



NEIGHBOURHOOD ARTS 150:

Celebrating Ottawa's Communities



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

About the Canada 150 Fund

What is the purpose of the Canada 150 Fund?

The goal of the Canada 150 Fund is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. To participate, celebrate and explore ways to be involved, visit the [Canada 150 official website](#).

How was AOE Arts Council chosen for this project?

AOE Arts Council applied to the Government of Canada (Canadian Heritage), Canada 150 Fund and was successful based on previous community arts-engagement and community building projects.

About AOE Arts Council and the Neighbourhood Arts 150 Program

Who does AOE Arts Council serve and represent?

AOE Arts Council represents a bilingual membership of over 400 artists, arts organizations and supporters. We have members in all regions of Ottawa from all art disciplines and across the arts practice continuum from amateur to professional.

Why did AOE Arts Council choose to develop and apply for this Canada 150 Fund?

Ottawa is Canada's largest major urban centre from a geographic standpoint with many diverse communities. AOE Arts Council wanted to ensure that people in all parts of the city would be able to participate in the celebrations marking Canada's 150th anniversary through the Arts.

We saw the opportunity offered by the Canada 150 Fund as an ideal way to bridge Ottawa's talented local artists with residents across the city, thereby advancing the cultural, social and economic development of our city while celebrating an important milestone for Canada.

Why is an arts service organization based in the East of Ottawa running a city-wide program?

AOE Arts Council has over 400 members from across the City in all disciplines and has actively worked on city-wide projects for many years. Notably our artist-in-residence program Art Place, now in its third year, which has matched artists with local non-profits to work with their clients to co-create artistic

activities to which they would not otherwise have access. To date, Art Place has seen over 17 artists work with 15 community groups across the City with another 8 projects scheduled for 2016-17.

AOE Arts Council has been working with Ottawa's arts community for close to 30 years to build a vibrant and sustainable sector. As a dynamic, bilingual arts service organization, the Arts Council works with the community to support, promote and develop the vitality of the arts in Ottawa by creating opportunities for artists, providing promotional, professional development and shared resources and an informed voice for the Arts. 50% of members are based in the Eastern part of the City and the other 50% are from across the Canada's Capital Region. It is a leader in city-wide projects/partnerships, a catalyst for collaborative initiatives and a proud advocate of the importance of the arts to Ottawa's economic and social well-being.

Which communities/neighbourhoods have been identified for this project?

AOE Arts Council has identified a number of areas across different locations in Ottawa to include:

1. Orléans/Blackburn Hamlet
2. Cumberland
3. Vanier/New Edinburgh/Beacon Hill
4. Kanata /West Carleton
5. South Carleton/ Manotick/Riverside/Greely/Stittsville
6. Hintonburg/Westboro
7. Ottawa South: Mooney's Bay/Hunt Club/Alta Vista
8. Ottawa West: Centrepointe/Bay Area
9. Nepean: Bells Corners/Barrhaven
10. Rural Ottawa (based on submission/to be determined)

How many projects will there be and when will they take place?

There will be ten selected Neighbourhood Arts 150 projects that will run between late March and October 2017.

What are the expected results?

Through this program, over 150,000 Canadians will have opportunities to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary together and gain a better appreciation of the local arts community and how the Arts contribute to building a thriving city and healthy communities.

What kind of legacy will the Neighbourhood Arts 150 Program have?

These collaborative arts projects will be recorded and shared on an online component that will serve as a lasting legacy of community participation, arts leadership and positive outcomes in celebrating Ontario's and Canada's 150th year.

The Arts Council hopes to see a legacy of helping to build new audiences and establish relationships with community groups and businesses by fostering collaborative initiatives.

Neighbourhood Arts 150 Program and the Ottawa Arts Community

How will the Neighbourhood Arts 150 Program benefit the Ottawa Arts Community?

This program will highlight some of Ottawa's original artistic talent, provide paid opportunities for artists, bring artists and communities together, create a variety of memorable arts experiences, and help build communities through the Arts.

How will Ottawa artists and arts organizations directly benefit?

Ten or more groups of professional artists will have paid opportunities to partner with residents of ten local communities to create original new works of art. In addition, the program will give profile to Ottawa artists with wide promotional exposure and many connections to BIA's, community associations and other community groups.

In addition, this inclusive community arts engagement project offers opportunities for professional artists to enhance their ability to work with a diverse range of residents as participants culminating in a collective community arts experience.

How is this project different than the Ottawa 2017 Arts, Culture and Heritage Investment Program that the AOE Arts Council is co-stewarding?

The [Arts Culture Heritage Investment Program \(ACHIP\)](#) is providing 14 grants to Ottawa arts, culture and heritage organizations to undertake their own projects as part of [Ottawa 2017](#). We were proud to partner with the [Council of Ottawa Heritage Organizations](#) and [Ottawa Arts Council](#) to bring this one-time grant funding opportunity to the local cultural sector as soon as possible on behalf of the Ottawa 2017 Bureau.

How to be part of the Neighbourhood Arts 150 Program

When is the Call for Proposals going out?

2nd week of October 2016

When is the deadline?

Mid-November 2016

Who is eligible?

Professional artists, artistic groups and/or collectives. AOE Arts Council ascribes to the definition of a professional artist as described in the Arts Continuum recognized by the [City of Ottawa](#) and the [Ontario Arts Council](#).

What is AOE Arts Council looking in the submissions?

Submissions must be a community-engaged collaborative art project that will be judged on artistic merit, track record, capacity for the recipient to undertake their project, and how well the proposal positively explores the Canada 150 theme of diversity and inclusion.

How will proposals be selected?

Encouraging advance consultation with groups from the 10 indicated neighbourhoods, a peer assessment jury will select the most inspired and innovative proposals. AOE Arts Council will select an impartial peer assessment committee comprised of professional working artists that have shown excellence in their discipline.

How can neighbourhoods and businesses get involved?

Applicants are encouraged to contact BIA's and community associations prior to submitting their proposals. AOE Arts Council is currently making BIA's, community associations aware of this project and seek their interest in providing non-traditional venues as well as being community hosts.

AOE Arts Council will assist with matching successful applicants with community partners as needed after the selection process is complete.

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