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Annual Summary

2024-25 Fiscal Year

(April 2024 – March 2025)

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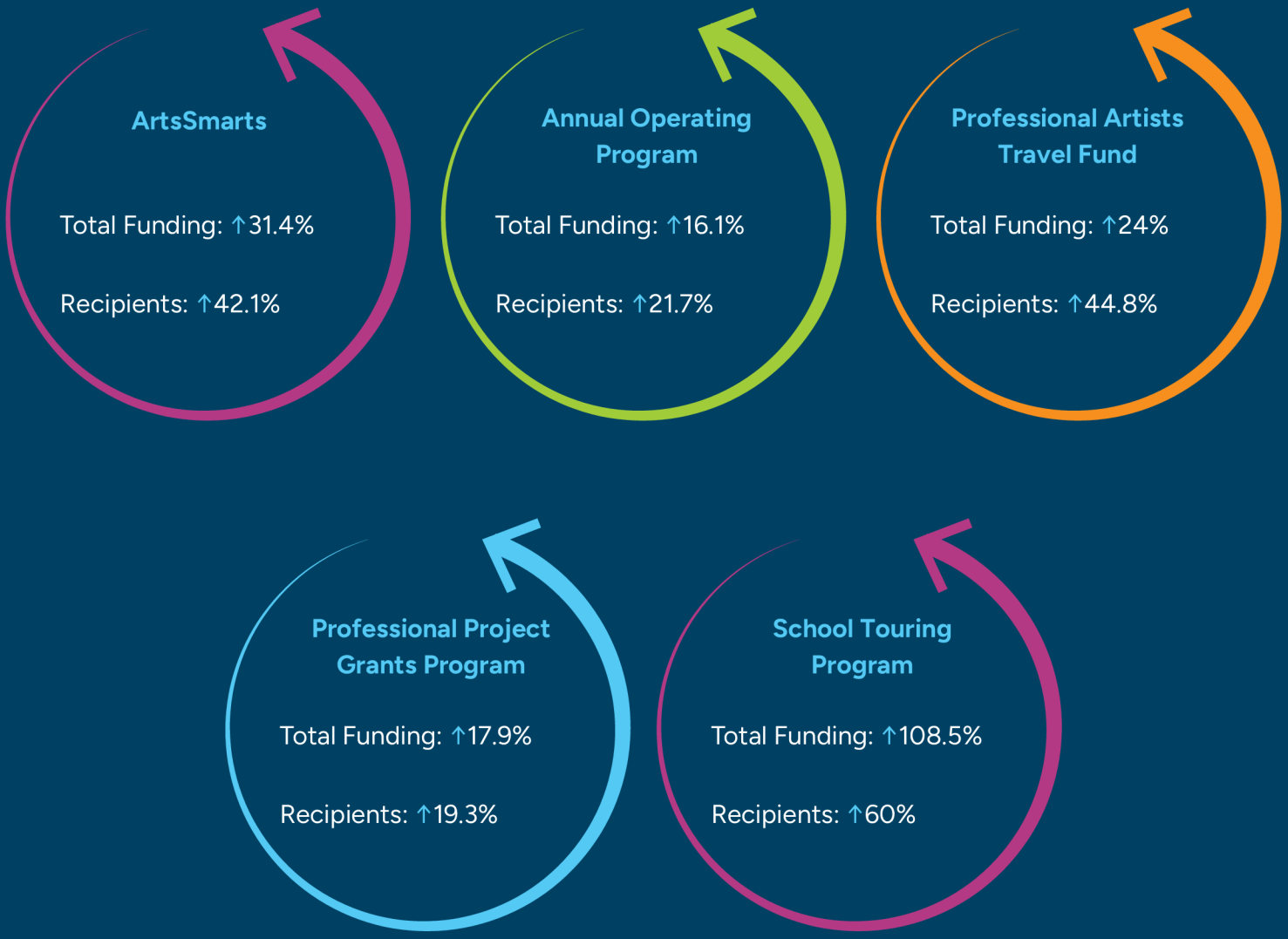
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Annual Highlights



Program Growth

ArtsNL saw strong growth across multiple funding programs in the 2024–25 fiscal year, with increases in both total grant funding and the number of recipients served since 2023–24. The figures below highlight key changes across our core programs:



Year of the Arts: Overview

2024-25 marked Newfoundland and Labrador's **Year of the Arts**, a province-wide celebration recognizing the importance of artists and the creative sector. ArtsNL was a key partner in this initiative, directing additional funding to artists and arts organizations to support new work and strengthen the sector province-wide.

ArtsNL received $3.1 million* in additional funding to enhance existing programs, with a focus on creating lasting impact for artists and communities.

YEAR OF THE ARTS
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR 2024

** This figure reflects additional funding received during the 2024–25 fiscal year. Total Year of the Arts funding provided to ArtsNL was $5.1 million.*

Year of the Arts: Funding Allocation

Program for Professional Arts Organizations

This program provided one-time support for projects that strengthened organizational growth, sustainability, resilience, preservation, and creative development. It enabled organizations to pursue initiatives that had previously been out of reach due to funding constraints.

