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Grants awarded for September 15, 2021 Competition – Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists

November 30, 2021, Fredericton – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is pleased to announce that all applications submitted in the Equinox competition have been approved by a multidisciplinary jury of Indigenous artists. **\$ 40,000** has been awarded in this program for the September deadline.

The funds are distributed as follow:

Research and development

Garry Sanipass	Bouctouche First Nation	Visual arts	\$ 2,900
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Creation of New Work

Tallas Munro	Saint John (Indian Island First Nation)	Literary arts	\$ 3,000
Chase Pyres	Tobique First Nation	Music	\$ 2,500
Ashley Sanipass	Indian Island First Nation	Multidisciplinary arts	\$ 3,000
Allan Saulis	Tobique First Nation	Visual arts	\$ 3,000
Starlit Simon	Fredericton (Elsipogtog First Nation)	Visual arts	\$ 4,700

Connections

Tara Francis	Shediac (Elsipogtog First Nation)	Visual arts	\$ 4,700
Matthew Comeau	Kingsclear First Nation	Music	\$ 4,400
Brian Francis	Elsipogtog First Nation	Visual arts	\$ 3,000
Hubert Francis	Elsipogtog First Nation	Music	\$ 4,400
Mariah Sockabasin	Tobique First Nation	Craft	\$ 4,400

<i>Applications Submitted</i>	<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Success Rate</i>
11	11	100.0%

4 out of 11 awardees (36.3 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

Thanks to the efforts of Corrina Merasty (Wapisiw), Indigenous Outreach Officer at artsnb, the Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists is gaining in popularity; this program now has two annual deadlines.

Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists

The Equinox program supports Indigenous artists, curators, and groups to engage in artistic creation and professional development. Eligible projects can range from (1) research and development for the creation of new works, (2) creation and presentation of artistic work, and (3) activities that support and strengthen the Indigenous arts community. For more information on this program, visit [artsnb's website](#).

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The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province. Most of the funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

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