

## Grant Writing in Canada

This guide is designed to assist our patrons interested in writing grants in Canada, by providing key resources to use as a starting point in their research. Use this information to refine your search, and contact library staff with any follow-up questions or for further research assistance.

### Subject Headings

A subject heading can help you refine your search, making it easier to find exactly what you are looking for.

To find books on that are available in the Film Reference Library, use the following subject headings:

The screenshot shows a search interface with a 'Subject' dropdown menu. The selected option is 'FEDERAL AID TO THE ARTS - CANADA'. The dropdown list includes the following items:

- FEDERAL AID TO THE ARTS - CANADA
- FEDERAL AID TO THE ARTS - CANADA - DIRECTORIES
- FELIX THE CAT (FICTITIOUS CHARACTER)
- FELLINI SATYRICON (MOTION PICTURE)
- FELLINI, FEDERICO, - 1920-1993 - NOTEBOOKS, SKETCHBOOKS, ETC.
- FEM BENSPEIND (MOTION PICTURE)
- FEMALE FRIENDSHIP IN MOTION PICTURES
- FEMALE IMPERSONATORS
- FEMALE IMPERSONATORS - BIOGRAPHY
- FEMALE IMPERSONATORS - CANADA
- FEMALE IMPERSONATORS IN MOTION PICTURES
- FEMALE IMPERSONATORS IN MOTION PICTURES - PICTORIAL WORKS
- FEMININE BEAUTY (AESTHETICS) - UNITED STATES
- FEMININE TOUCH (MOTION PICTURE)
- FEMININITY
- FEMININITY - UNITED STATES - HISTORY - 20TH CENTURY
- FEMININITY IN MOTION PICTURES
- FEMINISM
- FEMINISM - ARAB COUNTRIES
- FEMINISM - BIBLIOGRAPHY

At the bottom of the interface are two buttons: 'SEARCH' and 'RESET FORM'.

Subjects headings for Canadian Grant directories and annual reports:

- [ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES – CANADA – DIRECTORIES](#)
- [ARTS - CANADA - FINANCE - DIRECTORIES](#)
- [FEDERAL AID TO THE ARTS - CANADA](#)
- [MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY – CANADA - FINANCE](#)
- [SUBSIDIES - CANADA - DIRECTORIES](#)
- [GRANTS-IN-AID](#)

## Recommended Books

Books provide a comprehensive overview of a larger topic, making them an excellent resource to start your research with.

[\*How to fund your film: the film finance handbook\*](#) by Adam P. Davies, James MacGregor and Nicol Wistreich.

Publisher: Netribution Limited, 2007

[\*The art of film funding : alternative financing concepts\*](#) by Carole Lee Dean.

Publisher: Michael Wiese Productions, 2012

[\*True variety : funding the art of world cinema\*](#) by Emilie Fallaux, Malu Halasa and Nupu Press

Publisher: International Film Festival Rotterdam, 2003

[\*The Role of the government in the feature film industry\*](#) by Peter B Stokes.

Publisher: Queen's University, 1978

[\*Guide to Canadian arts grants : government & private sources of financial assistance for visual arts, performing arts, media arts, writing, publishing and more... 2020\*](#)

Publisher: Canada Grants Services, 2020

[\*Money, value, art : state funding, free markets, big pictures\*](#) by Sally Mckay and Andrew J. Paterson.

Publisher: YYZ Books, 2001

[\*Handbook of government assistance programs : Guide des programmes d'aide gouvernementaux\*](#)

Publisher: Publications CCH Ltée, 1999

[\*Building budgets the Canadian way : a how-to guide for film and video\*](#) by Mary Eilts.

Publisher: Thomson Nelson, 2006



### Articles

Articles are shorter pieces of writing usually featured in serialized publications. They provide great context and arguments on specific aspects of the subject.

Note: All articles listed can be found from the Film Reference Library's print and/or electronic periodical collection. You can access these articles by visiting the Library in person.