- 49 organizations funded
- $1.35 million total investment

Senior Arts Program

A second iteration of this program supported 10 senior artists aged 60 and over who have made sustained contributions to the arts sector for at least 25 years.

- $40,000 per artist over two fiscal years

Year of the Arts: Funding Allocation

Professional Project Grants Program (PPGP)

Additional funding increased the Spring and Fall 2024 PPGP envelopes to a combined $2.7 million, allowing more projects to move forward.

- 475 applications received
- 241 projects funded
- 58 new artists and 183 established artists supported

Creation Grant Program

This program continued to support Indigenous artists, artistic groups, and culture carriers across all disciplines and career stages through two funding streams:

- Creation Micro-grants of up to $1,500
- Creation Grants of up to $15,000

New Program Launch: Professional Operating Program (POP)

In 2024–25, ArtsNL introduced the **Professional Operating Program (POP)**—a new multi-year funding model designed to strengthen professional arts organizations across the province. Built through extensive consultation and sector input, POP replaces the **Sustaining Program for Professional Arts Organizations (SPPAO)** and the **Annual Operating Program for Professional Arts Organizations (AOPPAO)** with a streamlined approach that emphasizes sustainability, collaboration, and growth.

- **Supports:** Administration, creation, production, and presentation
- **Focus:** Living wages, governance, and financial sustainability
- **Encourages:** Mentorship and resource sharing

Timeline:
Professional Operating Program (POP)

2022-2024 — Two-year review of operational funding

August 2024 — Info sessions + Q&A with arts orgs

December 13, 2024 — POP officially launched

February 28, 2025 — First POP application deadline

Grant Programs

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Grant Funding Overview: Distribution Across Programs for 2024-25

ArtsSmarts	$159,302
Annual Operating Program for Professional Arts Organizations*	$399,998
Community Arts Program	$100,914
Creation Grant Program	$354,896
Professional Artists Travel Fund	$193,803
Professional Project Grants Program	$2,680,101
School Touring Program	$156,372
Sustaining Program for Professional Arts Organizations*	$1,750,010
Year of the Arts	
Program for Professional Arts Organizations†	$1,351,005
Senior Artist Program†	$400,000

** Replaced by the Professional Operating Program (POP)*
† Temporary Year of the Arts funding program

Award Recipients

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39th Annual Newfoundland & Labrador Arts Awards

Patron of the Arts Award	Rachel Gilbert
Emerging Artist Award	Ting Ting Chen
Arts in Education Award	Susan Furneaux
Hall of Honour Award	Kent Jones
Artist Achievement Award	Cheryl Hickman
Artist of the Year Award	Deantha Edmunds

2024 BMO Winterset Award

Susie Taylor - *Vigil*
(Breakwater Books Ltd., NL)

Lisa Moore & Jack Whalen - *Invisible Prisons**
(Knopf Canada, ON)

** In celebration of the BMO Winterset Award's 25th anniversary, a one-time non-fiction prize was introduced*

BMO

Equinor ArtsSmarts Scholarship

Daniel Burton



Daniel Burton is a student, novelist, and short story writer from Petty Harbour, NL. He is an active member and Youth Committee member of WritersNL and has written four completed novels and a collection of short stories. He graduated from Holy Heart of Mary High School with an IB certificate in English Literature and is a University of New Brunswick Currie Scholar. Daniel also revived the *Holy Heart Heartbeat* newspaper, creating space for emerging student writers to share their work. He is currently attending the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in creative writing.

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Peer Assessors & Juries

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Peer Assessors & Juries:
ArtsNL Grant Programs & Awards

Jill Acreman
Ife Alaba
Kelechi Amadi
Alex Antle
Matthew Barrett
Jason Benoit
Martine Blue
Dave Brown
Marilyn Bruce
Evan Butler
Xaiver Campbell
Vanessa Cardoso
Mallory Clarke
Sara Coffin
Ann Connors
Azal Dosanjh
Hannah Drover
Nadia Duman
Candace Fulford
Jose Gonzalez
Katherine Harvey
Stan Hill
Holly Hogan
Matthew Hollett
Jason Holley
Rosemary House
Charlotte Jones
Shelly Kawaja
Michelle Keep
Lynn Kristmanson
Julie Lewis
Ian Locke
Robyn Love
Rozalind MacPhail
Debbie McGee
Daphne Morin
Donna Morrissey
Josh Murphy
Amy Norman
Justin Oakey
Julie Oh
Lynn Panting
Colleen Paul
Ray Penton
William Ping
Ana Pitol
Michael Pittman
Gina Power
John Rao
Jodee Richardson
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Dee-Jay Rumbolt
Wallace Ryan
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Jamie Skidmore
Susie Taylor
Michelle Thorn
Eric West
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Council & Staff

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Council

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Co-Vice Chairpersons: Ann Connors, Ray Penton, Jr.

Members: Michelle Keep, Deanna Hutchings, Emily Pittman, Misty Dawn Dyson, Rosalind Squires, Rhonda Tulk-Lane

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