



DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, LANGUAGE, ELDER AND YOUTH  
**ARTS COUNCIL POLICY**

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The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth supports and encourages the continued development of the arts in Nunavut.

**1. This Policy is based on the following principles:**

- a) The Department is committed to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit concepts of Pijitsirniq (to serve), Angiqatigiiniq (arriving at a decision through discussion), and Piliriqatigiiniq (working together).
- b) The Department will support the Nunavut Arts Council in their efforts to develop and promote the arts in Nunavut.
- c) The Department will work in close cooperation with the Nunavut Social Development Council as described in Article 32 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

**2. Application**

Under the authority of this Policy, the Government of Nunavut approves the establishment of an arms-length Nunavut Arts Council.

**3. Authority and accountability**

- a) This Policy is issued under the authority of the Executive Council with the authority to make exceptions and approve revisions to the Policy.
- b) The Minister of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is accountable to the Executive Council for the implementation of this Policy.
- c) The Deputy Minister of the Department is accountable to the Minister for the implementation of this Policy.

**4. Procedures**

The mandate of the Nunavut Arts Council is the promotion of the arts in Nunavut:

### **Establishment of the Nunavut Arts Council**

- a) The Minister of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth will appoint members to the Nunavut Arts Council.
- b) The Council shall be comprised of five members, from which the Minister shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson.
- c) One member of the Nunavut Arts Council shall be appointed from the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association.
- d) The Nunavut Arts Council shall hold no more than two meetings per fiscal year. The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth will pay all costs associated with holding these meetings.
- e) The members of the Nunavut Arts Council shall serve without remuneration, other than reasonable traveling and living expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Council.

### **Support for the Arts**

- f) Each fiscal year, the Legislative Assembly approves a contribution budget that provides financial support for the arts in Nunavut.
- g) After the Legislative Assembly approves the contribution budget, the department will advertise for proposals that endeavor to support the arts in Nunavut.
- h) A working group evaluates the funding proposals that are submitted, based on evaluation criteria and limits established in the department's grants and contributions policy. The Working Group subsequently makes recommendations to the Deputy Minister, with regard to approving or rejecting the funding proposals.
- i) The Deputy Minister awards contributions based on the recommendations of the working group.
- j) The Director of the Culture and Heritage Division chairs the working group, which is comprised of at least two members of the Nunavut Arts Council.

### **5. Eligibility**

Eligibility under this Policy is restricted to the Nunavut Arts Council, and artists and performers in Nunavut that seek financial support.

### **3. Financial Conditions**

All provisions contained in the *Financial Administration Act* and the Government of Nunavut's Financial Administration Manual shall apply to the Nunavut Arts Council.

### **4. Prerogative of Executive Council**

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take action respecting the provisions of this Policy.