



**Canada Council for the Arts
Funding to artists and
arts organizations
in Prince Edward Island, 2006-07**

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1.0 Overview of Canada Council funding to Prince Edward Island in 2006-07

- In 2006-07, the Canada Council for the Arts provided grants totalling \$290,200 to the arts in Prince Edward Island.
- In addition to grants, 57 Prince Edward Island authors received \$32,686 in payments through the Public Lending Right Commission in 2006-07.¹ This brings the total funding to Prince Edward Island to \$322,886.
- The Canada Council awarded \$43,800 in grants to four artists and \$246,400 to four Prince Edward Island arts organizations in 2006-07.
- Grants were awarded to artists and arts organizations in Prince Edward Island in media arts, music, visual arts and writing and publishing. In 2006-07, the largest amount of funding went to visual arts (\$127,000), while media arts received the second largest amount (\$53,000), followed by writing and publishing (\$43,400).
- 42 applications from Prince Edward Island artists and arts organizations were submitted to the Canada Council in 2006-07, representing 0.3% of the total number of applications received.
- Funding to artists and arts organizations in Charlottetown totaled \$267,200, comprising 92.1% of the total funding going to Prince Edward Island. The community of Belfast received the remaining \$23,000 or 7.9% of total funding in 2006-07.
- In 2006-07, Prince Edward Island artists received 0.2% of Canada Council funding to artists, and Prince Edward Island arts organizations received 0.2% of the funding to arts organizations. In total, Prince Edward Island artists and arts organizations received 0.2% of Canada Council funding. In comparison, the province makes up 0.4% of the total population of Canada,² and 0.4% of Canadian artists.³
- As a result of the increase to the Canada Council's parliamentary appropriation (for the fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08) announced in the federal budget of May 2006, four arts organizations in Prince Edward Island received \$70,000 over a two year period as part of the Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative.
- One artist from Prince Edward Island served as a peer assessor 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 Prince Edward Island

- Prince Edward Islanders spent “\$94 million on cultural goods and services in 2005, which equals 3.4% of total consumer spending in the province. The \$94 million in consumer spending on culture is three times higher than the \$30 million spent on culture in PEI by all levels of government in 2003/04. On a per capita basis, Islanders’ cultural spending ranks seventh among the provinces at \$712 per resident.”⁴

⁴ “Consumer Spending on Culture in Canada, the Provinces and 15 Metropolitan Areas in 2005,” Hill Strategies Research Inc., *Statistical Insights on the Arts*, Vol. 5 No. 3 Feb. 2007.

3.0 Highlights of Canada Council grants to Prince Edward Island artists and arts organizations

Prizes and awards

The Canada Council for the Arts administers over 70 annual prizes, fellowships and awards to Canadian artists and scholars for their contributions to the arts, humanities and sciences in Canada. In 2006-07, one prize winner in Prince Edward Island was:

Prize / Award	Winner	Community
Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunton Awards	Doyle, Mary Teresa	BELFAST

Arts organizations

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

Organization	Community	Total funding
Acorn Press	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$27,400
Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$141,000
Island Media Arts Cooperative	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$57,000
Prince Edward Island Symphony Society	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$21,000

Examples of Canada Council funding in Prince Edward Island⁵

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 Prince Edward Island.

Charlottetown's emerging author and first-time grant applicant and recipient, **Louisa McCormack**, received **\$10,000** through the **Grants to Professional Writers - Creative Writing** program to research and write the novel ***The Catch*** (working title). The novel is a love story is set in the fictional fishing village of Tuck Harbour, Prince Edward Island. **McCormack**, author of ***Six Weeks to Toxic*** (2006), describes ***The Catch*** as a "hard look at how we find out what really suits us and whether what suits us is right for anyone else. The setting is a particular island but the theme is essential. Look close and there's always *The Catch*."

⁵ Unless otherwise indicated, project descriptions and quotations are drawn from documents in the grant application.

Celtic recording artist **Mary Teresa Doyle** of Belfast was the winner of a **\$15,000 Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunton Award** in music and also received a grant through the **Music** section in the amount of **\$13,000**. In 2006-07 **Doyle** spent six months to research ancient Irish and Hebridean sources in search of poetry and composed a new repertoire of songs in English and Irish Gaelic. **Doyle's** interest in Gaelic was inspired by her elderly neighbours, who are the last of the Gaelic speakers in her community of Caledonia. During a two-week tour in Ireland, **Doyle** will perform her new material at several festivals and consult with Irish Gaelic speakers.

In 2006-07 a **Book Publishing Support - Translation Grant** of **\$4,600** was awarded to **Acorn Press**, located in Charlottetown. With this grant, **The Acorn Press** was able to commission **Sally Ross** to translate a book by historian and folklorist **Georges Arsenault** entitled *Noël en Acadie* (2005) from French to English. In this book, Arsenault describes how Christmas evolved in Acadia, present day Nova Scotia, when the first Santa Claus and stockings appeared, when families started to gather and when the tradition of gift giving emerged.

