



# COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**ELIGIBLE EVENT DATES:**  
AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2026

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
July 23, 2026

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# Daniels Spectrum Community Access Program Request for Proposals

Daniels Spectrum is excited to announce that applications are now open for the summer round of the 2026 Community Access Program.

Daniels Spectrum is the artistic, cultural and social hub in the heart of downtown Toronto's Regent Park community. Dedicated to experience, learning and innovation, this 60,000 sq. ft. facility hosts festivals, events, youth-oriented programming, workshops and conferences, cultural events, speaker series, exhibitions, concerts, plays, performances and more.

The Community Access Program provides subsidized access to Ada Slight Hall, Daniels Spectrum's multi-purpose performance and event space. This program is open to individuals and organizations alike. We invite you to read this call and submit an application.

## Successful applicants will receive:

- **80% off** the standard rental rate for Ada Slight Hall. This includes venue rental and in-house equipment use
- Supplemental marketing and promotional support

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# Eligibility

Eligible applicants include artists, collectives, arts organizations, community groups, not-for-profits, and individuals with a mission to develop, create, produce, present and disseminate artistic or cultural work for the benefit of the local community. Projects that include participation by individuals, public or private partners, will be considered provided they are led by an grassroots, community, or not-for-profit organization. One grant per applicant will be considered whether for an event or series of events. Applicants can only be the lead applicant on one submission, but they may be a partner on more than one.

Priority will be given to organizations and individuals who identify as equity seeking groups and whose projects provide meaningful opportunities for contribution and partnerships from Regent Park-based organizations

The program supports cultural and community events incorporating any artistic discipline including music, dance, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, multimedia, visual arts and heritage.

## Criteria and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Community Advisory Committee who will review based on the following criteria:

### **1. Strength of vision for the proposed project – 50%**

- Vision is clear, realistic and achievable
- Programming will be produced in compelling and ethical ways
- The project makes a meaningful effort to engage artists and audiences that reflect the diversity of creative experiences and voices of Toronto
- Accommodation and accessibility plans and resources are in place as applicable

### **2. Project plan and impact – 40%**

- An achievable plan is in place to complete the project and reach its goals
- Strength of proposed marketing and communications strategy (i.e. ability to attract attendees)
- There is consideration given to the anticipated audience reach and how the success and impact of the project will be determined
- The project provide meaningful opportunities for contribution and/or participation from Regent Park based organizations or residents.

### **3. Experience and/or demonstrated capacity to run the proposed project – 10%**

- Demonstrated experience executing events of a similar nature
- If applicable, reflective statements on learnings from successes and challenges, impact, photos/media and participation statistics of previous projects

# Reporting

We require all selected applicants to submit a final report that includes (but is not limited to) a post-event evaluation report, photographs, statistics (e.g. number of artist's collaboration, number of attendees), testimonials and a final budget. The requirements of this report will be circulated to successful applicants. To show appreciation to the generous donors who make this program possible, successful applicant are required to acknowledge the support of Daniels Spectrum in printed materials, promotions and during on stage announcements.

## [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

**Application Deadline:** July 23, 2026

**Results to Applicants:** July 31, 2026

## Questions

If you have any questions or require assistance with the submission process, please contact [danielsspectrum@arthubs.ca](mailto:danielsspectrum@arthubs.ca)

