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KRG provides full support to Avataq's Takurminartuliurnimut funding for new Grant Program for Nunavik Artists

Kuujuaq, February 25, 2020 – The Kativik Regional Government approved an \$82,000 contribution for Nunavik artists, replacing the previous artist's support program co-sponsored by the Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec (CALQ).

The new program will pursue the goal of supporting Nunavik artists and develop their talent while at the same time help them explore and open new markets for their work.

The program is now funded 100-per cent by the KRG and will be managed by Avataq. Under the Nunavik Arts Secretariat known as Aumaaggiivik a close relation was developed over the years with Nunavik artists as well as an expertise and a capacity to develop markets and support new artists.

Avataq and the KRG decided to join their efforts and maintain full autonomy with a program managed by and for Nunavik Inuit.

With 100-per cent funding from the KRG, the new program ensures that Inuit artists can continue to evolve. The funding is needed to properly develop Nunavik Inuit art and promote it throughout the world.

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Kaminirsatuq (detail), 2015, Maggie Napartuk, Linocut print, 11 x 7 inches

The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.