



The SOCAN Foundation ("The Foundation") is a separate organization from SOCAN. Founded in 1992, the Foundation is dedicated to fostering musical creativity and promoting a better understanding of the role of music creators in today's society.

The Foundation is an independent organization guided by its own board of directors. The board is comprised of composers, songwriters and music publishers from the concert and popular music genres as well as the geographic and linguistic regions of Canada.

Objectives of the SOCAN Foundation

1. To help create and sustain an environment in which composers, lyricists, songwriters and music publishers may be encouraged and educated;
2. To help create and expand opportunities for composers, lyricists, songwriters and music publishers to have their works performed;
3. To encourage an environment where the public has a better understanding of the value of music and copyright and its importance to the cultural and economic life of our society.

SOCAN Foundation Funding: Programs and Grants

The Foundation's programs, funded in part by income from an endowment, focus on publications, competitions, education initiatives, composer residencies, support for festivals and music industry associations, and distribution of concert music recordings to broadcasters outside Canada.

- Funding is generally intended for not-for-profit events and projects. The Foundation's programs are generally designed to support organizations rather than individuals, with a focus on projects that benefit a wide range of music creators. One exception is the International Showcasing Program.
- Grant decisions are made by the Foundation board, based on recommendations from special committees. The Foundation has limited funding with which to attempt to address the many requests that fall within its mandate. The granting programs and processes are reviewed and evaluated annually.

For more information on the SOCAN Foundation, and to see a complete listing of the programs and grants available, please go to www.socanfoundation.ca