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Profile of Funding in the Northwest Territories, 1997-98

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FUNDING IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, 1997-98

- In 1997-98, the Canada Council for the Arts provided grants worth \$270,000 to the arts in the Northwest Territories (N.W.T). This includes almost \$58,000 in new funding in 1997-98.
- In addition to grants, \$4,700 in payments was provided to 10 authors through the Public Lending Right Program¹.
- Total Canada Council funding to N.W.T. including grants and Public Lending Right payments was \$275,000 in 1997-98.
- N.W.T. accounts for 0.29% of Canada Council funding. The territory makes up 0.22% of Canada's population.
- The Council awarded \$164,000 to 6 arts organizations² and almost \$106,000 went to 8 artists.
- Grants were awarded in music, theatre, media arts and writing and publishing. The largest amount of funding went to media arts (\$193,00), followed by writing and publishing (\$52,000) and theatre (\$20,000).
- Artists and arts professionals from N.W.T. and Yukon Territory made up 0.2% of all peer assessors in 1997-98 (a total of 1 individual in that year).
- A total of \$164,000 (61% of funding) went to artists and arts organizations in Igloolik, followed by Yellowknife (\$34,000 or 13% of the total) and Iqaluit (\$22,000 or 8% of the total). The remaining communities received almost \$50,000 (18% of the total).
- According to the 1996 Census, there are 1,100 individuals in professional and technical occupations in the arts and culture³ in N.W.T. This represents a 20% increase over 1991.

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

² Number of arts organizations excludes host organizations such as libraries, post-secondary institutions, bookstores and other organizations participating in the Literary Readings Program.

³ This represents only a portion of the total cultural sector labour force.

Table 1
The Canada Council for the Arts
Grants to N.W.T. by Discipline, 1997-98

	Artists	Arts Organizations	Total
Dance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Music	\$0	\$4,100	\$4,100
Theatre	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Media Arts	\$74,800	\$118,000	\$192,800
Writing and Publishing	\$30,000	\$22,088	\$52,088
Other	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Total	\$105,800	\$164,188	\$269,988

Table 2
The Canada Council for the Arts
Grants to N.W.T. by Community, 1997-98

Community Name	Grants Awarded (\$)
Arctic Bay	\$20,000
Cambridge	\$400
Deline	\$4,100
Fort Smith	\$400
Hay River	\$2,558
Igloolik	\$164,000
Inuvik	\$1,777
Iqaluit	\$21,800
Rae-Edzo	\$20,000
Taloyoak	\$600
Yellowknife	\$34,353
Total - N.W.T.	\$269,988
Total Canada	\$93,636,233
N.W.T. as % of Canada	0.29%

Table 3
List of Grants to Arts Organizations and Artists in N.W.T.

Grants to Arts Organizations

Music	\$4,100	
Deline Drummers	\$4,100	Deline
Theatre	\$20,000	
Kicking Caribou Theatre Company	\$20,000	Arctic Bay
Visual and Media Arts	\$118,000	
Arnait Ikkajurtigiit	\$18,500	Igloolik
Tarriaksuk Video Centre	\$82,500	Igloolik
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Writing and Publishing		
<i>Writing and Publishing Organizations</i>	\$10,000	
Unikaatuatiit (Storytellers)	\$10,000	Igloolik
<i>Literary Readings Host Organizations</i>	\$12,088	
Children's Literature Roundtable, Inuvik	\$400	Inuvik
Inuvik Centennial Library	\$1,377	Inuvik
Mary Kaeser Library	\$400	Fort Smith
May Hakongak Community Library	\$400	Cambridge
N.W.T. Centennial Library	\$2,558	Hay River
Taloyoak Children's Literature Roundtable	\$600	Taloyoak
Yellowknife Children's Literature Roundtable	\$800	Yellowknife
Yellowknife Public Library	\$5,553	Yellowknife
Grants to Individual Artists		
Media Arts	\$74,800	
Madeline Ivalu	\$1,000	Igloolik
Mary Kunuk	\$1,000	Igloolik
Susan Avingaq	\$1,000	Igloolik
Christopher Woods	\$21,800	Iqaluit
Zacharias Kunuk	\$50,000	Igloolik
Writing	\$30,000	
George Blondin	\$20,000	Rae-Edzo
Heather MacLeod	\$10,000	Yellowknife
Other	\$1,000	
Amber Le Mouel	\$1,000	Yellowknife