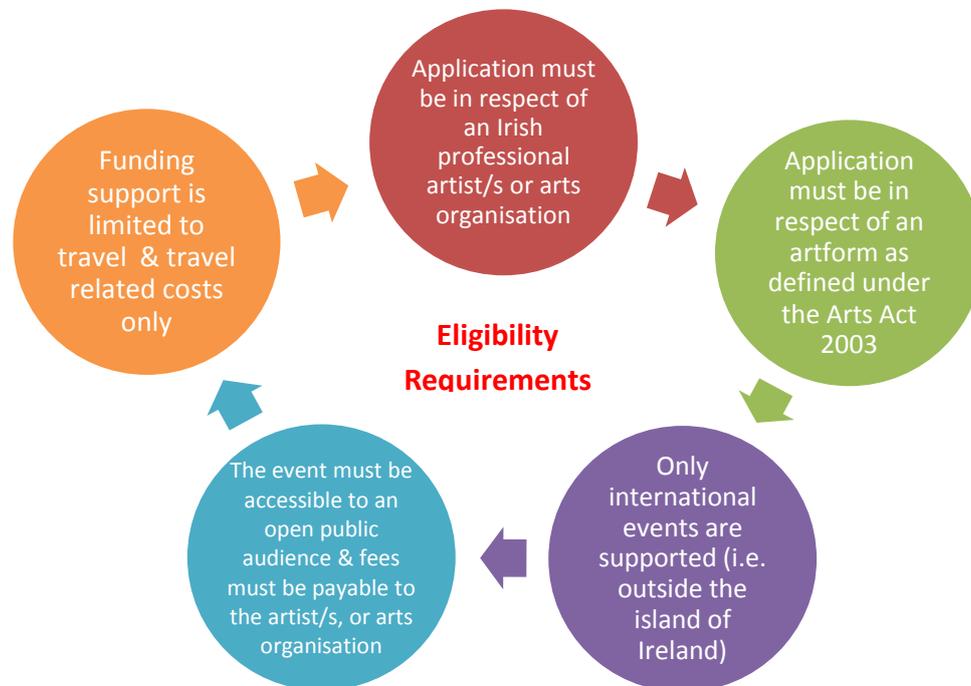


Culture Ireland Regular Grant Assessment Process

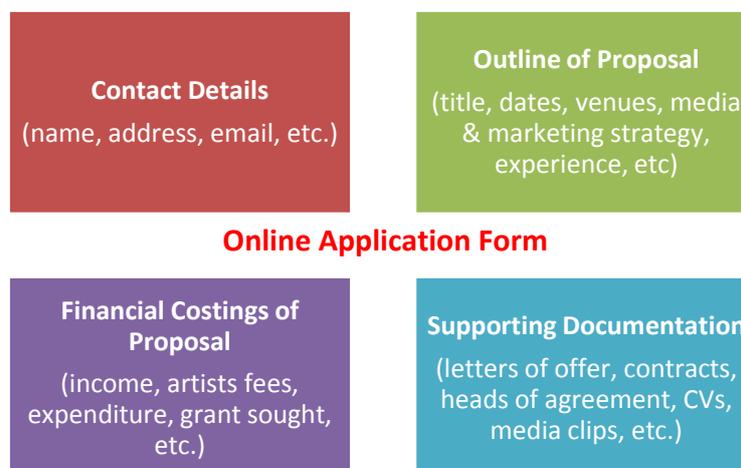
Culture Ireland's regular grant funding scheme is designed to support the presentation and promotion of Irish arts internationally. The scheme is currently operated on the basis of three grant rounds per year with deadlines in mid-February, mid-June and mid-October. For further information about funding, please see www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/regular

Eligibility: The following basic eligibility requirements apply in respect of an application for funding support:



*Please note that research opportunities, study or professional training, production costs, residencies, bursaries, amateur events, workshops/conferences, work by non-professional artists and works of a competitive nature are **not eligible** for support.*

Application Form: all applicants are obliged to fully complete an online application form available at www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/regular. This form requires that the following information is submitted:



Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible. In addition, where Culture Ireland requests that applicants provide additional information and applicants fail to do so, an application will be deemed ineligible.

Assessment: applications which meet the eligibility requirements and which have submitted all relevant online information are assessed by the **Culture Ireland Executive** in line with Culture Ireland's published criteria as set out below:



What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality? Artistic quality can be defined as work that is ambitious, excellent and original, connects to audiences and has been presented nationally to critical acclaim. It should be noted that the assessment of the artistic quality of the proposed work is made using knowledge, experience and specialist advice.

Applications are also referred to **independent external specialists** in various artforms, drawn from a **Specialist Panel** who submit comments in terms of their knowledge of the **artistic quality** of the work for which support is being sought and the **timing** of this opportunity in the artists' career to present as proposed.

