2026-27 Seventh Generation Arts Promotion Program Guidelines

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) are pleased to offer the Seventh-Generation Arts Promotion Initiative (SEVEN.ARTS) Program.

This year the program will fund multiple projects with $250,000 available to support BC First Nations student's capacity in a range of art activities. It will promote the exposure of youth to artistic workshops, performances, and residencies related to, among other things, dance, theatre, music, storytelling, media, and visual arts such as weaving, carving, beading, and painting.

First Nations and First Nation schools are invited to submit a proposal for a **grant of up to $5,000**.

FNESC review committee will meet to review and approve all proposals. A written response will then be sent to all applicants regarding their request.

Please note, **only one proposal** per community will be approved. We encourage a partnership between the First Nation and the First Nation school so that all students can participate.

Eligibility

- Eligible recipients are First Nations and First Nation schools in BC.
- The activities can support school-based activities for students enrolled in First Nation schools, and/or community-based activities for all students that are offered outside of regular school hours – e.g. after-school, throughout the summer, and on weekends.
- Please note: grant funds should only be used for activities to support students in grades K–12.

Goals and Objectives

- Expose young people to workshops, performances, and residencies that have artistic quality and educational merit.
- Support the work of local artists by organizing events within the community and providing artists with appropriate fees and space to provide activities, performances, or workshops for First Nations youth.
- Provide students with opportunities to develop their artistic skills through the acquisition of software that directly supports artistic activities, such as Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, etc.
- Support arts activities with the purchase of relevant supplies to encourage and support students in furthering their arts education.
- Expose young people to art through enrollment in online workshops, attendance at performances, visits to art galleries / museums, etc.

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Eligible Expenses

- Artists fees
- Software, applications, tools, and other materials that directly contribute to promoting the arts
- Honoraria
- Fees to cover programs that support student advancements in the arts, such as a Photoshop course, dance lessons, painting programs, etc.
- Events, field trips, admission to live performance – for example, attending local plays, field trip to arts focused museums, attending relevant events that support the arts (Only within BC)
- Other, as long as the costs are associated with promoting the arts

Ineligible Expenses

- Purchase of land or buildings
- Non-artistic activities or restock/maintenance of classrooms in general
- Non-arts related school development costs
- Honorariums to administrative staff or wage subsidies
- GST/PST
- Salaries for non-artist related staff, such as hiring a community member to chaperone students or hiring administration support
- Costs associated with childcare

Proposals should include an estimated breakdown of expenses and a brief description of each intended activity. Applications are due **Friday, December 04, 2026**, click on the following link to apply: Grant Proposal.

FNESC will confirm via email whether your application has been approved. Please do not make purchases or commit to any project before formally receiving approval.

You will receive a contribution agreement to release 100% payment once your proposal has been reviewed and approved. Contribution Agreements will be sent through DocuSign to the primary contact.

First Nations that receive the [SEVEN.ARTS] grant are required to provide a Final Report due **March 31, 2027**.

Please feel free to contact Alberto Castillo, Funding Programs Support Coordinator at albertoc@fnesc.ca if you have any questions about this initiative.