

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Multicultural Arts Programme (MAP) Grant

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Eligibility

- **Can a non-arts organisation apply for the Multicultural Arts Programme (MAP) grant as the lead applicant?**

No, only individuals, collectives and organisations that operate within the arts sector, and are actively contributing to the local arts sector can apply (i.e. have experience organising arts activities over the past three years). For projects where the artist/ arts group is collaborating with a non-arts partner (e.g. technology partner or F&B venue), the lead applicant should be the artist/ arts group.

- **Can two organisations collaborate to apply for the MAP grant?**

Yes, at least the lead applicant should be operating within the arts sector. All co-applicants/ collaborators should preferably have strong track record, and be actively contributing to the local arts sector.

- **Can I collaborate with international artists for the MAP grant?**

Yes. For proposals that involve collaborations with foreigners, projects must be anchored and led by Singaporean artists, i.e. the lead applicant (who plays a key role in the production) and at least half the artistic team/cast should be Singaporean or PR.

- **Can I put in an application for an existing programme/ work?**

Existing and/or recurring programmes/works that have been funded previously by NAC project grants and NAC-administered grants, will need to demonstrate significant evolution or new elements. (Note: MC agreed programmes will be ineligible.) Funding will be prioritised towards new proposals/ creations.

- **Is there a date by which all programmes must end?**

There is a maximum project duration for the respective funding categories:

- Up to 24 months for MAP Grant (Productions)
- Up to 18 months for MAP Grant (Ecosystem Development)

Postponement of projects will be subject to approvals.

- **Is it ok if the programme is not held in Singapore, but involves Singaporean artists?**

Yes. MAPG programmes (across both Productions and Ecosystem Development) can be held overseas, but the project should clearly articulate how it would be beneficial in the development of multicultural arts for Singapore. The following requirements will still need to be met:

- In general, the lead applicant (who plays a key role in the programme) should be Singaporean or PR, and actively contributing to the arts scene
- For Ecosystem Development proposals, the programme must primarily benefit Singapore-based practitioners

- For Productions proposals, projects must be anchored and led by Singaporean artists, with at least half the artistic team/cast should be Singaporean or PR
- **Can the MAP grant (Ecosystem Development) support individuals in participate in capability development platforms to upskill? Can the MAP grant (Ecosystem Development) support organisations to send their employees to train in multicultural arts?**

For individuals, organisations and/or collectives looking to participate in professional training and skills development programmes, to deepen or learn another artform, please apply for the NAC Capability Development Grant.

- **Is it mandatory to include arts components in the proposed project?**

Yes. The MAPG is designed for the arts sector.

Application

- **What is the application process and timeline?**

The application period is from 15 July 2026 to 15 September 2026, 11.59pm, for projects taking place on or after 1 January 2027. Results will be announced by 30 December 2026 via the OSG portal.

- **How many proposals can I submit for the MAP grant?**

Each applicant can submit a maximum of 2 project proposals for each category per financial year – Productions and Ecosystem Development.

Note: The quota is tied to the main applicant.

Funding

- **Does the MAP grant support capital expenditure?**

All purchases of hardware and software (i.e. long-term asset which may be used beyond the purposes of the project) will not be supportable. If the programme requires support for technology adoption only, the applicant may wish to consider NCSS Tech and Go Grant.

- **Can the project start before I receive the MAP grant funding?**

All awarded MAP grant projects should only begin after acceptance of the Letter of Offer (LOO), with project start date to from 1 January 2027 onwards. Any costs incurred before the approved funding period will not be supported.

- **Can I apply for other support outside of NAC? E.g. in-kind sponsorships**

Applicants are encouraged to look for support outside of NAC, including potential in-kind sponsorships. Applicant should notify the grant officer upon confirmation of support and update the income section of the budget template accordingly.

- **For the same project, can I apply concurrently for both the P&P grant and MAP grant?**

Applicants will not be eligible for MAPG if they have already put in an application for other NAC project grants (e.g. Presentation & Participation Grant, Market and Audience Development Grant, Capability Development Grant, Creation Grant) and NAC

administered grants (i.e. Tote Board Arts Fund and stART Fund), for the same project or components thereof.

Reporting for successful applicants

- **Are audited financial statements required for reporting?**

For grants below \$100,000, the Statement of Accounts will need to be certified by an accountant registered with the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) or equivalent international body. Certification is to be done on the original budget form template submitted at point of application.

For grants \$100,000 and above, the Statement of Accounts will need to be independently audited by a public accountant registered with Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) or equivalent international body.

- **If I manage to secure additional support from other sources (outside of NAC) for the project during the funding period, do I need to inform NAC?**

If you receive funding from other income sources (funding outside of NAC), please notify your account manager, and update your budget template under the income section.

Administrative Matters

- **Can the submission deadline be extended?**

Late submissions beyond 15 September 2026, 11.59pm will be ineligible and not accepted.

- **Can appeals to the funding decision be made if the application is unsuccessful?**

All appeals will have to be submitted in writing to NAC within two weeks of the notification of results.

For any other enquiries, please email nacfeedback.