



# OPEN CALL FOR 54, 56 & 58 WATERLOO STREET AND TELOK KURAU STUDIOS

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. Can individual artists apply for this Open Call?

#### **For 54,56 & 58 Waterloo Street Applicants**

Only Organisations that are Singapore-registered Public Companies Limited by Guarantee or Societies registered with the Registry of Societies are eligible to apply for this Open Call.

Applicants will be assessed based on the merit of their submission in relation to the criteria as stated in the Open Call Information Pack. Arts spaces will be awarded to applicants based on merit and alignment with centres' visions.

#### **For Telok Kurau Studios applicants**

Individual artists are eligible to apply for this open call under the Arts Housing Scheme.

### 2. If I am a new arts group, can I apply?

#### **For 54,56 & 58 Waterloo Street Applicants**

Arts spaces available in this Open Call are supported under the Framework for Arts Spaces – Arts Centre Scheme (FFAS-ACS). This scheme targets mature, established arts groups who have the capacity to take on the role of a sector or artform champion, in operating facilities that can benefit the wider community, including Shared Facilities (where applicable). Applicants should take into consideration the application and assessment criteria of the support scheme as the Open Call is a competitive process.

#### **For Telok Kurau Studios Applicants**

Yes, new arts groups are welcome to apply for arts spaces in this Open Call exercise under Arts Housing Scheme (AHS).

### **3. Can existing arts tenants apply for the arts spaces under this Open Call?**

Existing arts tenants receiving support under the Arts Housing Scheme (AHS) and considering to onboard the FFAS-ACS are eligible to put in an application for this Open Call. For more information on the FFAS, please refer to <https://www.nac.gov.sg/support/funding-and-schemes/arts-infrastructure-schemes>.

Existing arts tenants receiving support under the FFAS may apply in this Open Call for the arts space at 54, 56 & 58 Waterloo Street only. Successful applicants currently under the Scheme for Developing Artists and Arts Groups will receive an offer based on their remaining 9-year tenure. In other words, applying to a different arts centre does not reset the 9-year tenure. Thus, successful applicants will need to cease their existing lease and take on the new lease offered for the allocated arts centre. This must be done within three months from the date of signing their new tenancy agreement under this Open Call. Current arts tenants who are in the final term of their maximum 9-year FFAS tenure may also apply (hereafter referred to as “re-applicants”), and if successful, they will be offered a 3-year lease term, with 50% rental subvention, subjected to a cap. If re-applicant(s) makes a submission as a co-tenant, the entity, (hereafter referred to as “re-applicants”), and if successful, will be offered a 3-year lease term, with 50% rental subvention only, subjected to a cap.

### **4. What does Co-Tenancy mean? How does it apply to me?**

Co-tenancy refers to two or more artists/groups submitting a joint application for a single space. In anticipation of a potential oversubscription of interest, NAC is encouraging applicants to team up for Co-Tenancy application. Part-time artists and arts groups may benefit from a team up in terms of managing the overall financial affordability. Artists with different time usage patterns are also encouraged to team up to better utilise the arts studios. To offer greater support to more artists/arts groups, co-tenancy applications will be considered favourably, all else being equal.

### **5. Can I apply for two units or more under the Open Call? (Only applicable for Telok Kurau Studios)**

To ensure that the infrastructural support provided by NAC benefits more artists and arts groups, applicants are limited to applying for one unit under the Open Call. Please note that the allocation of units is subject to evaluation of the applications, and you may not be allocated your first choice of unit.

If you are an existing co-tenant at Telok Kurau Studios, you will be required to withdraw from your current co-tenancy in the event that you are successful in your application for one unit under the Open Call.

### **6. Is Co-Tenancy applicable in this Open Call?**

Co-tenancy is not applicable for 52, 54 & 58 Waterloo Street, it is only applicable for the Telok Kurau Studio units.

**7. One of the assessment criteria under FFAS-ACS is on financial needs. How will applicants be assessed? (Only applicable for 52, 54 & 58 Waterloo Street)**

NAC's FFAS-ACS is inclined towards helping artists/arts groups who are in greater need for arts spaces support. Hence, all else being equal, applicants with higher financial needs will be assessed favourably. Their financial needs for support will be objectively verified with supporting official documentation. Arts groups would be expected to provide audited Income and Expenditure statements to support their applications. These financial documents are necessary for NAC to assess the arts groups financial needs for support. Applications with omission of supporting financial documents will render applications as being incomplete, and will not be considered.

Note however that financial needs is only part of the assessment criteria. NAC also takes into consideration the efforts that the applicants put in to achieve long term financial sustainability.

**8. Will successful applicants be offered any rent-free period, or will NAC be offering any financial assistance for fitting out their spaces and relocation from existing premises?**

As the rental of the arts spaces are already heavily subsidised by NAC, there will be no additional financial assistance or rent-free period provided to successful applicants.

**9. What is a sinking fund and what is its purpose?**

"Sinking Fund" means the accumulated contributions the tenant contributes on a monthly basis only to be used for cyclical repairs and replacement of the building structure or Landlord's assets (NAC) in the Premises payable by the Tenant.

**10. How do I proceed with fitting out for the arts space?**

NAC and/or the Managing Agent will advise on the guidelines and requirements needed to ensure a smooth fitting out process.

**11. What other cost(s) are there besides rental and service charge?**

The following are the additional cost(s) for consideration:

- a) Stamp Duty for Tenancy Agreement
- b) Security deposit of 3 months rental
- c) Monthly utilities
- d) Fitting out
- e) Insurance for arts space, i.e., fire and contents coverage

**12. If I have queries regarding this Open Call, who do I contact?**

For queries, please contact [pd\\_spaces@nac.gov.sg](mailto:pd_spaces@nac.gov.sg).