

# Cultural Infrastructure Grant Review

Presentation to City Council  
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# Purpose/Recommendations

1. Provide Council with an update on the 2015-16 Review of the City's Cultural Infrastructure Grant (CIG) Program
2. Seek Council's approval for a new grant category to aid with emergency situations and urgent life safety needs.
  - The "Critical Assistance Grant" will be available on a rolling intake, year round basis, for Vancouver-based cultural non-profits, registered charities, community service coops and First Nations Band Councils

# Infrastructure Grant Investment 2009 - 2016



251 Applications  
Submitted



195 Projects Funded  
100 Individual Organizations  
Funded



83 Planning Grants (43%)  
112 Capital Grants (57%)



Smallest Grant \$1000  
Largest Grant \$150,000



65% of projects funded  
for improvements to  
existing spaces



35% of projects funded  
towards **planning and  
creation of new spaces**



\$35.7 million  
Total Project Activity

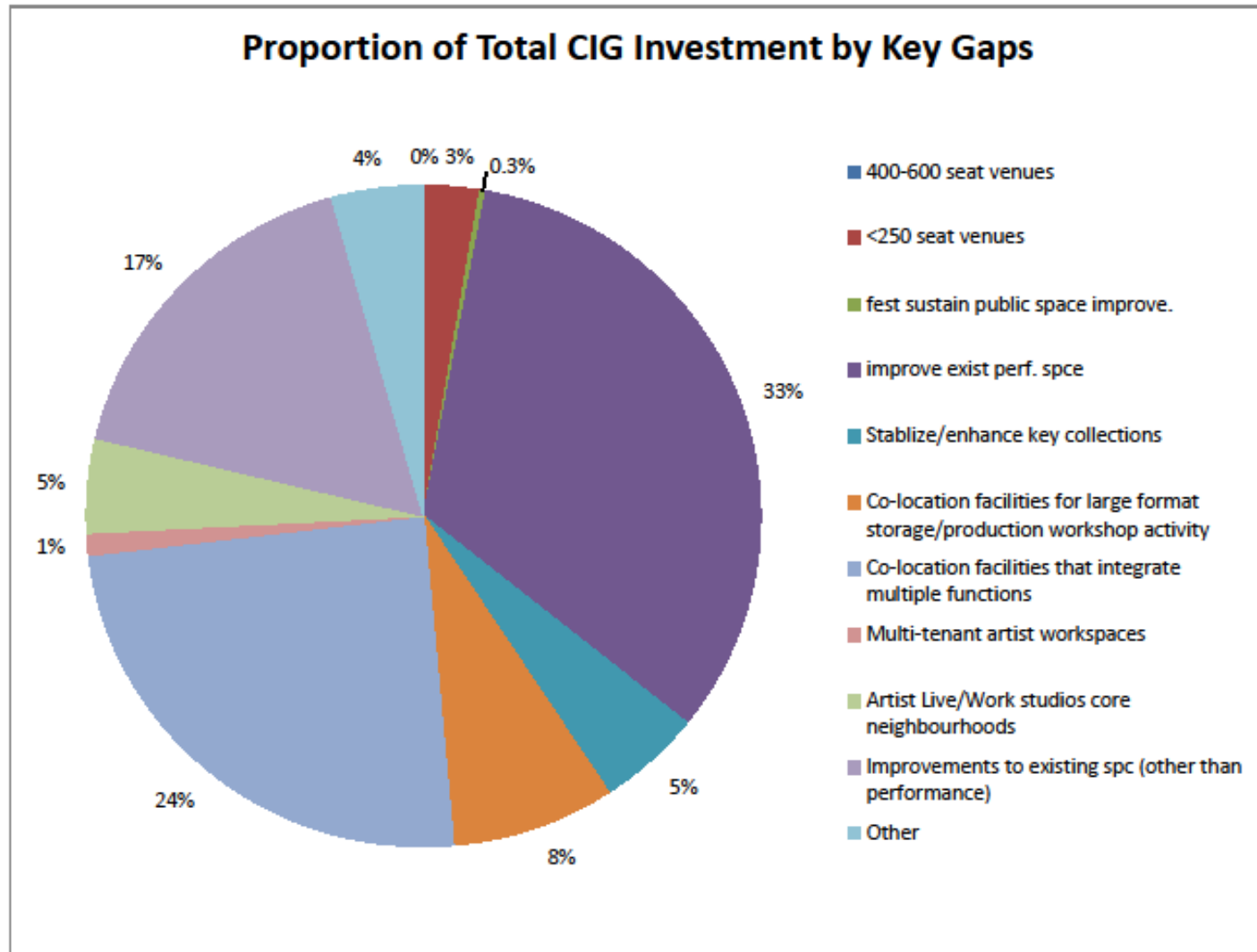


\$7 million  
Total Grant Funds  
Awarded



CIg has helped leverage  
\$4 in external resources  
for every City \$1 awarded

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“Artspeak has purchase[d] a second space in ...Gastown with the steadfast support of the Cultural Infrastructure Grant.”

