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Funding to artists and
arts organizations in the
Northwest Territories, 2006-07**

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1.0 Overview of Canada Council funding to Northwest Territories in 2006-07

- In 2006-07, the Canada Council for the Arts provided grants totalling \$214,045 to the arts in Northwest Territories.
- In addition to grants, \$4,105 in payments was provided to six authors through the Public Lending Right Program in 2006-07.¹ This brings the total amount of funding to the Northwest Territories to \$218,150.
- The Council distributed \$57,200 in funds to six artists and \$156,845 to seven Northwest Territories arts organizations in 2006-07.
- Grants were awarded to artists and arts organizations in the Northwest Territories in music, media arts, visual arts, writing and publishing, and interdisciplinary art, as well as through the Aboriginal Arts Secretariat. In 2006-07, the largest amount of funding went to writing and publishing (\$52,545), followed by music (\$22,500) and media arts (\$20,000).
- 26 applications from Northwest Territories artists and arts organizations were submitted to Council in 2006-07, representing 0.2% of the total number of received applications.
- Funding to artists and arts organizations in Yellowknife totaled \$101,700 comprising 47.5% of the total funding going to Northwest Territories. In 2006-07, Fort Simpson received \$49,000, representing 22.9% of total funding, Inuvik received \$35,800 in funds (16.7%) and Fort Smith received \$27,545 in funds (12.9%).
- In 2006-07, Northwest Territories artists received 0.3% of Canada Council funding to artists, and Northwest Territories arts organizations received 0.1% of the funding to arts organizations. In total, Northwest Territories artists and arts organizations received 0.15% of Canada Council funding. In comparison, the Northwest Territories makes up 0.13% of the total population of Canada,² and 0.1% of Canadian artists.³
- One artist from Northwest Territories served as peer assessors in 2006-07, comprising 0.1% of all peer assessors.

¹ The Public Lending Right Program provides payments to authors whose books are held in selected Canadian public libraries.

² "Artists in Canada's Provinces, Territories and Metropolitan Areas, A Statistical Analysis Based on the 2001 Census," Oct. 2004, Hill Strategies Research Inc., *Statistical Insights on the Arts*, <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/publications_e/research/art_cult_hr/hm12742770317789375.htm>.

³ "Artists in Canada's Provinces, Territories and Metropolitan Areas, A Statistical Analysis Based on the 2001 Census," Hill Strategies Research Inc., *Statistical Insights on the Arts*, Vol. 3 No. 2, Oct. 2004.

2.0 Statistical highlights about the arts in Northwest Territories

- Close to \$42 million was spent on culture by all levels of government in the Northwest Territories in 2003-2004. Per capita cultural spending ranks first among provinces/territories in terms of the federal contribution (\$722) and second in terms of the provincial/territorial investment (\$228).⁴
- In 2001, the highest concentration of Aboriginal artists occurs in Canada's three territories. Combined, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are home to close to 400 Aboriginal artists, 54% of the total number of artists in the territories (nearly 700).⁵

⁴ "Data Tables: Government Expenditures on Culture, by Level of Government and Province or Territory, Canada, 2003-2004," Oct. 2005, [Statistics Canada: Canada's National Statistical Agency](http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/87F0001XIE/87F0001XIE2006001.htm), <<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/87F0001XIE/87F0001XIE2006001.htm>>.

⁵ "Diversity in Canada's Arts Labour Force, An Analysis of 2001 Census Data," [Hill Strategies Research Inc.](#), [Statistical Insights on the Arts](#), Vol. 3 No. 3, Feb. 2005.

3.0 Highlights of Canada Council grants to Northwest Territories artists and arts organizations

Arts organizations

The Canada Council supports the work of arts organizations. In 2006-07, some of the Northwest Territories arts organizations that received funding were:

Organization	Community	Total funding
Folk on the Rocks Music Festival	YELLOWKNIFE	\$12,500
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	INUVIK	\$17,800
Mary Kaeser Library	FORT SMITH	\$7,545
Native Communications Society of the NWT	YELLOWKNIFE	\$30,000
NWT Cree Language Program	FORT SMITH	\$20,000
Open Sky Creative Society	FORT SIMPSON	\$49,000
WAMP Co-op	YELLOWKNIFE	\$20,000

Examples of Canada Council funding in Northwest Territories⁶

The Canada Council supports the endeavours of professional artists and arts organizations through its programs. The following selection illustrates the scope of the activities supported by the Canada Council in Northwest Territories.

