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# Overview

The Ministry Of Culture & Youth has launched the National Grant Program For Culture & Creativity that includes a set of grants to offer support to UAE national creatives. Aimed at fostering talent & overall cultural production, the grants target creative professionals distinguished in the cultural & creative industries.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Who is eligible to apply for the National Grants Program for Culture and Creativity?**

The grants program is eligible for emerging or established UAE national creative professionals.

## **Is there an age limit to receive the grant?**

The applicant must be at least 18 years old.

## **Are there exceptions to apply for the grants?**

If the applicant is less than 18 years old but has already achieved outstanding achievements and skills in the cultural and creative fields then an exception may be given.

## **Is professional/creative experience required for the grant?**

Yes, the applicant must have either previous work experience of a minimum of 3 years or has completed achievements in the relevant cultural or creative field applied for.

## **Can the grant be provided to creative SMEs?**

No, the grant is intended to support projects/opportunities for individuals only.

## **Can a group of individual creatives who have a joint creative project apply to the program?**

Yes, however we would require one individual to be representing the group in the registration and taking the responsibility for grant program requirements.

# What are the program grant categories?

1

## **Creation and Production:**

Support the development of creative projects by covering production expenses including rental of locations and specialized equipment, etc.

2

## **Distribution and Local Participations:**

Support the promotion and distribution of creative projects including exhibitions, performances, public programs and participation fees for local events or festivals.

3

## **Capacity Development:**

Support the professional development of creatives to foster their talent and enhance their skills through local or international opportunities such as short courses or residencies.

4

## **International Travel and Mobility:**

Support travel and transport expenses associated with participation in international opportunities such as festivals, exhibitions, and events.

# What are the cultural & creative fields being supported?



## Books & Literature

- Books
- Poetry
- Magazines
- Literature
- Digital Publishing



## Music

- Festivals
- Concerts
- Musical Performances
- Music Production & Distribution



## Performing Arts & Theatre

- Dance
- Theatre
- Festivals
- Opera
- Exhibitions
- Live Performances



## Film & TV

- TV
- Film
- Animation
- Content Creation



## Visual Arts & Design

- Fine Arts
- Fashion
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Graphic Design
- Calligraphy
- Interior Design
- Architecture
- Product Design
- Digital Arts
- Jewellery Design



## Video Games

- Game Design & Development



## Cultural Heritage

- Crafts
- Arabic Language
- Monuments
- Tangible & Intangible Heritage

## Is it possible to select more than one grant category within an application?

The applicant is required to choose only one grant category but the project or opportunity may fit in more than one field of the above-mentioned cultural and creative fields.

