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Grants awarded for April 30, 2026 Deadline – Operational Support program

Fredericton, August 4, 2026 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of the inaugural April 30, 2026 deadline for the Operational Support program. **Fifty-five (55)** grants were awarded by a jury composed of arts professionals, totaling **\$3,295,000.00**.

As of April 2026, the Operational Support program is administered by artsnb and replaces the previous Core Support program administered by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture (THC).

The remodeled Operational Support program is designed to help not-for-profit arts & culture organizations fulfill their mandates more effectively and assist with costs such as the administration, creation, production and presentation of art, arts & cultural programming and services.

A professional arts and culture organization is one which is mandated to:

- produce or present work by professional artists,
- present programs facilitated by professional artists,
- and/or provide services intended for professional artists.

The Operational Support program is a 3-year funding cycle, with this current cycle covering financial years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029. When an organization receives funding, the recommended grant amount will be paid each year of the funding cycle, depending on provincial budget allocations and approval of the organization's yearly funding reports.

In their application, organizations were required to select a budget category that was dependent on their Total Operating Revenue (TOR). The maximum amount that an organization could request was based on their TOR and budget category.

To learn more about the Operational Support program, including detailed program guidelines and information on the funding structure, you can visit [the artsnb website](https://www.artsnb.ca).

Category: Community Cultural Centre

Organizations that applied in this category own or manage a facility and have a primary mandate centered on management of arts and cultural programming; and receive municipal support (financial, in-kind, infrastructure, administrative support).

The following organizations have been awarded grants in this category:

AX, the Arts and Culture Centre of Sussex	Sussex	\$ 58,000.00
Centre culturel Aberdeen	Moncton	\$ 120,000.00
Centre des arts d'Edmundston	Edmundston	\$ 75,000.00
Centre des arts et de la culture de Dieppe	Dieppe	\$ 85,000.00
Charlotte Street Arts Centre	Fredericton	\$ 58,000.00
Fredericton Playhouse	Fredericton	\$ 50,000.00
Groupe ÉVENCIA	Caraquet	\$ 80,000.00



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Imperial Theatre	Saint John	\$ 50,000.00
Saint John Arts Centre	Saint John	\$ 75,000.00
Société culturelle de Memramcook	Memramcook	\$ 30,000.00
Société culturelle des Tracadilles	Tracadie	\$ 56,000.00
Société culturelle Kent-Sud	Bouctouche	\$ 56,000.00
Sunbury Shores Arts & Nature Centre	Saint Andrews	\$ 58,000.00
The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery	Florenceville-Bristol	\$ 58,000.00

Category : Production/Presentation

Organizations that applied in this category have a primary mandate to produce creative work and deliver cultural programming to New Brunswick communities and, where appropriate, to outside markets.

The following organizations have been awarded grants in this category:

Atelier d'estampe Imago	Moncton	\$ 45,750.00
Capital Arts Support	Fredericton	\$ 30,000.00
Centre d'artistes La Constellation bleue	Caraquet	\$ 29,638.00
Chœur Louisbourg	Moncton	\$ 23,000.00
Connection Dance Works	Saint John	\$ 21,735.00
Connexion ARC	Fredericton	\$ 16,275.00
Coopérative Air au cube	Bas-Caraquet	\$ 18,000.00
Danse En l'Air	Memramcook	\$ 18,000.00
Debut Atlantic	Head of St. Margaret's Bay**	\$ 10,000.00
Festival Frye Festival	Moncton	\$ 75,000.00
Film Zone	Moncton	\$ 90,000.00
Galerie d'art Louise-et-Reuben-Cohen	Moncton	\$ 60,000.00
Galerie Sans Nom	Moncton	\$ 50,000.00
Improvisation Nouveau-Brunswick	Moncton	\$ 30,000.00
Jeunesses Musicales Nouveau-Brunswick	Dalhousie Junction	\$ 17,500.00
Kingsbrae International Residence for the Arts & Amphitheater	Saint Andrews	\$ 45,000.00
Les Productions DansEncorps	Moncton	\$ 75,000.00
New Brunswick Youth Orchestra	Moncton	\$ 79,000.00
New Brunswick Filmmakers' Co-op	Fredericton	\$ 60,000.00
Owens Art Gallery	Sackville	\$ 80,000.00
Projet Borgitte	Cap-Pelé	\$ 37,000.00
Revue Ancrages	Moncton	\$ 16,350.00
Satellite Théâtre	Moncton	\$ 65,000.00
Solo Chicken Productions	Fredericton	\$ 65,000.00
Struts Gallery	Sackville	\$ 75,000.00
The Saint John Theatre Company	Saint John	\$ 101,000.00
Théâtre Capitol Theatre	Moncton	\$ 50,000.00
Ventus Machina Productions	Dieppe	\$ 16,000.00

Category: Service-Based Organizations



Organizations that applied in this category have a primary mandate to provide services, learning opportunities, promotion, and support for professional artists and arts organizations.

The following organizations have been awarded grants in this category:

ArtsLink NB	Saint John	\$ 125,000.00*
Association acadienne des artistes professionnel.le.s du NB	Moncton	\$ 125,000.00*
Atlantic Presenters Association	Bathurst	\$ 50,000.00
Conseil provincial des sociétés culturelles	Moncton	\$ 60,000.00
Craft NB / Métiers d'art NB	Fredericton	\$ 75,000.00
Mawi'Art: Wabanaki Artist Collective	Fredericton	\$ 205,000.00*
Music/MusiqueNB	Moncton	\$ 150,000.00
New Brunswick Choral Federation	Saint John	\$ 15,781.00
New Brunswick Federation of Music Festivals	Somerville	\$ 30,845.00
Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre	Halifax**	\$ 15,072.00
RADARTS	Tracadie-Sheila	\$ 159,000.00
The Writers' Federation of New Brunswick	Moncton	\$ 39,000.00
Third Space Gallery	Saint John	\$ 37,054.00

*As ArtsLink NB, Association acadienne des artistes professionnel.le.s du Nouveau-Brunswick, and Mawi'Art: Wabanaki Artist Collective have been identified in regulation 2025-47 under the [Status of the Artist Act](#) as the three New Brunswick Lead Artists' Associations for accreditation as a professional artist, the Operational Support grant for those organizations includes an additional \$25,000 to assist with accreditation-related costs.

**As indicated in the [program guidelines](#), professional arts organizations based outside of New Brunswick with pan-Atlantic mandates that serve New Brunswickers were eligible to apply to the Operational Support program to offset a portion of their costs.

Results Highlights

<u>Applications Evaluated</u> 55	<u>Grants Awarded</u> 55	<u>Success Rate</u> 100%
<u>Total Amount Requested</u> \$4,981,976.00	<u>Total Amount Awarded</u> \$3,295,000.00	<u>Rate Funded</u> 66.1%

13 out of 55 recipients (23.6%) had not received a Core Support grant in the last cycle from the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

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. Funding for the Operational Support program is provided by the Government of New Brunswick.

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