A total of **\$17,800** in Canada Council funds was awarded to the **Inuvialuit Regional Corporation** through the **Elder/Youth Legacy Program: Support for Aboriginal Artistic Practices** pilot program in 2006-07. Community Elder and active printmaker **Mabel Nigiyok** will teach the three-month long workshop at the **Katimavik Language and Cultural Centre** in Ulukhaktok. The participants will listen to tape recordings of traditional stories told by Elders, then learn to take images from the stories, transfer them into illustration and turn them into prints. Through the workshops, **Nigiyok** hopes to pass on the art of printmaking from one generation to the next, thus keeping the tradition alive.

Dene artist **Antoine Mountain** of Yellowknife received his first grant of **\$1,200** through the **Aboriginal Peoples Collaborative Exchange Travel Grants** program to attend and participate in the North Residency at the Banff Centre in 2007. During the residency, **Mountain** collaborated with Haida Gwaii story teller Roberta Kennedy to create ***Eagle and Raven Fighting Over the Light***, a painting which pays homage to the origins of an ancient legend. Of the painting **Mountain** wrote: "I have intentionally kept my painting style very graphic rendering an almost crayon-like surface, to appeal to the children of the future who will view this work and listen to the story it depicts."

⁶ Unless otherwise indicated, project descriptions and quotations are drawn from documents in the grant application.

Paul Fortin of Inuvik received a grant of **\$15,500** through the **Visual Arts** section to complete a residency at **Caribbean Contemporary Arts (CCA)** in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. During his residency, from November 10, 2006 to January 5, 2007, **Fortin** created installations that develop relationships between architectural form, natural environments and common materials. While living and working with four artists from Latin America and China, **Fortin** was able to travel and develop an exhibition at the **CCA's** Inter-Americas Gallery in which he exhibited the large installation work entitled ***Boca del Drago/Boca del Sierpe*** that he created during his residency.

The **Mary Kaeser Library** in Fort Smith received a **\$7,545** grant through the **Literary Readings and Festivals** program to host a reading series that will travel to several communities in the Northwest Territories. From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, **Dan Yashinsky, Joseph Boyden, Jacqueline Guest** and **Margriet Ruurs** will give public readings at four different libraries. The authors will also work with community organizations to conduct school visits, workshops and other performances.

Métis (Tso'Tine-Polish) artist, author and researcher **Bren (Brenda) Kolson** from Yellowknife was the recipient of a **\$5,000** grant through the **Grants to Aboriginal Writers, Storytellers and Publishers** program in 2006-07. With this grant **Kolson** will complete and edit her book entitled ***Snuff Bag MacEar and Bold Shiver Souls***. **Kolson** writes that her book is based on her life experiences but is also part fiction and "comprises a series of short stories as told by a Métis child." Additional characters will be inter-woven throughout the book to frame its format and unify the text.

Fort Smith's **NWT Cree Language Program** received its first grant from the **Grants to Aboriginal Writers, Storytellers and Publishers** program in the amount of **\$20,000** to assist in the development of a series of five books entitled ***Pi's Adventures*** in 2006-07. The life and adventures of Pi Kennedy, a well-known young Métis trapper in the Northwest Territories, will be published in Cree and English. The series will facilitate passing on Pi's vast knowledge, as he has always wished he had children to teach about living on the land. The books, designed for pre-school children, will explore elements of touch and feel, illustrations, search and find, and include short stories.

In 2006-07 Yellowknife's **Western Arctic Moving Pictures (WAMP) Co-op** was awarded two grants from the **Media Arts** section totalling **\$20,000** for equipment acquisition and operating assistance. With these funds **WAMP** plans to purchase various software and hardware including a miniDVD camera, a lighting kit and an external hard drive. Operational initiatives include streamlining fundraising activities, writing and implementing policies and developing the media arts community in Yellowknife. **WAMP's** mission is: "to promote, encourage, support and showcase the production of independent film, video, audio and digital media with the social, cultural and artistic community of the Northwest Territories."

