

# Announcing 2021-2022 Artist in Education Grant Available to Your School



The First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) is pleased to announce our continued partnership with the British Columbia Arts Council (BCAC) and the Government of BC's Creative Futures Initiatives for the Artist in Education (AIE) Program.

We have been awarded \$24,820 by ArtStart to support First Nations schools in British Columbia (BC) with exciting art opportunities. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and school closures, FNSA accumulated a surplus of \$14,320 from the 2020-21 AIE grant that will be rolled over into this fiscal year. The total amount available of \$39,140 will be available to distribute to approximately 20-25 BC First Nations Schools.

The AIE grant will support BC First Nations schools to introduce students to a multi-cultural range of dance, theatre, music, literacy, media and visual arts.

To avoid a competitive, time-consuming proposal process for AIE grants, the FNSA Board recommended that the AIE funding will be distributed in the following way.

- Grants of \$1,700 will be offered to 20-25 First Nations schools in BC. We encourage that chosen schools apply for the entire \$1,700 as to ensure artists are being paid appropriately.
- 20-25 FNSA member First Nations schools have been identified to be eligible for a grant, with an effort to ensure that selected schools equally represent the FNSA regional structure.

**Note:** AIE allocations are conditional on ArtStarts approval of art project(s).

## **Program Goals and Objectives**

- Expose young people to workshops, performances, and residencies that have artistic quality and educational merit
- Balance exposure of the arts to young people in remote, rural and urban environments
- Establish professional standards for arts practices and presentations in schools and expose BC's children and youth to professional quality arts programming
- Develop, maintain and expand the market for professional artists working with children and youth
- Facilitate communication between the arts and education communities by developing mutual awareness, respect and appreciation
- Promote the arts as an area of study and professional employment

## **Program Guidelines**

All applicants must use grant funds toward professional artist fees for a range of quality performance and workshops in schools. All arts activities must meet a professional artistic standard, have educational merit and be offered by professional arts organizations and/or artists. Arts activities may encompass the performing, visual, media and literary arts.

- Grant funds should only be for those in Grades K – 12
- Grant funds should be used to present professional arts activities that take place in schools, in following COVID-19 guidelines, artist activities can be done via ZOOM or webinar.
- All AIE funds must be spent in the year granted – 2021/22

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## Eligible Expenses

- Professional Artist Fees for BC based artists
- Transportation expenses for remote areas – note: transportation expenses cannot exceed more than 25% of the total AIE grant allocation

## Ineligible Expenses

- Fees for artists residing outside of Canada
- Non-professional artists (including established youth companies)
- Events for which tickets are purchased, or for which admission is charged
- School assemblies with motivational speakers or novelty acts
- Administrative/staff time required to manage the program
- GST/PST

## Definition of Professional Artist or Arts Organization

Artists engaged in all funded activities must qualify as practicing, professional artists. A professional artist is defined as someone who has specialized training in the arts (not necessarily in academic institutions); is recognized as a professional by his or her peers (artists working in the same artistic tradition); is committed to devoting more time to his or her artistic activity, if financially possible; and has a history of public presentation.

Schools that have been identified need to submit an application form that will include the names and profiles of the artist(s) you intend to work with. Required to send in an artist bio along with your application form.

You will receive a contribution agreement to release 100% payment to your school once your application form has been reviewed and approved.

Schools that receive the AIE grant are required to provide a final report at the completion of their art projects. A template for this final report will be provided after proposals are received and approved.

Please feel free to contact Jana Morrison, Funding Programs Officer at [Janam@fnesc.ca](mailto:Janam@fnesc.ca) if you have any questions about this initiative.