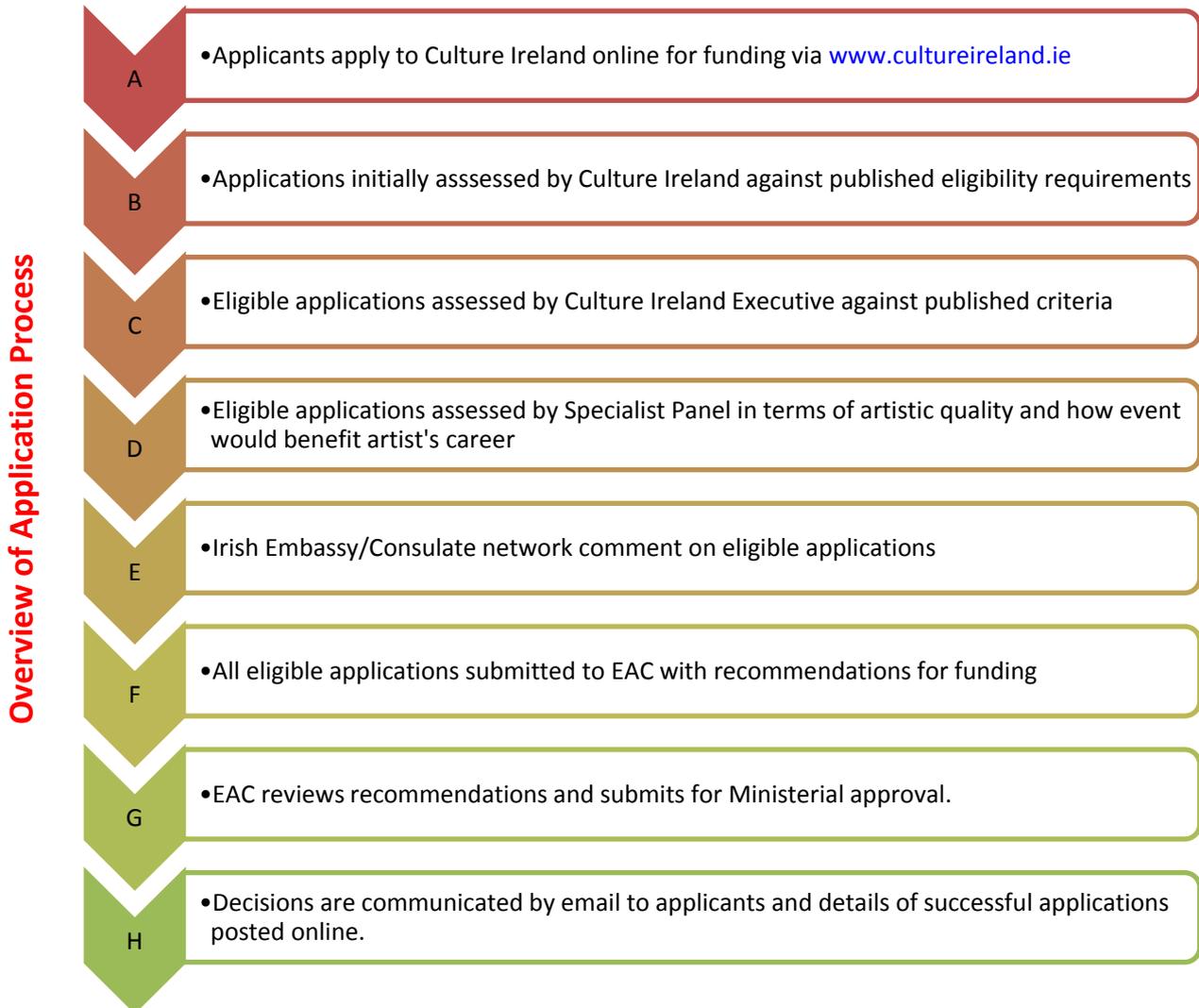
Who comprises the Specialist Panel? Members of the **Specialist Panel** are recognised experts in the various artforms supported by Culture Ireland (Dance, Literature, Theatre, Visual Arts, etc.). Two panellists are assigned to each artform per grant round although this may vary depending on the number of applications received.

The **Irish Embassy/Consulate network** is also invited to comment on applications in terms of impact of event, venue, promoter, geographic priorities, local knowledge and whether there might be wider strategic benefits for Ireland arising from a proposed event.

Taking into account the views of Specialist Experts, the Embassy comments, and assessment by the Culture Ireland Executive, all eligible applications - with recommendations for funding - are submitted for consideration to the Culture Ireland **Expert Advisory Committee (EAC)**.

What is the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC)? The EAC, which is appointed by the Minister, supports the Culture Ireland Executive in the promotion of Irish arts and artists abroad, including the development of special policies and initiatives. The EAC also works across State interests to maximise the impact of Culture Ireland supported projects and works to build Ireland's reputation overseas. Applications for regular funding support are subject to assessment by the EAC. The EAC makes final recommendations to the Minister for funding approval. Details on the membership of the EAC is available at www.cultureireland.ie/about

Note: because of the competitive nature and context of each grant round, limited funding and the large number of applicants, it is not possible to recommend funding for all eligible applicants. Eligibility and compliance with criteria for assessment alone does not guarantee that you will receive grant funding.



Feedback: unsuccessful applicants are - on request - provided with advice and feedback on their applications and Culture Ireland officials are available should an applicant wish to discuss an application. **Please note however, that applications that were assessed and refused funding cannot be re-submitted in a subsequent grant round unless significant changes have been made to the application.**

Appeals: applicants may appeal a decision not to recommend funding. You **must show** that you have reason to believe that your application was assessed or dealt with in a way incompatible with the assessment process. **This is the only grounds upon which appeals will be considered.** For further information, please email info@cultureireland.gov.ie