4.0 Overall arts and culture funding in Northwest Territories by all three levels of government⁷

- Arts and culture funding to the Northwest Territories from all three levels of government stood at \$42.0 million in 2003-04 (the latest year of overall data from Statistics Canada).
- Federal funding made up the largest share at 73% (\$30.5 million) with another 23% (\$9.6 million) coming from provincial sources. The remaining 4% (\$1.9 million) of total government expenditures to the Northwest Territories came from municipal sources.
- Federal government cultural funding to the Northwest Territories, totalling \$30.5 million, is primarily concentrated (96%) in two areas – broadcasting and heritage resources (historic parks/sites and nature/provincial parks). The remaining 4% of funding (\$1.2 million) is allocated to areas including performing arts (\$754,000), multidisciplinary arts (\$196,000) and literary arts (\$76,000). In the comparable year (2003-04), Canada Council funding accounted for 0.4% of all federal cultural spending in the Northwest Territories.
- Between 1999-00 and 2003-04, federal cultural spending in the Northwest Territories decreased from \$36 million to \$30.5 million (a decrease of 14%). During the same period, Canada Council funding to the Northwest Territories increased from \$97,900 to \$157,665.
- The largest part of provincial government funding is concentrated in three areas – heritage resources, libraries, and broadcasting (94% or \$9.0 million). However, funding is also allocated by the provincial government to multidisciplinary arts (\$559,000) and performing arts (\$61,000).

⁷ Source:

"Data Tables: Government Expenditures on Culture, by Level of Government and Province or Territory, Canada, 2003-2004," Oct. 2005, [Statistics Canada: Canada's National Statistical Agency](http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/87F0001XIE/87F0001XIE2006001.htm), <<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/87F0001XIE/87F0001XIE2006001.htm>>.

Table 1: Government expenditures on culture, to Northwest Territories, 2003-04

(in thousands of dollars)

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal	Total
Libraries	\$7	\$2,033	\$1,629	\$3,669
Heritage Resources	\$15,210	\$5,431	\$222	\$20,863
Arts Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Literary Arts	\$76	\$0	\$0	\$76
Performing Arts	\$754	\$61	\$0	\$815
Visual Arts and Crafts	\$33	\$0	\$0	\$33
Film and Video	\$37	\$0	\$0	\$37
Broadcasting	\$14,100	\$1,535	\$0	\$15,635
Sound Recording	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Multiculturalism	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$58
Multidisciplinary ¹	\$196	\$559	\$0	\$755
Other	\$0	\$0	\$70	\$70
Total	\$30,471	\$9,619	\$1,921	\$42,011

¹ Includes funding given to cultural facilities, centres, festivals, municipalities, cultural exchange programs and other activities.

Table 2: Government expenditures on culture, to all provinces and territories, 2003-04

(in thousands of dollars)

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal	Total
Libraries	\$43,289	\$855,995	\$1,479,505	\$2,378,789
Heritage Resources	\$937,218	\$556,973	\$107,299	\$1,601,490
Arts Education	\$18,263	\$74,915	\$0	\$93,178
Literary Arts	\$162,144	\$19,396	\$0	\$181,540
Performing Arts	\$184,503	\$179,058	\$15,111	\$378,672
Visual arts and Crafts	\$23,226	\$47,075	\$0	\$70,301
Film and Video	\$386,183	\$80,676	\$0	\$466,859
Broadcasting	\$1,605,488	\$191,601	\$0	\$1,797,089
Sound Recording	\$28,507	\$6,898	\$0	\$35,405
Multiculturalism	\$14,317	\$22,987	\$0	\$37,304
Other	\$96,430	\$164,494	\$405,125	\$666,049
Total	\$3,499,568	\$2,200,068	\$2,007,040	\$7,706,676

**Table 3: Government expenditures on culture \$ per capita
by province and territory, 2003-04¹**

(in dollars)

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal	Total
Canada	\$111	\$69	\$63	\$243
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$87	\$75	\$23	\$185
Prince Edward Island	\$139	\$86	\$20	\$245
Nova Scotia	\$125	\$61	\$37	\$223
New Brunswick	\$75	\$69	\$32	\$176
Quebec	\$156	\$97	\$56	\$309
Ontario	\$119	\$51	\$72	\$242
Manitoba	\$73	\$96	\$56	\$225
Saskatchewan	\$46	\$88	\$73	\$207
Alberta	\$48	\$63	\$59	\$170
British Columbia	\$49	\$64	\$75	\$188
Yukon	\$537	\$418	\$22	\$977
Northwest Territories	\$722	\$228	\$44	\$994
Nunavut	\$382	n/a	\$5	\$387

¹ Includes funding to libraries, heritage resources (museums, historic parks and sites, nature and provincial parks), arts education, literary arts, performing arts, visual arts and crafts, film and video, broadcasting, sound recording, multidisciplinary and other activities.