## If I was selected to receive a grant, will I receive the exact amount I have requested?

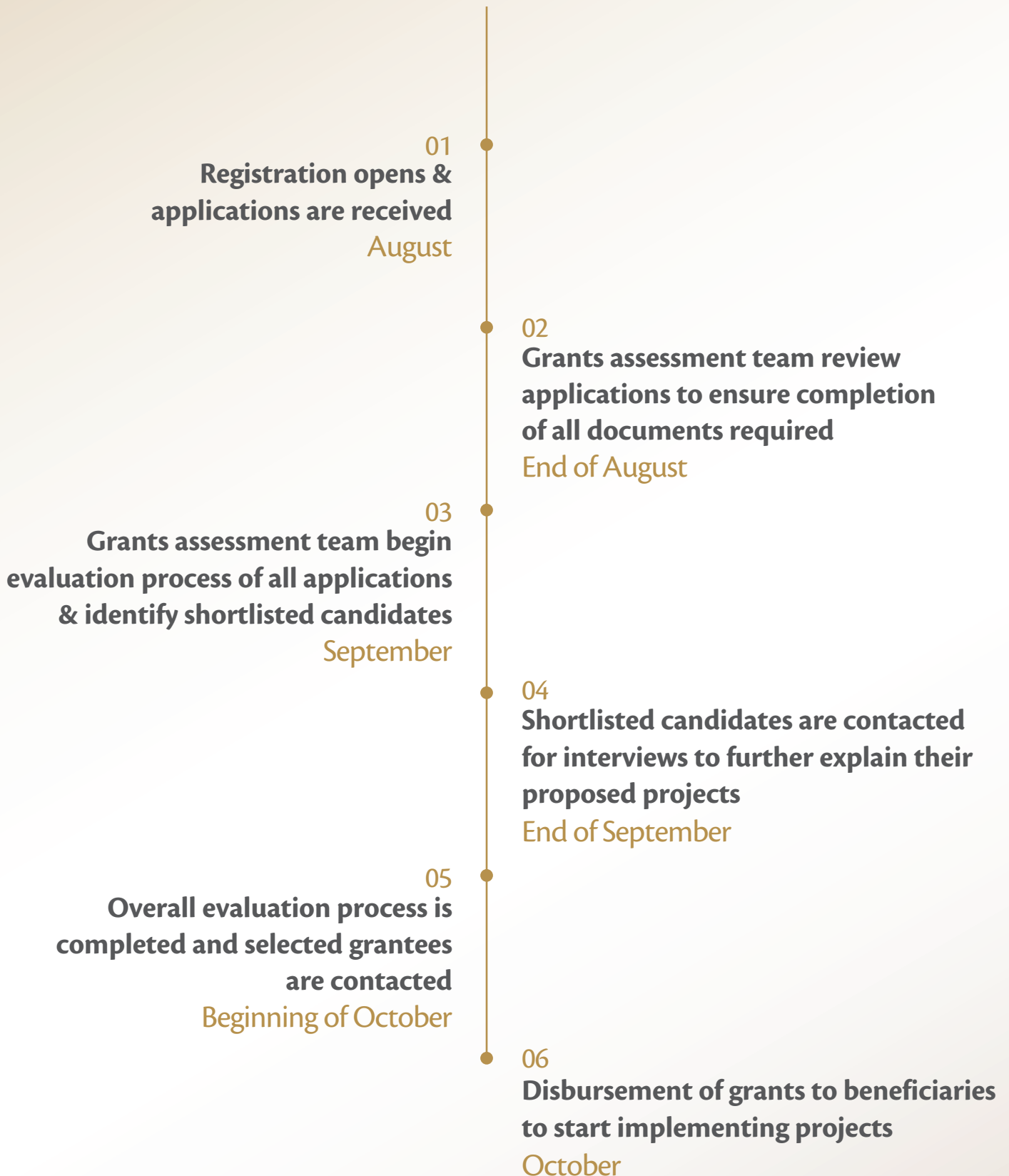
The grants assessment team and a subject-matter expert committee at the Ministry of Culture and Youth will evaluate the appropriate grant amount that will be awarded based on the results of the overall application needs and taking into account the variables of the market.

## Can I apply for a grant amount that is more than the mentioned amount for each category?

Applicants are kindly requested to apply for a grant amount that falls within the allocated amount according to the grant categories:

Grant Categories	Grant Amount
Creation & Production	Up to 100,000 AED
Distribution & Local Participations	Up to 80,000 AED
Capacity Development	Up to 50,000 AED
International Travel & Mobility	Up to 50,000 AED

## What are the steps to apply/obtain a grant?



## **What is the deadline to apply?**

August 31st, 2023

## **When will the grants be disbursed?**

The financial grants will be disbursed 6 weeks after the evaluation of applications & approval of the final list of beneficiaries

## **Will applicants be contacted to provide more evidence?**

Yes, in cases of insufficient information & based on the directives of the evaluation committee, the applicants may be contacted to provide more evidence.

## **Will the ministry follow up on the implementation of the creative projects submitted by the grantees?**

Yes, there is a team that will follow up on the implementation of projects and receive final completion reports from the grantees.

## **If I received a previous grant from other entities, will I still be eligible to apply for the National Grants Program For Culture & Creativity?**

Yes, the goal is to support and sustain cultural and creative production, but all the details of the previous grants received must be mentioned in the application form.



## **What are the conditions for obtaining grants?**

- 1** The applicant must be operating in a creative field listed by the ministry. He/she should be accomplished and recognized in that field, and have the ability to complete the proposed creative project.
- 2** The applicant must provide a clear explanation of the project, its impact, execution plan and requirements for its implementation, as well as the duration and budget required for its completion.
- 3** The applicant must provide clear evidence that he/she is the owner of the intellectual property of the project and will implement the project themselves. In case there are other creatives involved, their contribution and role in the project must be mentioned.

## **What is the procedure if the estimated budget exceeds in the implementation of the creative project/opportunity?**

The ministry encourages grantees to plan effectively and will not bear any additional costs above the grant amount that was finalized at the time of signing the contract.

## **If I was not able to apply for this grant program, will I have other opportunities I could benefit from?**

Yes, the National Grant Program for Culture and Creativity will be an annual program and we encourage interested individuals to stay updated on the Ministry's website and social media channels for the announcement of the 2024 program dates.



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