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**Program updates: project initiation following application submission, an additional annual deadline for the Equinox Program, and extended application period for the Access Support Program**

*July 14, 2021 (Fredericton)* – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is pleased to announce 3 program updates:

- An update pertaining to the start of projects following application submission to some of artsnb programs;
- An additional program deadline to the Equinox Program for Indigenous artists and;
- An extended application period for the Access Support Program.

**Project initiation following application submission for the Creation, Documentation, Arts Infrastructure and Equinox Programs**

To account for artists' workflow and following best practices at the Canada Council for the Arts and other provincial arts Boards in Canada, effective immediately, artists no longer have to wait before the application deadline for the Creation, Documentation, Arts Infrastructure Grant for New and Emerging artists and Equinox Programs before starting their project; artists can now start their project anytime after they have submitted their application.

The Creation, Documentation, Arts Infrastructure and Equinox Programs deadlines remain the same, and the competition results will continue to be available within 3 months following the programs deadlines. Artists who have decided to submit their application before the program deadline must be aware that artsnb does not guarantee funding; their application will undergo the regular assessment process following the posted deadline. Furthermore, artists who choose to submit their application before the program deadline are strongly encouraged to contact the Program Officer to make sure their project is eligible and their application complete.

**Additional annual deadline for the Equinox Program**

Because of the high demand to the Equinox Program for Indigenous artists and to foster the creation of new work by these artists, artsnb has added a deadline to this program, which now has two deadlines per year: September 15 and March 15.

**Extended application period for the Access Support Program**

To provide New Brunswick artists with more equitable access to artsnb funding opportunities, artsnb is happy to announce that, effective immediately, the application period to the Access support program has been extended to 90 days following the deadline for the associated grant program.

The Accessibility and Equity Programs provide New Brunswick artists with more equitable access to artsnb grant programs. They offer additional financial support to individuals who identify specific barriers to carrying out their proposed activities, or within the application process itself. Learn more about artsnb Accessibility and Equity Programs [here](#).

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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.*

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