

The Icelandic Visual Art Fund Allocation Policy 2022-2025

The Visual Arts Council submits proposals to the Minister of Culture and Business Affairs regarding the policies and main priorities of the Visual Arts Fund until 2025. The Fund operates under the Visual Arts Act's regulations, which took effect on May 23rd, 2014. The Visual Arts Fund's function "is to financially support Icelandic visual arts and thereby facilitate progress, promotion, and study of Icelandic visual arts. The Visual Arts Council governs the Visual Arts Fund and operates by the Visual Arts Act and regulations set by the minister. Specially organized committees evaluate applications and recommend grant allocations."

The Visual Arts Council's function regarding The Visual Art Fund's allocation policy appears in sec. 2, art.12 of The Visual Arts Act no. 64/2012. It states: "The Visual Arts Council allocates grants from The Visual Arts Fund. The Minister shall lay down rules for the Visual Arts Fund relating to the publication of notices and the processing and disposition of applications. To aid in evaluating applications, the Council may seek expert opinions".

The Visual Arts Council is appointed every three years and influences the government's policies during their service period. The Council operates according to the agenda for 2022-2025.

The Visual Arts Fund's policy is to facilitate the promotion of Icelandic visual arts in Iceland and abroad and allocate grants to support projects in the visual arts field.

The Visual Arts Fund allocates grants according to The Visual Arts Act no. 64/2012. Areas of priority in the allocation of funds each funding period are:

- projects promoting the policies of The Visual Arts Act and operations in the Visual Arts Council's field of work
- projects building up international collaboration and the studying of Icelandic visual arts internationally
- diverse projects in the field of visual arts, i.a., concerning sustainability and cultural diversity
- projects in connection with visual arts festivals and workshops in Iceland and abroad
- projects built on collaborative research and the publishing of writings and books about visual arts

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