

Applicants sought for St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program

March 22, 2021 — Several deadlines are approaching for applications to various funding streams of the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program (SCCIP).

The program — with a goal of strengthening the city’s cultural landscape — offers annual funding through several program streams, serving diverse segments of the creative community.

“Artists and non-profits make up the very heart of our creative and cultural community,” said Acting Supervisor of Cultural Services Kathleen Powell, adding, “their contributions to culture improve the lives of all our residents by helping us examine the world in which we live, come together as a community and inspire us to take action. It’s important we support their efforts so our residents can continue to enjoy the vibrant, compassionate and creative city we have become.”

Applications are currently open for the SCCIP Culture Days Activity Program; Core and Midsized Sustaining Programs; Arts Development Program; and Culture Builds Community Program.

With an application deadline of March 25, the Culture Days Activity Program supports artists, organizations and businesses who are planning to run events related to Culture Days, a month-long national celebration of creativity and the arts from Sept. 24 to Oct. 24. Last year St. Catharines ranked number one nationally for its lineup of 197 events.

Applications are also open for the Core and Midsized Sustaining Programs, with a deadline of April 15. This funding supports St. Catharines-based, established professional non-profit arts organizations with a mission to develop, create, produce, present, and disseminate artistic work in any artistic discipline.

A deadline of May 20 has been set for the Culture Builds Community Program. Culture Builds Community Program funding is intended to support projects that engage residents through community art experiences, neighbourhood cultural activities and/or experiences that encourage participation, creativity, and innovation.

The Arts Development Program supports emerging arts organizations and artist ad-hoc groups, or arts organizations that work on a project to project basis, as well as for new arts festivals. The application deadline for the Arts Development Program is May 20.

For more information visit stcatharines.ca/SCCIP. All new applicants are asked to contact Culture Services staff via email to culture@stcatharines.ca before starting their application.

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