David Hickey of Charlottetown received a **\$10,000** grant from the **Grants to Professional Writers - Creative Writing** program to compile a second poetry anthology in 2006-07. In a series of poems, **Hickey** will explore the life of **William Alwyn Bentley**, a scientist and photographer from Vermont who successfully created the world's first photomicrograph of a snow crystal (snowflake) in 1885. **Hickey's** poems will develop a biography of Bentley filtered through the lens of a young speaker by creating a discourse that will shift "back and forth between the life of the biographer and the life of the biographical subject, hopefully illuminating the two subjects at once."

With a **\$35,000** grant from the **Visual Arts - Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative**, the **Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum** in Charlottetown will develop an education program for junior and senior high school students. The intensive program, created in partnership with the PEI Department of Education, will provide students from across the province with an engaging arts education experience through gallery visits and in-school lessons. An educational exhibition complementing the curricula of grades seven to twelve will be organized in conjunction with the program, allowing students to explore aspects of historical and contemporary art.

First-time grant applicant and recipient **Timothy Chaisson** received a **Music Festival Travel Grant** of **\$800** to participate in the **Festival mémoires et racines** in Joliette, Quebec, from July 28 to 30, 2007. **Chaisson**, a young singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Charlottetown, will perform with his group; **Timothy Chaisson & Friends**, for the first time at the festival as a representative of Canadian Celtic music. The other members of the group include **Elmer Deagle** on mandolin and banjo, **Tian Wigmore** on guitar and **J.J. Chaisson** on piano.

The Flying Squad program awarded a grant of **\$3,000** to Charlottetown's **Island Media Arts Cooperative (IMAC)** in 2006-07 to create a governance manual and mentor their staff and board during its creation. The manual will include up-to-date bylaws, constitution, policies, committee and board duties, administrative duties and an organizational structure that will allow **IMAC** to maintain a structural integrity throughout changes in staff and board and stabilize its governance structure. **IMAC** is a non-profit media arts organization that was incorporated in 1978 to provide a space where media artists can hone their skills and exchange ideas.

4.0 Overall arts and culture funding in Prince Edward Island by all three levels of government⁶

- Arts and culture funding to Prince Edward Island from all three levels of government stood at \$33.5 million in 2003-04 (the latest year of overall data from Statistics Canada).
- Federal funding made up the largest share at about 57% (\$19.2 million) with another 35% (\$11.8 million) coming from provincial sources. 8% (\$2.7 million) of total government expenditures to Prince Edward Island came from municipal sources.
- Federal government cultural funding to Prince Edward Island totalling \$19.2 million is primarily concentrated (94%) in four areas – heritage resources (historic parks/sites and nature/provincial parks), broadcasting, performing arts and multidisciplinary arts. The remaining 6% of funding (\$1.1 million) is allocated to areas including film and video (\$578,000), and visual arts and crafts (\$187,000). In the comparable year (2003-04), Canada Council funding accounted for about 2% of all federal cultural spending in Prince Edward Island.
- Between 1999-00 and 2003-04, federal cultural spending to Prince Edward Island increased from \$16 million to \$19.2 million (an increase of 19%). During the same period, Canada Council funding in Prince Edward Island decreased from \$377,668 to \$363,232.
- The largest part of provincial government funding is concentrated in two areas - libraries and heritage resources (84% or \$9.8 million). However, funding is also allocated by the provincial government to multidisciplinary arts (\$763,000), performing arts (\$651,000) and other (\$374,000).

⁶ 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 Prince Edward Island, 2003-04

(in thousands of dollars)

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal	Total
Libraries	\$2	\$4,882	\$1,738	\$6,622
Heritage Resources	\$8,809	\$4,966	\$559	\$14,334
Arts Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Literary Arts	\$128	\$16	\$0	\$144
Performing Arts	\$2,613	\$651	\$111	\$3,375
Visual Arts and Crafts	\$187	\$33	\$0	\$220
Film and Video	\$578	\$13	\$0	\$591
Broadcasting	\$4,625	\$0	\$0	\$4,625
Sound Recording	\$78	\$55	\$0	\$133
Multiculturalism	\$108	\$0	\$0	\$108
Multidisciplinary ¹	\$1,866	\$763	\$0	\$2,629
Other	\$30	\$374	\$302	\$706
Total	\$19,203	\$11,753	\$2,710	\$33,487

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**

	<i>(in dollars)</i>			
	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 Prince Edward Island

Canada Council for the Arts funding to Prince Edward Island

- Since 1999-00, Canada Council funding to Prince Edward Island has decreased from \$377,668 in 1999-00 to \$290,200 in 2006-07, a decrease of 23.16%.
- Grants to Prince Edward Island as a percentage of total Canada Council funding has also dropped in the past eight fiscal years, going from 0.37% in 1999-00 to 0.21% in 2006-07.

