

Domestic Industry Initiatives (DII) 2026/27

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply to the DII program for the 2026/27 intake?

For the 2026/27 intake, applications are limited to returning applicants only. Organizations must have received DII funding in the 2024/25 and/or 2025/26 fiscal years and must have submitted all final reports and deliverables for any previously funded and open files to be eligible.

2. Are new applicants or new projects eligible this year?

No. For this intake, the program is not accepting applications from new applicants or for new projects. This intake is limited to the continuation or delivery of previously supported initiatives, subject to eligibility and available funding.

3. What types of activities does the program support?

The DII program supports initiatives and events that build the capacity of B.C.'s creative industries, with a primary focus on above-the-line roles (e.g., directors, writers, producers) and the development of B.C.-based intellectual property (IP). Eligible activities include training, professional development, industry convenings, research, and knowledge-sharing initiatives that provide a broad benefit to the sector.

4. What activities are not eligible?

The program does not support activities such as:

- Film or media production or development of individual creative projects;
- Events focused primarily on below-the-line crew training or production service work;
- Film festival screenings or live performances;
- Award shows, galas, fundraisers, or social events;
- Work placements or internships; or
- Projects that primarily benefit a single company or client.

Please refer to the *Ineligible Activities* section of the guidelines for a complete list.

5. What costs are eligible for funding?

Eligible costs include project-specific expenses such as:

- Speaker, facilitator, and moderator fees;
- Contractor or consultant fees for project-specific roles;
- Venue rental and technical/AV costs;
- Marketing and promotion related to the initiative;
- Modest catering (e.g., coffee, tea, non-alcoholic beverages, light snacks);
- Accessibility supports; and
- Limited regional travel expenses, where justified.

All costs must be reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the approved initiative.

6. Is travel an eligible expense?

In general, travel costs are not eligible. However, for projects delivered by or primarily serving regional or remote communities, up to 25% of approved project travel costs may be eligible where travel is essential to project delivery. All travel must be economy-rate and clearly justified in the application, and receipts will be required.

7. Can grants be used to pay staff or contractors?

Grant funds may be used to pay contractors or external hires engaged in project-specific roles. Funds may not be used to pay an applicant organization's existing full-time or part-time employees, except where explicitly approved. All fees must be reasonable and aligned with industry standards.

8. When must activities take place?

The program supports eligible activities and expenses incurred between **July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027**. Applicants should only apply for activities they can complete and pay for within this period. Some exceptions can be made.

9. When should applications be submitted?

Applications must be submitted **at least 10 weeks prior** to the proposed initiative or event start date. Note that there is a closing date of **4:00 PM (PT) on March 1, 2027**, or until program funds are fully allocated. Initiatives that take place in April, May, and June 2027 must apply by the deadline to be considered.

10. What are the reporting requirements?

Recipients must submit a final report and final cost report by the deadline outlined in their funding agreement. This includes project outcomes, participation metrics, financial reporting, and supporting documentation, such as invoices and proof of payment, upon request.