

North Africa Cultural Program - NACP

Frequently Asked Questions

1- Is NACP an annual open call or a one-time only?

NACP has one open call and only in 2019, under two grant schemes: The National Fund and the Regional Fund.

For the National Fund, it opens 15 May, and closes 1 August 2019.

For the Regional Fund, it is a rolling call – opens 15 May, and closes 1 August for grants' announcement in October 2019 or 1 November 2019 for grants' announcement in January 2020.

2- Can an applicant apply to both the National Fund and the Regional Fund?

Applicants can apply to either one, but not both by August 1. Given that the deadline for the National Fund applications is August 1, and the announcement of grantees is expected by end October 2019, applicants who are applying to the National Fund may apply to the Regional Fund's second deadline of November 1, whether as lead applicant or co-applicant. When evaluating the applications submitted for the Regional Fund, the jury will give priority to those applicants who do not have a grant under the National Fund, provided that their projects highly meet the evaluation criteria in terms of artistic quality, relevance, innovation, and feasibility, among others.

3- Can an applicant only apply for institutional support if it has enough funding for programs from other donors?

Yes it can.

4- If an applicant is applying for a regional initiative but also needs institutional strengthening support, do we provide that under the Regional Fund or is this component limited to the National Fund grant?

The purpose of the Regional Fund is to support projects (of institutions) that are a collaboration between 2 or more institutions. However, the budget under the Regional Fund provides core support for running and staff costs up to 30% of the total budget requested.

5- Can a grantee of the National Fund or Regional Fund apply for any other AFAC program during the time when their grant is open?

Recipients of the National or Regional grant cannot apply for other AFAC programs before the end of their current grant.

6- If the main field of work is annual festivals, is it eligible under National or Regional?

It depends. For instance, if the festival is happening in one country, and is attracting artists from other countries, then it is eligible under the National Fund. However, if the applicant has in mind an initiative on exchange, touring etc. with other partners in the region, then under the Regional Fund.

7- Can I apply for more than one grant at the same time (e.g. applying to visual arts and NACP)?

Yes and No. Given that NACP is a new program, institutional applicants who applied most recently to another AFAC grants program may apply but they cannot be grantees of both programs. If they are selected for NACP, they will not be considered for other open call AFAC grants programs while the NACP grant is open.

8- Does NACP accept applications from individuals with no institutional backing?

No. NACP is for institutions/collectives/spaces with programming/networks/social enterprises...

9- Can I apply if I have previously benefited from an AFAC grant?

Yes.

10- Am I eligible to apply for an AFAC grant if I am not from the North Africa countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt) but my institution works on North Africa?

No. Eligible applicants are local entities based in one of the North African countries. International and foreign organizations, including UN agencies are not eligible.

11- My institution is Libyan and focuses on Libya but it works in the diaspora. Am I eligible to apply for NACP?

Yes. Exceptionally, in the case of Libya, an applicant can be operational outside Libya as long as the work is relevant to and benefits the Libyan arts and culture scene.

12- What is the expected duration of the grant?

Roughly 2.5 years between November 2019 and March 2022.

13- Is it possible to apply as an institution if we are registered as a commercial entity and not an NGO?

Applicants may be non-profit, social enterprises, registered, and non-registered entities.

14- Is it possible to send updates on my application after the submission?

Yes. Applicants can notify the AFAC grants managers of any updates affecting their application as long as the results are not announced. However, you cannot send a new project file (e.g. new project description) after you have submitted your application.

15- How will I know my application has been submitted?

You will receive a confirmation email from the system informing you that you have submitted the application. If you do not receive an email, your application is incomplete and has not been submitted. If you have completed the application, but have not received an email, please contact rachad.chamoun@arabculturefund.org.

16- Can applicants to the Arts and Culture Entrepreneurship (ACE) 2019 program apply to the National Fund or Regional Fund under NACP?

ACE 2019 grantees are eligible to receive a grant under NACP Regional Fund, but not the National Fund. ACE and the National Fund both provide direct institutional support, albeit different in design and duration. Those who applied to ACE 2019 may apply to the [National Fund](#) or [Regional Fund](#) under NACP. However, if they are selected for ACE, their NACP National Fund application will be dropped, whereas their Regional Fund application will still be considered if submitted either by the first deadline of August 1, or by the second deadline of November 1, whether as lead applicant or co-applicant.

17- What is the minimum and maximum funding amount I can apply for?

For the National Fund, the minimum is \$75,000 and the maximum is \$200,000.

For the Regional Fund, the minimum is \$150,000 and the maximum is \$300,000.

18- Do I have to submit my budget with the application?

Yes. Every application will require the completion of the online application form, which includes a budget.

19- Is it possible to apply for a grant without attaching supporting materials?

No. Every application will require the completion of the online application form. Additionally, there is a specific set of supporting material that are detailed. All supporting material (other than in pdf, word, excel...format) must be uploaded and remain available until the grants' announcement to sites such as YouTube, Vimeo, DropBox or other similar services but not Wetransfer.

20- What materials will I have to submit for my application?

Read carefully the guidelines and the application template including the supporting material requested.

21- It is not possible for me to submit an online application due to technical difficulties. Does this mean I cannot apply for the grant?

Yes. AFAC accepts online submissions only. Applications submitted via regular mail or e-mail will not be accepted. However, if you are facing a technical difficulty with the AFAC online application, we encourage you to write to rachad.chamoun@arabculturefund.org.

22- In which language(s) can I submit my application?

Applications for NACP can be submitted in either English, French or Arabic.

23- Does AFAC reconsider projects that were rejected during a previous cycle?

Yes. Applicants must submit a new application, even if it is for the same project that they applied with during the previous cycle.

24- Does AFAC offer 100% funding for projects?

AFAC can support 100% funding for certain projects. After a decision is made to award a grant, the jurors recommend the percentage of the requested amount to be awarded for each project to the AFAC board of trustees, which has the final say on granted amount.

25- Can I apply with a multidisciplinary project?

Yes.

26- What is NACP about?

NACP provides up to three-year institutional and programmatic support to active arts and culture entities based in each of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, as well as for transboundary projects that promote joint artistic collaborations, distribution, and the professionalization of arts and culture practices among those five countries and with the rest of the Arab and African regions, and internationally.

The National Fund provides a total grant between \$75,000 and \$200,000 per grant. The call opened May 16 and closes August 1, 2019 with the announcement of results expected end October 2019.

The Regional Fund provides a total grant between \$150,000 and \$300,000 per grant. The rolling call opened May 16 and has two separate deadlines and announcements, namely August 1 for the first deadline (with announcements end October 2019), and then November 1, 2019 for the second deadline and (with announcements end January 2020).