

culturalism. The department supports eight cultural federations which act as service agencies for arts and cultural programs.

In New Brunswick a cultural development branch provides technical, financial and other resources for the development of the arts in the province.

The grants program is one aspect of the services offered and was created to enable New Brunswick residents to initiate and participate in a wide range of cultural activities. Most grant programs favour Canadian citizenship, New Brunswick residency, a commitment of personal resources, and evidence of support from other sources, as well as an established status at the professional or community level. Individuals meeting eligibility criteria may receive grants to assist with travel to cultural conferences or workshops. Visual artists may also receive assistance for purchase of their works by the provincial art bank or in solo exhibitions. Assistance for short- and long-term projects or for weekend workshops is available in the various disciplines. A variety of start-up, maintenance and project grants are also available to community and provincial organizations.

Professional companies and organizations in the performing and visual arts may be eligible to receive operating or project grants. Assistance and services to such companies and organizations may be provided for touring, publishing and arts marketing.

Quebec. The cultural affairs department encourages development and extension of the arts and literature, and contributes to the development of museums and cultural industries and to heritage conservation and promotion. Several programs provide financial and technical support for research, creation and production and promote and disseminate Quebec's cultural projects both within and outside the province. Other programs are for the conservation of cultural property and the support of projects to create facilities such as museums, theatres and libraries.

The department also manages a network of nine music and dramatic-arts conservatories, the network of the Archives nationales du Québec (national archives), the Centre de conservation du Québec (conservation centre) and the Bibliothèque nationale du Québec (national library).

In addition, the cultural affairs department each year awards the Prix du Québec to four residents of Quebec who have distinguished themselves in literature (Prix Athanase-