



NOTICE TO THE EC CREATIVE INDUSTRY SECTOR

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ANNUAL FUNDING PROCESS UPDATE

Warm greetings to the Sector

In understanding the pressures experienced by artists at these unprecedented times, we are doing everything in our powers to expedite the finalisation of the Annual Funding for 2020/21 financial year.

We are excited to report on the following:

Phase 1: These beneficiaries were approved without any matters of emphasis.

- 34 beneficiaries were approved for funding by the Council.
- All of them have received payments of their first tranches, with the exception of only one that has not returned the signed funding agreement.
- Communication has been shared with unsuccessful applicants, except for Dance and Music applicants. It is envisaged that by the 27th of November 2020 these would have been informed of the outcomes.

Phase 2: These were applications with matters of emphasis, which required additional verification before final approval.

- This group also includes project applications that fell off in the technical glitches of online applications and could not be retrieved timeously to be adjudicated.
- Therefore, a second round of adjudication had to be organised to accommodate these, which has now been completed.
- Thus, processing of Phase 2 applications is now at its final stages and is only awaiting Council approval.
- Outcomes will be communicated in due course.

Kindly be informed that this process has been subjected to enormous technological challenges due to the inconvenience of the nationwide Covid-19 lockdown, which compelled us to use a hybrid of manual and online application procedures, which we were embarking on for the first time. It needs to be further noted that time has been also taken away to attend to the distribution of the provincial Arts Relief Fund.

We are resolute that all payments will be done before the December vacation 2020. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

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