Singapore Chinese Opera Research & Development Fund (CORD)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does CORD limit to Chinese Opera practitioners? Can individual apply?

CORD aims to promote and upgrade the local Chinese Opera (CO) scene. Any project with such objective may apply, whether it is in group work or individual.

2. Does CORD limit to Singaporeans? Can foreigners apply?

With regards to organisations, only local registered organisations and groups shall apply. For individuals, you must be a Singapore citizen or permanent resident in order to apply for this fund.

3. What areas do CORD support?

CORD supports Chinese Opera R&D in the following areas:

i)   Training: the training can be of CO skills, directorship or stage management. The training session shall open to all CO practitioners who are keen to upgrade themselves.

ii)   Research: any research on CO related topics including historical development, theories, techniques, etc. For research into historical development, local context is preferred.

iii)   Content Development: includes new play rights, music compositions and teaching/training materials. All works would be shared with local CO practitioners, and benefits should be made available to the CO scene at large.

4. Does CORD support performances?

No. CORD does not support any performances, whether be it ticketed or non-ticketed.

5. Does CORD support CO groups' operating expenses?

No. CORD does not support CO groups' operational costs.

6. Does project start before awarded of grant lose its eligibility?

Yes. Project started before grant is approved will lose its eligibility. However, the preparation/sourcing of information and marketing survey prior to the feasibility of the project do not fall within this timeframe, and thus will not render application disqualified.

7. What is the level of funding support?

It will depend on the nature of the project, but in principle, it is capped at 50% of the total expenditures.

8. **If the timeframe of the project is more than one year, do we need to re-apply yearly?**

No need. However, successful applicants need to report to Management Committee quarterly on the progress of the project with supporting documents/materials.

9. **Must all projects submitted in Chinese?**

For scripts, it shall be in the specific dialect of the CO genre or in Chinese. For research projects, there is no limitation to language, but preferably in Chinese or English for the benefit of majority fo the audiences/readers.

10. **How offen does CORD open for application annually?**

CORD is opened for application quarterly. For exact time frames of application, please refer to our website at www.coi.org.sg.

11. **How long is the assessment process?**

All applicants shall receive the notification of results within 2 months after submission. Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Offer, which indicates the terms and conditions of the grant and the quantum granted.

12. **If the project is terminated before completion, shall the applicant return all grant given?**

For projects unable to be completed or exceeded the granted time frame, quantum previously granted shall be returned to CORD. If the project is terminated due to unforeseen circumstances, the applicant may write in to appeal for waiver. The Management Committee will review such request on a case-by-case basis sighting necessary proof.

13. For further enquires, you may write in to CORD office at cord_apply@coi.org.sg.