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**NWT Arts Council**

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## **1. Policy Statement**

The Government of the Northwest Territories supports and encourages the continued development of the arts in the Northwest Territories. Through the establishment of an NWT Arts Council, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment will provide recommendations to the Minister on all issues related to the arts community in the NWT, including the provision of financial support to artists.

## **2. Principles**

- (1) The Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to providing financial assistance to encourage the development of the arts in the Northwest Territories.
- (2) Northern arts should reflect the cultural diversity of the population of the Northwest Territories.
- (3) The Council will consider the needs of all individuals, groups, organizations and regions of the Northwest Territories when determining allocations of funds.

## **3. Scope**

This directive applies to all members of the NWT Arts Council and to those individuals and organizations in the Northwest Territories concerned with the arts sector

## **4. Authority and Accountability**

- (a) Executive Council

The Executive Council appoints members to the NWT Arts Council.

- (b) Minister

The Minister responsible for Industry, Tourism and Investment:

- (i) recommends, to the Executive Council, candidates for Council membership.



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- (ii) reports, to the Executive Council, for the NWT Arts Council.
- (iii) approves recommendations made by the NWT Arts Council.
- iv) may delegate authority to approve recommendations made by the N.W.T. Arts Council to the Deputy Minister.

(c) Deputy Minister

Upon request by the Minister, the Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment approves recommendations.

(d) NWT Arts Council

The NWT Arts Council:

- (i) recommends to the Minister projects to be funded.
- (ii) recommends to the Minister the terms of Grants and/or Contribution Agreements including:
  - funds to be allocated to successful projects, and
  - the obligations of the artist to the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- (iii) advises the Minister on issues related to NWT Arts and recommends policies.
- (iv) decides upon matters that deserve consideration for the smooth running of the Council, including scheduling regular meetings and establishing quorum.

Individual members of the NWT Arts Council:

- (i) must declare a conflict of interest and remove themselves from decision-making that might benefit their own interests, the interests of their family, or the interests of organizations of which they serve in an official capacity.



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**(e) Economic Diversification**

The Economic Diversification Division of the Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment provides administrative services to the NWT Arts Council.

## **5. Terms of Reference**

**(a) Mandate**

The mandate of the NWT Arts Council is to support the art sector of the Northwest Territories.

**(b) Council Membership**

- (i)** The Council shall be composed of not more than six members, one of whom shall be designated chair.
- (ii)** Members shall be appointed for not more than a two-year term, but can reapply after a minimum two-year break in membership.
- (iii)** Appointments of Council members shall be staggered to ensure business continuity.

**(c) Meetings**

The NWT Arts Council shall meet at least twice per year.

**(d) Reports**

The NWT Arts Council shall submit reports as required by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.



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## 6. Funding

### (a) Criteria

The NWT Arts Council shall recommend approval for organizations or individuals requesting funds for artistic work on a project-specific basis only. The funds distributed by the Council cannot be used to supplement core-funding.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- (i) A resident of at least one year in the Northwest Territories and an artist (musician, writer, painter, actor, photographer, film maker or other art forms deemed appropriate); or craftsperson.
- (ii) A Not-for-profit organization established in the Northwest Territories with objectives to enhance art and craft; or
- (iii) Members of the Council must not benefit financially from any NWT Arts Council contributions.

### (b) Terms and Conditions

#### (i) Grants and Contribution Agreement

Prior to the start of any major project requiring contribution support under this policy, a Contribution Agreement shall be signed between the eligible individual or organization and the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment outlining the work to be undertaken and any terms and conditions that may be established by the Minister.

#### (ii) Project Report

Individuals or organizations will provide information and reports in accordance with the requirements that may be established by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.



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## 7. Prerogative of the Executive Council

Nothing in this Directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take actions respecting the NWT Arts Council or the provisions of financial assistance to individuals or organizations concerned with art and craft in the Northwest Territories.

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Premier and Chair of the  
Executive Council