

# Arts group applauds funding in budget

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An Acadian arts organization is applauding the provincial government for including \$3 million in their 2014-15 budget for the implementation of a new cultural policy, due to be launched this year.

Philippe Beaulieu, president of the Association acadienne des artistes professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick, said it's a good sign for all artists in the province.

"We are extremely pleased with that, but we need to wait to see where the money will be spent," he said.

Jane Matthews-Clark, spokesperson for the provincial Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture, confirmed the increase of \$3 million to the department's budget will be used to begin implementing the cultural policy, which has been in the works for more than two years.

The province's current cultural policy has been in place since 2002.