5.0 Detailed tables of Canada Council funding to Northwest Territories

Canada Council for the Arts funding to Northwest Territories

- From 1999-00 to 2006-07, Canada Council funding to the Northwest Territories increased, rising from \$97,900 to \$214,045, a significant increase of 118.64%. The funding in the last three fiscal years varied very much, going from an increase of 51% in 2003-04, to a decrease of 37% in 2004-05, to an increase of 87% in 2005-06, and to an increase of 16% in 2006-07.
- Grants to the Northwest Territories as a percentage of total Canada Council funding has remained the same as last year at 0.15%.

**Table 4: Canada Council grants to Northwest Territories and
Canada Council total grants, 1999-00 to 2006-07**

Fiscal year	Grant \$ to Northwest Territories	Canada Council total grant \$	Northwest Territories as % of total
1999-00	\$97,900	\$103,008,149	0.10%
2000-01	\$99,200	\$105,051,989	0.09%
2001-02	\$100,080	\$123,777,539	0.08%
2002-03	\$104,550	\$129,467,062	0.08%
2003-04	\$157,665	\$125,957,452	0.13%
2004-05	\$98,700	\$121,455,742	0.08%
2005-06	\$184,540	\$120,519,422	0.15%
2006-07	\$214,045	\$140,838,547	0.15%
% Change	118.64%	36.73%	

**Table 5: Canada Council grants to Northwest Territories
by discipline, 2006-07**

(in dollars)

Discipline	Artists	Arts organizations	Total
Aboriginal Arts	\$4,200	\$77,800	\$82,000
Audience and Market Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Director of the Arts Division	\$0	\$0	\$0
Endowments & Prizes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equity	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inter-Arts	\$0	\$19,000	\$19,000
Media Arts	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Music	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$22,500
Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0
Theatre	\$0	\$0	\$0
Visual Arts	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
Writing and Publishing	\$25,000	\$27,545	\$52,545
Total grants to Northwest Territories	\$57,200	\$156,845	\$214,045
Total Canada Council grants	\$21,160,704	\$119,677,843	\$140,838,547
Grants to Northwest Territories as a % of total Canada Council grants	0.27%	0.13%	0.15%

Grant applications from Northwest Territories

- Since 1999-00 the total number of grant applications from Northwest Territories artists and arts organizations decreased from 34 in 1999-00 to 26 in 2006-07, a decrease of 23.53%. However, the number of grant applications has varied a lot during that period, when the average was 27. The Northwest Territories' percentage share of grant applications has varied between 0.10% and 0.23%. In 2006-07, the share of grant applications from the Northwest Territories to the Canada Council is slightly higher than both its share of population and share of artists – see Table 7.

Table 6: Grant applications to the Canada Council from Northwest Territories and total grant applications to the Canada Council, 1999-00 to 2006-07

Fiscal year	Grant applications from Northwest Territories	Total Canada Council grant applications	Northwest Territories as % of total
1999-00	34	14,939	0.23%
2000-01	18	13,526	0.13%
2001-02	19	14,586	0.13%
2002-03	16	15,592	0.10%
2003-04	35	16,085	0.22%
2004-05	37	16,572	0.22%
2005-06	28	15,831	0.18%
2006-07	26	15,663	0.17%
% Change	-23.53%	4.85%	

These numbers include applications not assessed, deemed ineligible or transferred to another program.

Northwest Territories – Various comparisons with other provinces⁸

- The Northwest Territories ranks fifth in terms of its level of Canada Council funding on a per capita basis per province at \$5.16. The Northwest Territories is last in terms of its share of funding. The Northwest Territories' share of funding is slightly lower than its percentage share of grant applications but is slightly higher than both its share of population and share of artists.

