



MANITOBA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS INC.

INVITATION FOR IDEAS

The Manitoba Foundation for the Arts is looking for big ideas from Manitobans that can help transform the arts sector in our province.

The arts are integral to our quality of life and to Manitoba's economy. With this in mind, we want to ensure the arts are maximizing their impact and meaningfully engaging as many people as possible.

Everything is changing around us – technology, audience preferences, entertainment options, methods of reaching audiences...everything. We acknowledge these disruptive forces and want the arts in Manitoba to ride the wave, rather than be drowned by it. Dreaming up and testing new models can be risky, and we'd like to help. We believe there are great ideas out there on how our sector can transform. What's your idea?

We want to test great ideas, pilot transformative projects and/or put them into action. We have \$100,000 available to try something bold. Maybe that's one idea. Maybe it's five. We do not have preconceived notions of what your ideas should be, or how much you need to make them work.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Impact – How broad will the impact be? What will be the lasting results?
- Return on investment – What will be the measurable return be, and for whom?
- Ability to create sector-wide transformational change – The idea should be applicable to the whole sector and have broad results (ie – not for just one artist, one discipline, or one organization).

If your idea and the amount you requested is awarded, implementation must begin within 12 months.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

We are looking for no more than two pages (one page is preferred) that cover the following:

- Summary of your idea and the problem it solves
 - Summary of the expected impact and how it will be measured
 - Action plan and timeline
 - High-level budget
 - Demonstration of your capacity to deliver (include collaborators, if applicable)
 - How you envision rolling the idea out sector-wide and how the sector will benefit from the results
- We encourage you to collaborate within the industry and beyond.

DEADLINE

Please send your submission to info@manitobafoundationforthearts.ca by 5 pm CST June 19, 2019.

ADJUDICATION

An adjudication committee made up of people familiar with the arts sector, with innovation and with transformational change will review the submissions.

The committee reserves the right to invite those submitting to collaborate or to revise their submissions. The committee may also choose to award only part of the available funding, or none at all.

Follow up with respect to next steps will take place by July 15, 2019.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION

All respondents should clearly understand, and by making a submission, agree that any part of the proposal is subject to the following conditions, in addition to any other terms and conditions set out in this request for ideas:

DISQUALIFICATION

No proposal will be considered which does not meet the mandatory requirements. No proposal will be considered from an applicant where Manitoba Foundation for the Arts (MFA), in its sole discretion, determines that a potential conflict of interest exists. No proposal will be considered that proposes to impose conditions on MFA that are inconsistent with the requirements of this request for ideas (RFI).

AWARD / REJECTION

MFA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; to select one or more Respondents; to void this request for ideas and/or terminate negotiations at any time; to revise any conditions and stipulations contained herein; to further negotiate financial arrangements; to establish further criteria for selection; to ask respondents to submit additional information or evidence of their qualifications and experience; to waive informalities in the proposals and in the proposal process; and to negotiate with successful respondents. MFA reserves the right to award this RFI in whole or in part, in the best interests of MFA. MFA reserves the right to withdraw this RFI at any time, for any reason. MFA, in its entire discretion, may reject or accept all or any part of a proposal or any one of the proposals submitted in response to this RFI. The submission of a proposal, the receipt of a proposal by MFA and the opening of a proposal, or any one of those, does not constitute acceptance, in any way whatsoever, of a proposal. A proposal is not and shall not be deemed in any way to be a unilateral contract. It is an offer by the Respondent to MFA to carry out the provisions set out in this RFI. A proposal is not accepted unless MFA accepts it in writing and the written acceptance has been delivered to the selected Respondent. MFA reserves the right to waive deficiencies in any proposal. The decision as to whether a deficiency will be waived or will require that a proposal be rejected will be made by MFA, in its sole discretion. MFA reserves the right to request clarification in any proposal to enable MFA to determine whether the Respondent's proposal merits further consideration. MFA may request clarification where any Respondent's intent is unclear, or may waive or request amendment where, in the opinion of MFA, there is a minor irregularity or omission in the information that is submitted. The right to clarify does not impose upon MFA a requirement to clarify any part of a proposal where the proposal is unclear or otherwise not acceptable in any aspect. MFA may, prior to and after awarding this RFI, negotiate changes to any conditions with the successful Respondent without having any duty or obligation to advise any other Respondent. MFA shall have no liability to any other Respondent as a result of such negotiations or modifications. All decisions on the degree to which a proposal meets the stated criteria assigned to a Respondent or to part of a proposal will be determined solely by MFA. MFA determinations in this regard are final and may not be appealed by a Respondent. In the event of any conflict, inconsistency, or discrepancy in the contents of the original, the copies, and the soft copies of the Respondents' proposal, the contents of the original shall prevail.

RIGHT TO REISSUE

MFA reserves the right to reissue the RFI where, in MFA's sole opinion, none of the proposals submitted in response to the RFI warrant acceptance or where it would be in the best interest of MFA to do so.

OWNERSHIP AND COST OF PROPOSAL

All proposals submitted become the property of MFA and will not be returned to the Respondent. All costs and expenses incurred by Respondents in the development, preparation, or submission of proposals in response to this RFI will be borne by the Respondent. The selection of any proposal, the rejection of any or all proposals, the termination of this RFI process, or initiation of a new RFI process shall not render MFA liable to pay or reimburse any costs or damages incurred by any Respondent or any partner of such Respondent participating in this RFI process.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The contents of this RFI and all information, data, or material obtained by the Respondent in connection with this RFI process is the property of MFA and must not be used for any other purpose than replying to this RFI. Upon request by MFA, all such information shall be returned to MFA, or the Respondent shall certify that the information, including copies and records thereof, is destroyed. All information, data, and material gained through the RFI process, is to remain strictly confidential. Respondents must not disclose this information, or any portion thereof, to anyone not specifically involved in the preparation of the Respondent's proposal. The Respondent shall not disclose any such information in whole or in part to anyone without the prior, express written consent of MFA. This obligation of each Respondent to maintain confidentiality shall survive the evaluation, selection/negotiation/rejection of their proposal and/or any resulting contract/agreement(s) to supply the requirements of the RFI.

NEWS RELEASES

News releases in any form of media shall not be permitted with respect to the terms and conditions of this RFI without prior written approval from MFA.

MULTIPLE PROPOSALS

Respondents may submit more than one proposal or may be a sub-contractor or consultant listed in more than one proposal. However, it is MFA's preference for a party to only submit one proposal as the Respondent. Should a Respondent submit more than one proposal, each proposal shall be submitted as a separate package. Each proposal will be evaluated as a separate proposal, and each must meet the mandatory requirements of this RFI.

AMENDMENTS

A Respondent may amend or withdraw its proposal at any time prior to the Closing Time. No alteration to a proposal will be accepted after the Closing Time.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

All decisions on the degree to which a proposal meets the stated criteria or the score assigned to a Respondent or to part of a proposal will be determined solely by The Committee. The Committee's determinations in this regard are final and may not be appealed by a Respondent.

GOVERNING LAW

This RFI shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. Any legal proceedings relating to the subject matter of this RFI shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Manitoba.