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## **Edmonton Explorations Grants:** First deadline closed

The first round of proposals for the Edmonton Explorations Grants came flooding in over the past week, just in time to meet the grant's first deadline of May 15th.

The Edmonton Explorations Grant project is one element of Edmonton's Cultural Capital of Canada Program for 2007, and will support the work of individual artists and collaborations of individual artists in Edmonton. These grants encourage connections between Edmonton artists and Edmonton audiences. And, they particularly foster the development of unknown or underrecognized talent as well as allowing established artists an opportunity to address their audience in new and interesting ways.

Over the course of two rounds of applications, the total value of the Edmonton Explorations grants awarded will be \$540,000. Selected proposals will be supported to a maximum of \$30,000.

The response to the first grant deadline was tremendous. The Edmonton Cultural Capital office received 142 proposals, requesting support in excess of \$2.5 million.

Applicants will be notified by mail on July 16th regarding the status of their application.

Artists that have not yet applied for a grant, and those that are not successful the first time around, can apply to the second deadline on October 1st, 2007.

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