



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Director of Grants, Awards and Support Programs
SUBJECT: 2012 Advance Grant Instalments to Cultural Operating Organizations

*RECOMMENDATION **

- A. THAT Council approve advance Cultural Grants Operating instalments in the amount of \$1,101,840 to 85 cultural organizations, in advance of their 2012 annual operating review, as listed in Appendix A.
- B. THAT Council approve quarterly grant instalments in the amount of \$989,500 to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions beginning January 2012, in advance of their annual operating review, as listed in Table 1.

Source of funds for both A and B is the 2012 Cultural Grants budget.

*COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS **

Approval of grants requires eight affirmative votes.

On December 14, 1989, City Council approved the provision of advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants to applicants that meet specific criteria as per below. On February 1, 1996, City Council established the basis for calculating advance instalments for Cultural Grants as 40% of an applicant's Operating grant in the previous year. As amended by Council on February 5, 1998, the criteria for receipt of an advance grant are as follows:

- The applicant has received an Operating grant for at least three consecutive years.
- The applicant's Operating grant in the previous year was over \$7,500.
- An initial review of an organization's current application indicates no critical concerns about the applicant's finances, organizational sustainability or overall performance in the past year.

In past years, the City has disbursed Operating grants to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions in equal instalments throughout the year. The instalments are timed to accommodate the operating cash flow requirements of these organizations.

*CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS **

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of A and B.

REPORT:

*Background/Context **

This report recommends that Council approve advance grants and quarterly instalments for 85 Cultural Operating Grant organizations and the five Major Exhibiting Institutions, in advance of their annual 2012 operating review.

In 2011, the City approved advance grant instalments to 83 organizations in the amount of \$1,044,480 and quarterly grant instalments to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions in the amount of \$983,300.

Following a preliminary staff review of the 2012 Operating Grant applications, advance instalments are recommended to 85 organizations (based on 40% of the 2011 grant) and that quarterly instalments be made to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions (based on 2011 funding levels).

Subject to Council approval, applicants will be notified in writing that approval of an advance grant and payment does not represent a commitment for any additional funds. The determination of additional funds depends on the grant budget levels established by Council for 2012, final Assessment Committee review of the 2012 operating grant requests, and Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

An Assessment Committee comprised of members from the arts and cultural community and Cultural Services staff will review the Operating applications. Once this process has concluded in February 2012 and Council has approved the recommendations brought forward by the Assessment Committee, the balance of grant payments will be made and adjustments (if any) will be made for the Major Exhibiting Institutions and disbursed according to the quarterly payments. Any changes to the balance of payments and the quarterly payments will accommodate for inflation or budget adjustments.

*Strategic Analysis **

This policy was put into place to ease the cash flow problems that many arts organizations experience at the beginning of the calendar year. Recommendations for advance instalments are presented to Council after a preliminary staff review of grant applications. These instalments allow each organization to manage their cash flow more effectively as many funding agencies do not issue 2012 grant funds to the institutions until well into 2012.

*Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)**Financial **

This report recommends advance approval for 85 Operating grant instalments (\$1,101,840) and five quarterly instalments to Major Exhibiting Institutions (\$989,850) for a total of \$2,091,690.

In a previous report to Council in June 2011 (RTS# 09244), the Museum of Vancouver was granted an advance of \$300,000 on their 2012 grant that came from the Cultural Precinct Reserve, which is to be repaid in 2012 through a reduced cultural grant. The Museum of Vancouver will therefore only receive first and second quarterly instalments of \$189,500, no third quarter instalment, and the balance or adjusted fourth quarter instalment based on the Council approved 2012 grant*.

A summary of 2012 quarterly instalments for the five Majors is provided in Table 1. A summary of the 85 advance grant instalments are listed in Appendix A.

Table 1: 2012 Quarterly Instalments to the Major Exhibiting Institutions

Organization	2011 Grant	2012 Advance Instalments (1/4)
ASTC Science World Society	96,000	\$ 24,000
HR MacMillan Space Centre Society	524,400	\$131,100
Vancouver Art Gallery Association	2,181,000	\$545,250
Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	400,000	\$100,000
Vancouver Museum Society*	758,000	\$189,500*
TOTAL	\$3,959,400	\$989,850

Final recommendations on the 2012 Operating grants for the 85 organizations and the Major Exhibiting Institutions will be made following a review of each organization's operational and financial performance and submitted to Council for approval in Spring 2012. Pending those recommendations, any adjustments will be made to the balance of the operating grants awarded to the organizations and the quarterly instalments to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions.

