



Guide to arts project and operating funding and deadlines

We are committed to building a strong and valued arts sector that benefits all NWT residents. This funding aims to provide financial and developmental support to artists, craftspeople, and arts organizations to foster the growth of the arts sector across the territory.

Funding for emerging to mid-career artists, craftspeople, small groups

Small Arts Project Grant

Up to \$5,000 per intake

Covers costs for small-scale arts projects (e.g., traditional apparel, paintings) such as art supplies (e.g., beads, thread, furs, etc.), education, training, and artistic development.

Deadlines: February 28 and August 31

Learn more:

www.ece.gov.nt.ca/small-arts-project-grant

Funding for mid-career to established artists and craftspeople

Medium Arts Project Grants

Up to \$10,000 per intake

Covers costs for the completion and exhibition of medium-scale art projects and events (e.g., collection of work such as paintings, exhibition support), education, training, and artistic development.

Deadlines: February 28 and August 31

Learn more:

www.ece.gov.nt.ca/medium-arts-project-grant

Funding for non-arts organizations that support the arts

Medium Arts Project Grants

Up to \$10,000 per intake

Covers costs related to the completion and exhibition of medium-scale art projects and events, such as small arts festivals in communities, hosting community arts events such as workshops and training.

Deadlines: February 28 and August 31

Learn more:

www.ece.gov.nt.ca/medium-arts-project-grant

Funding for arts organizations

Medium Arts Project Grants

Up to \$10,000 per intake

Covers costs related to supporting artists and grassroots organizations with the creation and exhibition of medium-scale art projects, coordinating arts events, hosting education opportunities for artists such as workshops, training, mentorship, etc., and providing artistic development opportunities such as residencies to artists, etc.

Deadlines: February 28 and August 31

Learn more:

www.ece.gov.nt.ca/medium-arts-project-grant

Large Arts Project Fund

Up to \$100,000 per year

Covers costs related to the execution of large-scale arts projects and events (e.g., festivals) such as paying coordinators, northern artists fees, venue and equipment rentals, material and supplies costs.

Deadlines: January 31 and July 31

Learn more:

www.ece.gov.nt.ca/large-arts-project-fund

Arts Operating Fund

Up to \$200,000 per year

Supports arts organizations with fixed costs for staffing, program administration, costs related to operating galleries, makerspaces, arts-related infrastructure (e.g., art spaces).

Deadline: January 31

Learn more: www.ece.gov.nt.ca/arts-operating-fund

View a [full list](#) of arts and culture funding.