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The MyDance Alliance Small Grants Programme

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The Small Grants Programme is an effort by MyDance Alliance to provide quick-response small grants of maximum RM1500, to support and promote dance in Malaysia.

Criteria

Malaysian dance makers who are resident in Malaysia and who are current MyDance Alliance members are invited to apply for grants from RM500 to RM1500 to support:

1. Dance projects in Malaysia, including workshops, performances, artistic development, advocacy, research and audience education events, that support and promote dance in Malaysia, and are open to the public or to MyDance Alliance members; OR
2. Airfare for local dance practitioners to attend international performance and professional development opportunities.

Please note that commercial dance activities will not be considered.

Applicants who have previously received a Small Grant may not apply again within 12 months of the previous successful application.

Calculating Grant Amounts

For help with travel to international projects, the minimum grant is RM500, and the maximum grant is 50% of flight fare or RM1500, whichever is lower.

Examples:

A dancer wants to attend an event in Thailand. The flight is only RM350. The minimum grant is still RM500. The remainder should be allocated to food, accommodation, etc.

A dancer wants to attend an event in Australia. The flight is RM2400. The maximum grant is RM1200.

A dancer wants to attend an event in France. The flight is RM5000. The maximum grant is RM1500.

Application Process:

Applications are rolling (continuous). Please refer to the MyDance Alliance website to see if the Small Grants are currently available.

To apply, email the following material to contact@mydancealliance.org with SMALL GRANT APPLICATION in the subject line:

1. Bio of applicant (250 words max)
2. Names, titles, and contact details of 2 referees. [No need to provide reference letters. Please note that the MyDance committee may contact your referees; please inform your referees to expect our call.]
3. Proposal (250 words max) – What, when, where, how, why are you going to do? How will this benefit you and your dance practice? How will this benefit the Malaysian dance community?
4. How much money are you requesting? What will the grant money be used for? (i.e. Requesting RM1500, to help cover cost of RM5000 airline ticket, OR RM500 to pay for 2 nights of accommodation for Penang dancers performing in KL.)

Grant applications must be received a minimum of 1 month (30 days) BEFORE the planned event / travel. Grants cannot be used retrospectively on projects which have already been completed.

Priority will be given to applicants proposing to attend competitive World Dance Alliance events. Other criteria for consideration include quality of impact, rareness of opportunity, potential of applicant to contribute to the Malaysian dance community, and diversity in terms of gender, geography, dance genre, age, status, ethnicity, etc.

All applications are processed on a case-by-case basis, and available funding is allocated first come, first served. Responses should be received within 2 weeks of point of contact.

Conditions of the Grant

Successful grant recipients should:

- Acknowledge MyDance Alliance as a supporter in publications, printed and electronic collateral, and promotional material in relation to the project.
- If the project is a local and ticketed, 2 comp tickets should be provided for MyDance Alliance, and discounts should be provided for MyDance Alliance members (50% discounts if price is RM50 or lower; for higher ticket prices, discounts should not be less than 20%).
- If the project is overseas training,
 - the recipient must provide a written report and photo(s) suitable for publication in *Langkah* (if contemporary dance), AND
 - organise a workshop OR a lecture demonstration / video screening / live report for local dance practitioners, sharing their new knowledge.

If these conditions are not fulfilled, MyDance Alliance reserves the right to:

- Request a refund up to the full amount of the grant (i.e. in cases when the applicant does not attend the event / carry out the project at all). Interest on the initial grant will apply in cases of late refunds.
- Blacklist the applicant from future grand rounds.