At this time, Council is requested to approve advance grant and quarterly instalments totalling \$2,091,690 as summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Schedule of 2012 Advance Grant and Quarterly Instalments

Grant Program	Instalment Amount
85 Cultural Operating Grant Organizations	\$1,101,840
5 Major Exhibiting Institutions (Quarterly payments)	\$989,850
TOTAL	\$2,091,690

CONCLUSION *

Vancouver's non-profit arts and cultural organizations consistently underline the value of the City's advance grant instalments in managing their cash flow needs early in the year. These instalments have been particularly crucial in recent years given an especially challenging financial period of economic and funding uncertainty.

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2012 Advance Instalments
Cultural Operating Grants

#	Organization	2011 Grant	2012 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	45,000	18,000
2	Arts Club Of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	155,000	62,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	29,000	11,600
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	34,000	13,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)	93,000	37,200
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	22,000	8,800
7	Battery Opera Performing Arts Soc.	13,000	5,200
8	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Soc.	27,000	10,800
9	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	22,000	8,800
10	Carousel Theatre Soc.	30,000	12,000
11	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	18,000	7,200
12	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	17,000	6,800
13	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	36,000	14,400
14	Co. Erasga Dance Soc.	10,000	4,000
15	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	85,000	34,000
16	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	67,000	26,800
17	Craft Council of B.C.	13,000	5,200
18	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	25,000	10,000
19	DOXA Documentary Film and Video Festival (The Documentary Media Soc.)	17,000	6,800
20	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	34,000	13,600
21	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	20,000	8,000
22	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	35,000	14,000
23	Elektra Women's Choir	13,500	5,400
24	Firehall Theatre Soc.	70,000	28,000
25	Flamenco Rosario (Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Soc.)	10,000	4,000
26	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Soc.	11,000	4,400

27	Gallery Gachet Soc.	19,000	7,600
28	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players)	58,000	23,200
29	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	35,000	14,000
30	Hard Rubber New Music Soc.	8,000	3,200
31	Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	24,000	9,600
32	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	15,000	6,000
33	Karen Jamieson Dance Soc.	13,000	5,200
34	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Soc.	24,000	9,600
35	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	17,000	6,800
36	Leaky Heaven Performance Soc.	17,000	6,800
37	Malaspina Printmakers Soc.	13,000	5,200
38	Mascall Dance Soc.	11,000	4,400
39	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	20,000	8,000
40	Musica Intima Soc.	21,000	8,400
41	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	12,000	4,800
42	New Performance Works Soc.	11,000	4,400
43	Newworld Theatre Soc.	32,000	12,800
44	Norman Rothstein Theatre (Van. Westside Theatre Soc.)	20,000	8,000
45	Or Gallery Soc.	29,000	11,600
46	Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	19,500	7,800
47	Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	45,000	18,000
48	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	14,000	5,600
49	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	20,000	8,000
50	Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	17,500	7,000
51	Playwrights Theatre Centre	38,000	15,200
52	Powell St. Festival Soc.	18,000	7,200
53	Public Dreams Soc.	17,500	7,000
54	PuSH International Performing Arts Festival Soc.	76,000	30,400
55	Radix Theatre Soc.	11,000	4,400
56	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	14,000	5,600

57	Rumble Productions Soc.	30,000	12,000
58	Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	26,000	10,400
59	The Only Animal Theatre Soc.	12,000	4,800
60	Théâtre la Seizième	27,500	11,000
61	Theatre Replacement Soc.	22,000	8,800
62	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	35,000	14,000
63	Turning Point Ensemble	25,000	10,000
64	Urban Ink Productions Soc.	14,000	5,600
65	Van. Access Artist Run Centre	13,600	5,440
66	Van. Cantata Soc.	18,000	7,200
67	Van. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A)	37,000	14,800
68	Van. Chamber Choir	18,000	7,200
69	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	22,000	8,800
70	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	73,000	29,200
71	Van. East Cultural Centre	110,000	44,000
72	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	80,000	32,000
73	Van. Fringe Festival (First Van. Theatrespace Soc.)	40,000	16,000
74	Van. Intl. Children's Festival Soc.	126,500	50,600
75	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	50,000	20,000
76	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	62,000	24,800
77	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	25,000	10,000
78	Van. New Music Soc.	33,000	13,200
79	Van. Opera Assn.	30,000	12,000
80	Van. Out on Screen Film Festival Soc.	27,500	11,000
81	Van. Summer Festival Soc.	33,000	13,200
82	Van. Symphony Soc.	50,000	20,000
83	Wen Wei Dance Soc.	19,000	7,600
84	Western Front Soc.	44,500	17,800
85	Western Theatre Conspiracy	10,000	4,000

Total \$2,754,600 \$1,101,840