

**Submission for
Province of Nova Scotia
Pre-Budget Consultations, 2023**

From

Respectfully submitted by

Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

That the Government double the current funding levels in 2023 and onward to the following two provincially funded programs:

1. “Operating Assistance to Cultural Organizations”, at the Department of Communities, Culture, tourism and Heritage, and
2. “Operating Assistance to Arts Organizations” at Arts Nova Scotia

Without removing funding from other arts programs of either the Department of Communities, Culture Tourism and Heritage or the Arts Nova Scotia.

Recommendation 2:

That the government increase the operating assistance to those Cultural Organizations which are separately covered by direct MOUs by a minimum of 50%

Recommendation 3:

That the government further commit to annually indexing the aforementioned programs to the cost of living to ensure they can keep pace with the need in the community.

Recommendation 4:

That the Government commit a minimum of \$3 million over three years for specific initiatives to be determined and adjudicated by Arts Nova Scotia and/or the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for new programs directly related to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Arts

Recommendation 5:

That the government work with Arts Nova Scotia and the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage to ensure organization which were worst affected and still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 shutdowns and slow recovery have stabilization funds in the next two years.

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