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GN launches Nunavut Public Art Initiative

Iqaluit, Nunavut (July 31, 2020) –The Government of Nunavut (GN) today launched the *Nunavut Public Art Initiative* to support local artists during the COVID-19 pandemic, as a celebration of the territory's creators.

"This exciting initiative will provide much needed support to our local artists whose opportunities have been affected by COVID-19," said Minister of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation David Akeeagok. "It is also an opportunity to showcase the creativity, resiliency and great talents of our artisans, with innovative spaces in our communities."

Nunavut artists are encouraged to apply to access between $5,000 and $50,000 to cover the costs related to the creation and installation of their artwork. Artists' works should draw on the theme of *Inuuqatigiitsiarniq* - respecting others, relationships and caring for people.

The GN will pay selected artists for their time, will cover the costs of their materials and equipment, and provide mentorship fees if artists want to train younger or less experienced artists on their project. Artists will retain intellectual property rights over their work.

Interested Nunavut artists can download the application forms and get more information at: gov.nu.ca/publicart. There will be two funding intakes for this initiative. The first deadline is August 17, 2020, and the second deadline is September 1, 2020.

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