Table 7: Northwest Territories – various comparisons with other provinces, 2006-07					
Province or territory	per capita Canada Council Grant	% share of funding	% share of Canada Council grant applications	% share of population	% share of artists
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$3.35	1.20%	1.31%	1.60%	1.10%
Prince Edward Island	\$2.14	0.21%	0.27%	0.43%	0.40%
Nova Scotia	\$4.22	2.74%	2.96%	2.89%	2.70%
New Brunswick	\$2.89	1.50%	2.00%	2.31%	1.40%
Quebec	\$5.90	31.61%	34.07%	23.87%	21.10%
Ontario	\$3.91	33.75%	29.51%	38.47%	40.20%
Manitoba	\$5.67	4.62%	2.83%	3.63%	3.00%
Saskatchewan	\$3.37	2.32%	1.98%	3.06%	2.30%
Alberta	\$2.69	6.29%	5.68%	10.41%	8.90%
British Columbia	\$4.79	13.98%	15.30%	13.01%	18.40%
Yukon	\$19.17	0.41%	0.55%	0.10%	0.20%
Northwest Territories	\$5.16	0.15%	0.17%	0.13%	0.10%
Nunavut	\$14.30	0.30%	0.21%	0.09%	0.20%
Other	...	0.92%	3.17%
Total	(Mean: \$4.46)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

⁸ Sources:

"Population and Dwelling Counts, for Canada Provinces and Territories, 2006 and 2001 Censuses - 100% Data," 13 Mar. 2007, [Statistics Canada: Canada's National Statistical Agency](http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/popdwel/Table.cfm?T=101), <<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/popdwel/Table.cfm?T=101>>.

"Artists in Canada's Provinces, Territories and Metropolitan Areas, A Statistical Analysis Based on the 2001 Census," [Hill Strategies Research Inc., Statistical Insights on the Arts](#), Vol. 3 No. 2, Oct. 2004.

**Table 8: Grant funding by community,
Northwest Territories, 2006-07**

Community	Amount
FORT SIMPSON	\$49,000
FORT SMITH	\$27,545
INUVIK	\$35,800
YELLOWKNIFE	\$101,700
Total – Northwest Territories	\$214,045
Total – Canada	\$140,838,547
Grants to Northwest Territories as a % of total Canada Council funding	0.15%

**Table 9: Detailed list of grants to individual artists
in Northwest Territories, 2006-07⁹**

Name	Community	Amount
Aboriginal Arts		
Kennedy, Roberta	YELLOWKNIFE	\$3,000
Mountain, Antoine	YELLOWKNIFE	\$1,200
Music		
Gilday, Leela	YELLOWKNIFE	\$10,000
Visual Arts		
Fortin, Paul	INUVIK	\$15,500
Fortin, Paul	INUVIK	\$2,500
Writing and Publishing		
Bastedo, Jamie	YELLOWKNIFE	\$20,000
Kolson, Brenda	YELLOWKNIFE	\$5,000
Total grants to individual artists, 2006-07		\$57,200

⁹ An individual artist or arts organization may receive more than one grant in a given year. For example, an individual artist may receive a project grant and a travel grant.

**Table 10: Detailed list of grants to arts organizations
in Northwest Territories, 2006-07¹⁰**

Name	Community	Amount
Aboriginal Arts		
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	INUVIK	\$15,800
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	INUVIK	\$2,000
Native Communications Society of the NWT	YELLOWKNIFE	\$30,000
Open Sky Creative Society	FORT SIMPSON	\$30,000
Inter-Arts		
Open Sky Creative Society	FORT SIMPSON	\$16,000
Open Sky Creative Society	FORT SIMPSON	\$3,000
Media Arts		
WAMP Co-op	YELLOWKNIFE	\$15,000
WAMP Co-op	YELLOWKNIFE	\$5,000
Music		
Folk on the Rocks Music Festival	YELLOWKNIFE	\$12,500
Writing and Publishing		
Mary Kaeser Library	FORT SMITH	\$7,545
NWT Cree Language Program	FORT SMITH	\$20,000
Total grants to arts organizations, 2006-07		\$156,845
Total grants to individual artists and arts organizations, 2006-07		\$214,045

¹⁰ An individual artist or arts organization may receive more than one grant in a given year. For example, an arts organization may receive a project grant and an operating grant.