



Music Program Webinar Question and Answer

July 2023

Please read over the [Music Program Guidelines](#) as you prepare your application.

Q: If I need to ask questions, where do I ask?

A: Feel welcome to email the Music Program using music@fpcc.ca and a member of the Arts Team will reply to you. We really encourage you to read through the Guidelines and look over the application on our Portal when considering the questions you may have.

Q: Ineligible expenses, mass production – are CDs an ineligible expense?

A: We do fund small runs of CDs meant for promotional use, for giveaways. We don't fund production of CDs, vinyl records, tapes, even t-shirts or other swag that is meant to be sold at a show, online or in a store.

Q: I have applied before, can I apply again?

A: Yes, we want to support people *along* their journey. We can also assist you in finding other funders who could support you in your next steps; for example - [Creative BC](#), [Factor](#), [BC Arts Council](#), etc.

Q: For recording funding, is it okay if the project starts before September and the funding is used to finish the project and roll out a marketing plan? Or does it have to be a brand-new project starting right on September 16th?

A: Yes, it is ok if the project starts before September and the funding is used to finish the project and roll out a marketing plan.

It does not need to be a brand-new project that starts after the deadline, but the application must reflect that the funds are to be used for activities that occur after September 15th. You could not use the funding to pay for any part of the project that happened before the deadline.

Q: As a music label that wants to have a festival type event, if we are hiring talent, is that an eligible expense? Can we bring in beaders/weavers/ other vendors? Promote other folks? We'd be applying for funds for materials & supplies for artists at the festival.



A: There are other Arts Programs, such as Individual Artists, that support different arts practices, maybe the artists you mention could apply in these programs to receive support directly?

For festival support another option could be for you to apply to the Arts Infrastructure or the Braided Knowledge Infrastructure programs.

For a project like this, where there are areas eligible under different programs, we can help to support in the project planning. The festival may fit better under Arts Infrastructure. Our team can help to look at a project and break it down into achievable steps, building skills and experience from project to project.

Q: How long is the wait for the decision of application approval?

A: After the deadline (Sept.15), it is approximately 12 weeks before decisions are emailed, then Funding Agreements are emailed, and once the Funding Agreements are signed, we begin to process payments.

Q: For the samples of music, do the songs have to be already professionally recorded or can I upload a recording I did myself?

A: Absolutely samples can be something you recorded yourself. We understand that if you want to record professionally you start with a demo recording. Samples of demo recordings and home recordings are a great way to develop ideas and to give the Peer Review Committee an idea of what you plan to record.

Q: Collaborators on the application, can that be members of the band?

A: Yes, you can invite collaborators on the application. One key contact person is required for the application administration. That's the person that will be responsible for submitting the complete application, reporting, receiving the T4, etc.

Inviting collaborators can be done on the portal, right near the top of the application there's a section called, 'Invite Collaborators' – the collaborators will need to create a portal profile if they don't have one already.

**Thank you to the attendees of the Music Program Information Webinar on July 13th, 2023,
for all the incredible questions!**

After you've read the [Guidelines](#) and looked over the [Portal application](#), feel welcome to email music@fpcc.ca with questions, and a member of the Arts Team will reply to you.