

To our valued community partners

We recognize that this is a challenging time for your organization - we can only imagine how you've been impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We acknowledge the realities many of you faced, and still face, in trying to continue your good work and make plans for the future. We understand that you have had to make hard decisions to suspend performances, meetings, conventions, festivals, or other public gatherings.

We admire the creativity of some of you in proceeding with events through virtual or digital means.

The next deadline for Shevchenko Foundation funding assistance is October 1, 2020 for projects that begin January 1, 2021.

Because of the uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic, we are implementing some temporary changes, that may affect your application.

For the October 1, 2020 deadline, the Shevchenko Foundation will NOT be accepting applications for the following:

1. Live performances, touring performances within Canada and outside Canada, workshops, conferences, *non-virtual exhibitions, and any other events that engage attendance from the public.*
An exception will be made for applicants who can provide evidence of complying with locally-approved public presentation /participation Covid-19 protocols. This compliance cannot be based on anticipated future easing of restrictions, but must be "in place".
2. Virtual performances involving digital or video sharing of existing archival repertoire or recorded programming.
3. FESTIVALS: The October 1st deadline imposed on all festival organizations is suspended. All festival organizations are requested to apply once they can confirm that their festival can take place, based on their regional Covid-19 public compliance protocols. If compliance is met, the festival organization can submit an application to the Shevchenko Foundation as soon as the decision is made to proceed with the festival.

The Shevchenko Foundation will continue to monitor the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on public performance and public participation projects. We will make an announcement of any further changes to our application process in the new year, in time for the April 1, 2021 granting deadline.

For further information, please contact the Shevchenko Foundation office at 1-866-524-5314 and speak with Andrea Hrushka or Bohdana Bashuk.