning of “accepts applications conducting arts projects of different nature” as stated in the Project Content session?**

Generally, it accepts applications conducting arts projects of different nature allowed in General Project Grant. Before completing the application form, applicants are advised to read through the Project Grant Assessment Guidelines of relevant art form, but for Selection Criteria, please refer to Assessment Guidelines of “Emerging Artists Development Grant”.



6. **Noticed that there are different kinds of remarks in the Project Grant Assessment Guidelines of various art forms, for example “not subject to the limits” or “Not applicable to.....”, how should I interpret?**

“Emerging Artists Development Grant” aims to nurture promising emerging artists, therefore applicants are comparatively free from limitations. You may apply for most of the project type, the supporting documents requested and requirements will be relatively simplified. Nevertheless, some sessions are still not applicable to applicants of Emerging Artists Development Grant, like special schemes that set up with dedicated resources in some art forms, remarks will be added for easy reference.

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