

THE PROGRAM

The **Theatre Engaging Communities (TEC)** grants support artistic projects that have a **positive and meaningful impact** on communities across Canada.

They are open to **NTS students and recent graduates** who wish to create or produce projects **outside the school context**, while fostering **participation, inclusion, and community dialogue**.

These grants exist thanks to the **generosity of donors** who believe in theatre's power to strengthen social ties and spark creativity across the country.

Funding amounts may take into account the **artist's province or territory of origin**, or the **location where the project takes place**.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- A current **student or resident** at NTS;
 - A **recent graduate** (up to three years after receiving your certificate);
 - The person submitting the project must have a **significant role** in its creation or execution.
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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Type 1 — Project with moderate community involvement

Grant amount: \$1,000 to \$2,500

The community is invited to take part in part of the process or presentation, without being at the centre of it.

Type 2 — Project centered on community engagement

Grant amount: \$3,000 to \$5,000

Community participation is central to the development and realization of the project. The process is collaborative and reciprocal, creating meaningful opportunities for community members to contribute, participate, exchange knowledge, and shape the experience or outcomes.

DEADLINE AND PROCESS

Step	Date	Details
Application deadline	Third Monday in November	Complete the online form and submit all required documents by 11:59 p.m. ET
Confirmation of receipt	Within 7 business days	You will receive confirmation that your application has been received
Jury response	By the end of January	You will receive the decision and feedback from the jury
Funding agreement	Following acceptance	The agreement must be signed before funds are disbursed
Project completion	Within 12 months of confirmation	The funded project must be completed within this timeframe

The NTS team is available to support you and help refine your application if needed. Our goal is to help you create an inspiring and complete submission.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The jury — composed of members from the artistic and NTS communities — evaluates each project based on three main areas: **community**, **artistic**, and **administrative** criteria.

Community criteria

- Clear definition of the target community
- Ability to connect with and engage this community
- Intended social or cultural impact
- Originality, ethics, and respect in the approach

Artistic criteria

- Artistic drive and intent behind the project
- Degree of originality and innovation
- Quality and relevance of proposed collaborations

- Demonstrated experience and skills of the artists involved

Administrative criteria

- Clear and realistic work plan (timeline, milestones, etc.)
 - Balanced budget between expenses and revenues
 - Diversified funding sources
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APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS

Online application form:

The application form is updated for each annual call. Please visit the [Theatre Engaging Communities webpage](#) on the NTS website to access the current application form.

Send your documents to: tec@ent-nts.ca

(please include your project name in the email subject line)

Required document

- Budget summary showing balanced expenses and revenues.
Please use the current budget template available on the TEC webpage.

Optional documents

- Letter(s) of partnership or collaboration
- Biographies of participating artists
- Photos or videos related to the project
- Timeline or other informative administrative documents
- Any other relevant material

DESCRIPTION OF FORM SECTIONS

General information

Please complete this section with your personal information.

If your project is accepted and you prefer the funding to be managed through a company, that will be possible.

Province or territory of affiliation

Indicate your province or territory or select “Other” if you are from outside Canada or

identify with Indigenous territories within Canada.

Main theatrical discipline

Specify the main discipline you are highlighting in your project.

It does not need to be directly related to your NTS program.

Your project

Type of grant requested

If you're unsure which category best fits your project, feel free to contact the TEC team for guidance.

Your project will be evaluated under the most appropriate category, even if adjustments are made.

Project start and end dates

Indicate your project's overall timeline (up to 12 months after confirmation).

If your project includes multiple phases, outline them briefly.

Location of the project

Specify the province or territory where most of the activities will take place.

If the project spans several regions, note them in your description.

Project description

Provide a clear and inspiring summary of your project.

There is no word limit — focus on clarity and sincerity over length.

Tip: Refer to the selection criteria to make sure your description highlights the project's strengths.

Target community

Define the community you're working with or for.

Describe the community, its context, and the interests, priorities or opportunities your project seeks to engage with.

Community aspect

Explain how your project will involve the community:

- What forms will this take (workshops, co-creation, discussions, presentations, etc.)?

- At what stages of the project will participants be involved?
- How might their participation influence or shape the project?
- What kinds of exchange or mutual benefits do you hope to create?

Objectives and impact

Describe the goals of your project and the impact you hope to achieve — for participants, the community, and the broader public.

Evaluation of outcomes

Explain how you will measure your project's success or impact (e.g., participation rates, testimonials, visibility, feedback).

Team and partners

List all contributors and their roles (e.g., *Robert Bellefeuille, Director*).

List partners and their contributions (e.g., *Plateau Mont-Royal Library – space rental*).

CONTACT

We're here to support you every step of the way.

For any questions or guidance, please contact us at:

tec@ent-nts.ca

Final note

The TEC program celebrates the diversity of voices and experiences.

We encourage projects that foster inclusion, reconciliation, and social justice through the art of theatre.

Your work helps make theatre a living tool for community transformation.