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Grants awarded for September 15, 2025 Deadline – Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists

Fredericton, November 5, 2025 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of the September 15, 2025 deadline for the Equinox Program for Indigenous Artists. **Eleven (11)** grants were awarded by a jury composed of professional Indigenous artists, totaling **\$100,006.65**.

The **Equinox** program supports Indigenous artists, curators, collectives and groups to engage in artistic creation, professional development, and capacity building. For more information on this program, visit artsnb's [website](#).

The following artists have been awarded grants in this program:

Creation of New Work

Audrey Arsenault	Fredericton	Craft	\$10,000.00
Asha Bear	Neqotkuk	Media Arts	\$10,000.00
Melcolm Beaulieu	Fredericton	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$10,000.00
Emma Hassencahl-Perley	Neqotkuk	Visual Arts	\$10,000.00
Ann Paul	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$7,455.00
John Thornton	Bloomfield	Media Arts	\$8,000.00
Dylan Ward	Fredericton	Music	\$9,050.00
Sgoagani Wecenisqon	Esgenoôpetitj	Craft	\$8,000.00
Oakley Wysote Gray	Listuguj	Craft	\$9,876.65

Connections

Willow Francis	Esgenoôpetitj	Craft	\$7,625.00
Ramona Solomon	Bilijk	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$10,000.00

Results Highlights

<u>Applications Evaluated</u> 20	<u>Grants Awarded</u> 11	<u>Success Rate</u> 55.0%
<u>Total Amount Requested</u> \$187,764.41	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u> \$100,006.65	<u>Rate Funded</u> 53.3%

3 out of 11 recipients (27.3%) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

The number of applications evaluated per discipline for this program deadline are as follows: 0 in architecture, 6 in craft, 0 in dance, 2 in literary arts, 2 in media arts, 6 in multidisciplinary arts, 2 in music, 0 in theatre, and 2 in visual arts.

Additional information is available on the distribution of grants per artistic discipline for this deadline [here](#).

The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and



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promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province.

Funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. The department also provides additional funding to the Artist in Residence program, as a response to the recommendations from the report of Premier's Task Force on the Status of the Artist.

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