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**Grants awarded for March 15, 2022 Competition – Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists**

*May 18, 2022, Fredericton* – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of the March 15, 2022 competition for the Equinox Program. A total of **eight (8)** grants were awarded, amounting to **\$ 37,877**. The funds are distributed as follow:

**Research and Development**

James Elliott	Woodstock First Nation	Craft	\$5,000
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**Creation of New Work**

Mel Beaulieu	Fredericton	Multidisciplinary arts	\$5,000
Matthew Comeau	Kingsclear First Nation	Music	\$5,000
Tristan Grant	Pabineau First Nation	Music	\$5,000
Jolene Robichaud	Moncton	Craft	\$3,215
Elizabeth Sappier	Fredericton	Craft	\$5,000

**Connections**

E. Quinn Bonnell	Fredericton	Music	\$4,740
Blake Francis	Eel Ground First Nation	Music	\$4,922

<i>Applications Submitted</i>	<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Success Rate</i>
13	8	61.5%

*5 out of 8 awardees (62.5 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.*

Thanks to the efforts of Corrina Merasty (Wapisiw), artsnb Indigenous Outreach Officer, the Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists is gaining in popularity; this program now has two annual deadlines, September 15 and March 15.

**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](#).



*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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