Table 4: Canada Council grants to Prince Edward Island and Canada Council total grants, 1999-00 to 2006-07

Fiscal year	Grant \$ to Prince Edward Island	Canada Council total grant \$	Prince Edward Island as % of total
1999-00	\$377,668	\$103,008,149	0.37%
2000-01	\$371,400	\$105,051,989	0.35%
2001-02	\$287,600	\$123,777,539	0.23%
2002-03	\$368,755	\$129,467,062	0.28%
2003-04	\$363,232	\$125,957,452	0.29%
2004-05	\$334,602	\$121,455,742	0.28%
2005-06	\$258,689	\$120,519,422	0.21%
2006-07	\$290,200	\$140,838,547	0.21%
% Change	-23.16%	36.73%	

**Table 5: Canada Council grants to Prince Edward Island
by discipline, 2006-07**

(in dollars)

Discipline	Artists	Arts organizations	Total
Aboriginal Arts	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0
Media Arts	\$0	\$53,000	\$53,000
Music	\$23,800	\$15,000	\$38,800
Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000
Theatre	\$0	\$0	\$0
Visual Arts	\$0	\$127,000	\$127,000
Writing and Publishing	\$20,000	\$23,400	\$43,400
Total grants to Prince Edward Island	\$43,800	\$246,400	\$290,200
Total Canada Council funding	\$21,160,704	\$119,677,843	\$140,838,547
Grants to Prince Edward Island as a % of total Canada Council funding	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%

Grant applications from Prince Edward Island

- After three years of increasing application numbers, peaking at 86 in 2003-04, the total number of grant applications from Prince Edward Island artists and arts organizations has decreased three years in a row, falling to 56 in 2004-05, to 48 in 2005-06, then 42 in 2006-07. This represents a decrease of 32.26 % over 1999-00. For three consecutive years, Prince Edward Island's share of grant applications is at its lowest point with 0.27%. In 2006-07, the share of Prince Edward Island as a percentage of total number of Canada Council applications (0.27%) is lower than both its share of population (0.43%) and share of artists (0.4%) – see Table 7.

Table 6: Grant applications to the Canada Council from Prince Edward Island and total grant applications to the Canada Council, 1999-00 to 2006-07

Fiscal year	Grant applications from Prince Edward Island	Total Canada Council grant applications	Prince Edward Island as % of total
1999-00	62	14,939	0.42%
2000-01	38	13,526	0.28%
2001-02	56	14,586	0.38%
2002-03	64	15,592	0.41%
2003-04	86	16,085	0.53%
2004-05	56	16,572	0.34%
2005-06	48	15,831	0.30%
2006-07	42	15,663	0.27%

% Change**-32.26%****4.85%**

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

Prince Edward Island – Various comparisons with other provinces⁷

- Prince Edward Island is in 13th and last place in terms of its level of Canada Council funding on a per capita basis per province at \$2.14. In terms of its share of funding, Prince Edward Island stands second to last place at 0.21%. Prince Edward Island's share of funding is lower than its percentage share of Canada Council grant applications, percentage share of population, and share of artists.

Table 7: Prince Edward Island – 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%

⁷ 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,
Prince Edward Island, 2006-07**

Community	Amount
BELFAST	\$23,000
CHARLOTTETOWN	\$267,200
Total - Prince Edward Island	\$290,200
Total - Canada	\$140,838,547
Grants to Prince Edward Island as a % of total Canada Council funding	0.21%

**Table 9: Detailed list of grants to individual artists
in Prince Edward Island, 2006-07⁸**

Name	Community	Amount
Music		
Chaisson, Timothy	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$800
Doyle, Mary Teresa	BELFAST	\$10,000
Doyle, Mary Teresa	BELFAST	\$13,000
Writing and Publishing		
Hickey, David	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$10,000
McCormack, Louisa	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$10,000
Total grants to individual artists, 2006-07		\$43,800

⁸ 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 Prince Edward Island, 2006-07⁹**

Name	Community	Amount
Media Arts		
Island Media Arts Cooperative	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$10,000
Island Media Arts Cooperative	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$3,000
Island Media Arts Cooperative	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$40,000
Music		
Prince Edward Island Symphony Society	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$15,000
Supplementary Operating Funds Initiative		
Acorn Press	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$4,000
Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$14,000
Island Media Arts Cooperative	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$4,000
Prince Edward Island Symphony Society	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$6,000
Visual Arts		
Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$10,000
Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$110,000
Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$7,000
Writing and Publishing		
Acorn Press	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$18,800
Acorn Press	CHARLOTTETOWN	\$4,600
Total grants to arts organizations, 2006-07		\$246,400
Total grants to individual artists and arts organizations, 2006-07		\$290,200

⁹ 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.