

Results of applications for 13th-round funding exercise of Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme announced

The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau today (July 30) announced the application results of the 13th-round funding exercise of the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme (ACDFS). A total of 16 successful applications (13 for Project Grants and three for Springboard Grants) will be funded, involving a total amount of around \$45.22 million.

A total of 106 applications were assessed and put forth for assessment in the 13th-round funding exercise. The successful applications are of a high standard, with a diverse representation across genres covering arts education/appreciation/promotion, arts technology, community arts, dance, media arts, multi-disciplinary arts, music, theatre and visual arts.

The successful applicants (categories and names of organisations in alphabetical order) are as follows:

Name of organisation	Title of proposal	Category
The Hong Kong Virtuoso Chorus Limited*	Hong Kong Inter-School Choral Festival 2025*	Arts Education/Appreciation/Promotion
The Pegasus Vanguard	Step n' Marching Arts!	Arts Education/Appreciation/Promotion
Artists who Love Animals and Nature Limited	Happy Circus: Amazing Acrobats in Nature (tentative title)	Arts Technology
Space and Place Limited	Space And Place: SeaTech Festival	Arts Technology/Community Arts
Hong Kong Street Dance Development Association Limited	Choreography, Here I Am! – Street Dance Theatre Expedition	Dance
Unlock Dancing Plaza Limited	#DANCELESS Complex 2026	Dance
Machine and Art NOW Limited	èŽŠă' "â¼çè0¶ (tentative title)	Media Arts
XCEED Limited	FutureTense Dome (tentative title)	Media Arts

Clockenflap Festivals Limited	MINIMAX Pop-up Theatre	Multi-disciplinary Arts
Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble Limited*	Revitalisation of the 25 Ancient Scores*	Music
Hong Kong New Music Limited	GAME\PLAY	Music
SingFest Limited	Choral Connections – Past and Present	Music
The Chopin Society of Hong Kong Limited	The Seventh Hong Kong International Piano Competition/ The Hong Kong Joy of Music Festival – 2025	Music
Jing Wong Creations Limited	World-Building as Performance	Theatre
Theatre de la Feuille Limited	Book of Mountains and Seas – Traditional and Contemporary Physical Training Research Programme	Theatre
Hong Kong Open Printshop Limited*	Through Time – Print Art in Aberdeen Street*	Visual Arts

*Successful applications for Springboard Grants

Note: The award of grants is subject to the successful applicants' signing of funding agreements with the Government.

Introduced by the Government in 2011, the ACDFS is administered on the advice of the Advisory Committee on Arts Development. Members of the Committee take part in the assessment of applications together with Expert Advisers. The funding scheme aims to provide funding support for innovative and impactful proposals that contribute to the objectives of capacity development of arts practitioners, arts groups, art forms and/or the arts sector; programme/content development; audience building and arts education.

To further cultivate a supportive culture for the arts in the community and to foster a tripartite partnership involving the Government, arts groups, and the private sector to promote arts and cultural development in Hong Kong, the Government lowered the minimum requirement of cash income to be solicited by Springboard Grant applicants when launching the 13th-round of the ACDFS. Three successful Springboard Grant applications were selected in this round, which is the highest number since the fifth-round.

As a new initiative to encourage successful Project Grant applications to solicit non-government sponsorship and/or donations during project implementation, an extra incentive matching sum of up to \$800,000 will be provided to each Project Grant awardee.

The Government is committed to supporting and funding meritorious arts initiatives and projects through the ACDFS, contributing to building a vibrant local arts scene and bolstering the city's standing in the global cultural landscape.