

**Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards program information:**

The City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council has established the Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award Program in recognition that artists from all parts of the world enrich Edmonton's cultural scene.

This program provides awards of \$7,500 to encourage and support Edmonton artists from ethnically diverse cultural backgrounds, and to engage those artists in the broader Edmonton community. The Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award Program was initiated in 2008, as an annual program under which individual artists that meet the eligibility criteria can be nominated for an award by any person in the general community. Self-nominations will be accepted. Organizations are not eligible.

The Edmonton Arts Council believes that diversity is a source of strength and vitality in the arts, and recognizes the need to support and reflect the contributions of artists from varied cultural backgrounds. Our goal is to be inclusive of and responsive to communities and artists that might not be currently connected with or have access to the Edmonton Arts Council or the established arts community. Priority will be given to artists who have never received funding through the Edmonton Arts Council.