

the arts, in the following forms: Arts Grants A, for senior artists; Arts Grants B, for artists meeting minimum requirements; and Short-Term, Project-Cost and Travel Grants, for both.

The Council's criteria for assisting performing companies, public art galleries and other arts organizations are professionalism and excellence, community acceptance, stability and sound financial management. In some cases, the Council may offer support to firmly-established amateur groups to enable them to acquire professional leadership or assistance for a specific project or to achieve professional status.

Some Council grants are for co-operative projects involving a practising artist and a sponsoring, or host, organization. In many cases, such projects are designed to raise the level of public interest and participation in the arts by providing opportunities for contact and interaction between the artist and members of the community.

Creative writing and publishing

The Council offers grants to writers of fiction, poetry and drama, subsidizes public readings by writers and supports professional writers' associations. It provides assistance to Canadian-owned publishing houses for the publication and translation of books and for promotional activities, supports literary and arts periodicals

and national publishers' associations, and buys Canadian books for free distribution in Canada and abroad.

Dance

Council assistance is open to all dance professionals and to companies specializing in classical, modern and experimental dance. There are special development grants for dance administrators and critics, and a guest-teachers' program for dance-schools and organizations located at some distance from major dance-centres.

Music

Grants are available to professionals in all types of music, and to groups and organizations such as orchestras, chamber-music groups, opera companies, and professional and amateur choirs (the latter to finance professional assistance). The Council also supports the commissioning and publication of works by Canadian composers and the recording of Canadian classical music. The Community Musicians' Program provides opportunities for professional musicians to direct or contribute to music-animation projects in communities where their services are needed.

Theatre

Grants are open to all professionals in theatre, mime and puppetry. Theatre companies seeking Council