

## Purpose

The Indigenous Health Division is committed to engaging with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities to ensure their voices are represented and to build meaningful relationships. The objective of this call for art is to create art pieces that can be used to supplement Indigenous Health documents and to promote foundational respect for cultural heritage and traditional perspectives. The call for art aims to be inclusive and reflective of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit voices within Alberta's health system. This project aims to visually represent Alberta Health's commitment to culturally respectful and inclusive co-development of policies, programs, and services.

## Submission Instructions

Participants are invited to share their artistic contributions with the Indigenous Health Division. The call for art is open to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals within Alberta, open to all artistic levels and ages. Art may be submitted by email to [IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca](mailto:IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca). If you prefer to send a physical item, please mail to:

Indigenous Health Division  
ATB Place, 15th Floor  
10025-Jasper Avenue NW  
Edmonton AB T5J 1S6

For all comments, questions, submissions, or inquiries, please contact the Indigenous Health Division by email at: [IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca](mailto:IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-427-2711.

## Requirements

All submissions must take into consideration First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures and must be inclusive of each distinct group to equitably reflect the work of the division and Alberta Health at large. Participants can submit their artwork within any visual medium listed below:

- **Painting:** Traditional and contemporary styles using mediums such as acrylic, oil, watercolor, and gouache.
- **Drawing:** Pencil, charcoal, ink, pastel, and other drawing techniques.
- **Digital Art:** Creations made using digital tools and software, including digital painting, illustration, and graphic design, but excluding any art made using artificial intelligence programs.
- **Sculpture:** Three-dimensional works created from materials such as clay, wood, stone, metal, and mixed media.
- **Mixed Media:** Artworks that combine multiple mediums and techniques, such as collage, assemblage, and multimedia installations.

Additionally, participants are encouraged to explore and incorporate traditional art forms and techniques that are part of community methods, such as:

- **Beadwork:** Intricate designs created using beads, often used in clothing, accessories, and ceremonial items.
- **Quillwork:** Decorative art using porcupine quills, traditionally used in clothing, baskets, and other items.
- **Carving:** Wood, bone, and stone carvings that reflect cultural stories, symbols, and traditions.

- **Textile Arts:** Traditional weaving, embroidery, and fabric arts that showcase cultural patterns and techniques.
- **Printmaking:** Techniques such as block printing, screen printing, and lithography that allow for the creation of multiple copies of an artwork.

By including these traditional art forms, the call for art aims to honor and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and artistic traditions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. These formats exclude any audio or videos, as the submissions must be compatible with all forms of potential utilization, such as within Indigenous Health Division cover pages, or featured on the Government of Alberta website. Submissions may be sent by email (e.g. a clear, high-quality photograph of the work), or objects may be sent by regular mail.

### Timeline and Next Steps\*

1. **Launch and Announcement (December 2024)**
  - Communication roll-out to potential participants, providing guidelines for submissions and contact information for support.
2. **Call for Community Submissions (Ongoing)**
  - The Indigenous Health Division will respond to incoming inquiries and apply selection requirements.
  - Daily review by staff to check shared inbox for incoming submissions or inquiries.
3. **Review Submissions and Approval (Ongoing)**
  - The Indigenous Health Division will review all submissions and will seek to notify all artists in a timely fashion regarding selection.
4. **Publishing Submissions**
  - The Indigenous Health Division will work with Communications and Public Engagement on legal requirements for publishing, artistic rights, and broad implementation of artwork across all relevant platforms.
  - Art submission selections will be announced in the Minister's Quarterly newsletter.
  - Artists' name and biography will be included in publications.

\*The call for art will be on a rolling basis and may be closed depending on the volume of submissions received.

### Further Information

The Indigenous Health Division will review each submission and may reach out to participants for further communication and clarification. Successful applicants will be notified via email by the Indigenous Health Division following proper approvals. The submissions may be featured on the Government of Alberta Indigenous Health website and publications with full artist acknowledgment. Project participants may wish to contact the Indigenous Health Division for more information at [IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca](mailto:IndigenousHealth@gov.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-427-2711.