- [Nowell, Richard. \(2011\). "The ambitious of most independent filmmakers': indie production, the majors, and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> \(1980\)". \*Journal of Film and Video\*, vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 28-44.](#)
- [Simon, Alissa \(2017\). "Collaborative work pays off in crop of fresh feature films : The Netherlands and international co-productions land Cannes side in droves". \*Variety\*, May 20 2017, pp. 77-78.](#)
- [Acland, Charles R. \(2001\). "Patterns of cultural authority : the National Film Society of Canada and the Institutionalization of Film Education, 1938-1941. \*Canadian Journal of Film Studies\*, vol 10, no. 1, pp 3-27.](#)
- [N.A. \(2015\). "World of locations : United States – Montana". \*Broadside\*, Dec. 21, 2015.](#)

## Films

Examples of grant funded Canadian films that were screened at TIFF



*Anthropocene : the human epoch* (2018),  
dir. Jennifer Baichwal, Edward Burtynsky & Nicholas de Pencier  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



*Through Black Spruce* (2018),  
dir. Don McKellar  
[\[Film File\]](#)



*One Week* (2008),  
dir. Michael McGowan  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



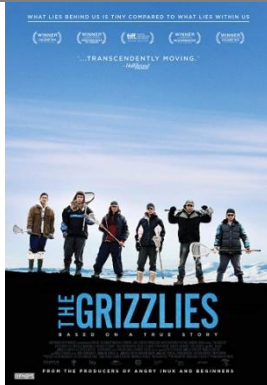
*Maps to the Stars* (2014),  
dir. David Cronenberg  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



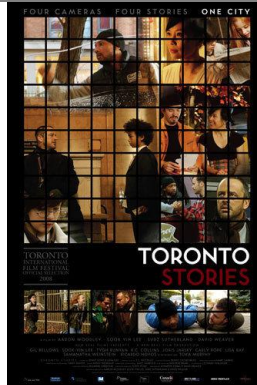
*Take this Waltz* (2011),  
dir. Sarah Polley  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



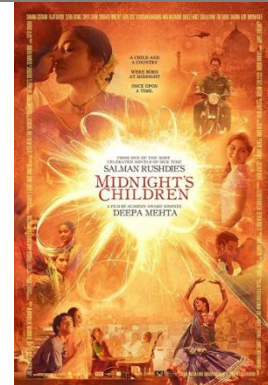
*Antigone* (2019),  
dir. Sophie Deraspe  
[\[Information Record\]](#)



*The Grizzlies* (2018),  
dir. Miranda de Pencier  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



*Toronto Stories* (2008),  
dir. Sook-Yin Lee; Sudz  
Sutherland, David Weaver &  
Woodley, Aaron  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)



*Midnight's Children* (2012),  
dir. Deepa Mehta  
[\[AV\]](#) [\[Film File\]](#)

## External Sources

Links to resources accessible outside of the Film Reference Library.

### Tips and Resources for Applying to Arts Grants

- [Toronto Arts Council - Top Ten Grant Writing Tips](#)
- [Artist Grant Proposal Writing Handbook. Brentwood Bay: First Peoples' Cultural Council](#)
- [OAC Grant Application Survival Guide. Toronto: Ontario Arts Council](#)
- [Guide to Getting a Grant. Ottawa: Canada Council for the Arts](#)
- ["Advice on Writing a Grant Proposal for the Professional Project Grants Program. Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council.](#)
- ["The ultimate Guide to Film Funding \(Updated 2019\)". indiefilmTO, 2018](#)
- ["Grant writing 101". The Future is You and Me.](#)



Links to recommended Film Funding Grants for filmmakers in Canada

Feature Film Grants:

- [Canada Media Fund](#)
- [Telefilm Canada – Canada Feature Film Fund](#)
- [National Film Board of Canada – Filmmaker Assistance Program](#)
- [BondIt / Screencraft Film Grant Fund](#)
- [Le Fonds Harold Greenberg Fund](#)
- [Rogers Documentary Fund](#)
- [Hot Docs Ted Rogers Fund](#)
- [CrossCurrents Canada Doc Fund](#)
- [Cinereach – Feature Film Grant](#)
- [Filmmakers Without Borders](#)

Links to recommended Arts and Media Funding Grants in Canada

- [Canada Council of the Arts Grants](#)
- [Bell Broadcast and New Media Fund](#)
- [Rogers Group of Funds](#)
- [The Independent Production Fund](#)
- [Shaw Rocket Fund](#)
- [Ontario Creates Funding](#)



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