ARTSPEAK ARTIST RUN CENTRE

“CIG made it possible to transform an old pork roastery into a superbly-located 4000 sf centre for new theatre creation. With 10 theatre companies sharing the space, and over 50 studio users.”

PLAYWRIGHT'S THEATRE

“Support from [CIG] has been immensely impactful on [POF's] growth and ability to realize its mission. We have gained the confidence and knowledge needed to move our dance space project into reality.”

PLASTIC ORCHID FACTORY

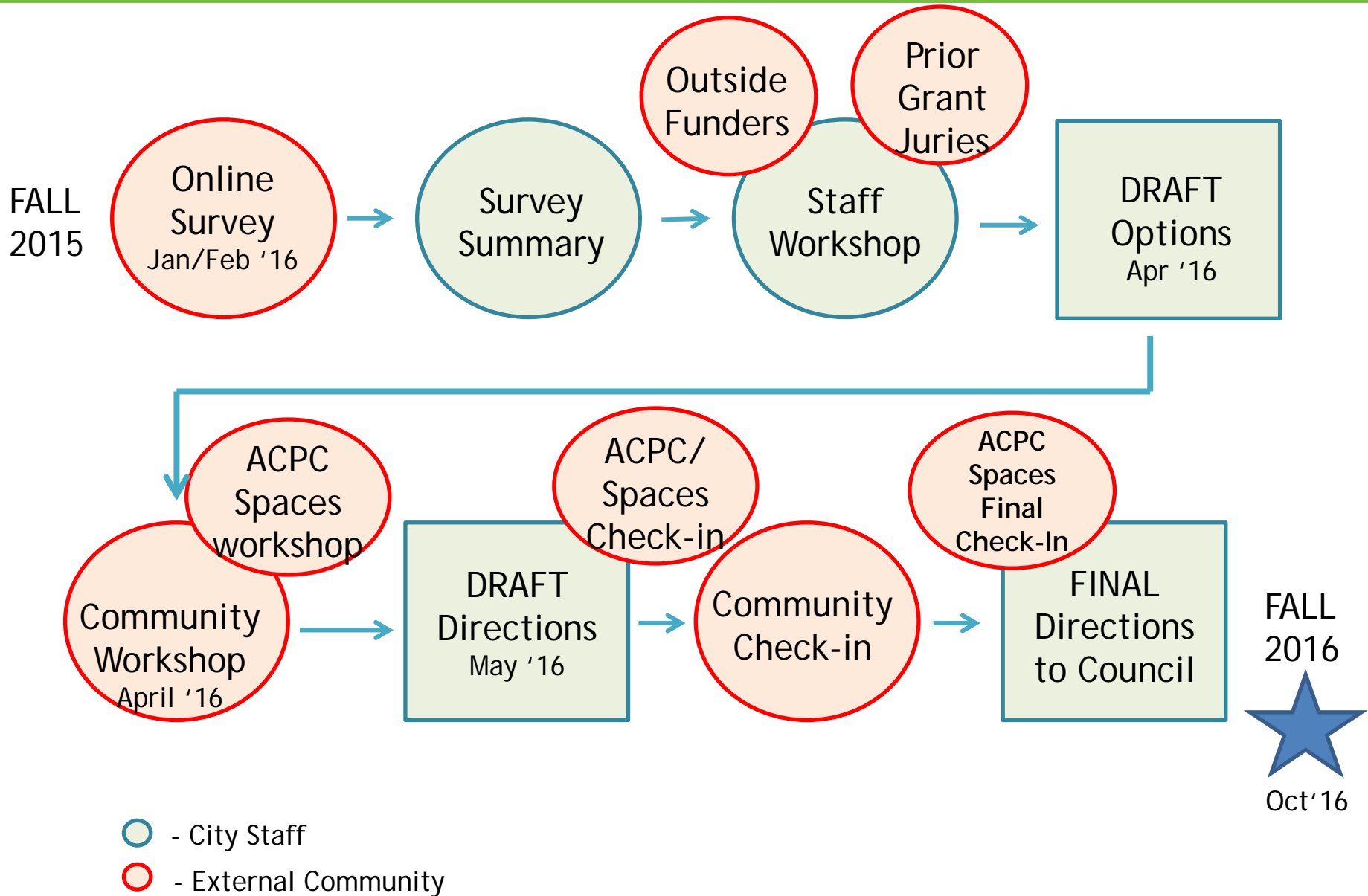
“Funds ...were absolutely crucial to focus our thinking on the purposes of [the literary arts centre] building, determining our space needs, and identify areas of the city that would be appropriate for the users of the space.”

ASSOCIATION OF BOOK PUBLISHERS OF BC

“With the assistance [of CIG], Green Thumb Theatre was able to repurpose and renovate 2 buildings that are now our facility, housing administrative offices and 2 rehearsal halls. [This] creation space can be used not only by our organization, but also by the rest of the arts community in Vancouver.”

GREEN THUMB THEATRE

# CIG Review - Timing & Process



# Program Updates - For Council Information

## NO CHANGE:

- **Program Goals**
  - Support a robust & diverse ecology of cultural spaces
  - Enable cultural space planning, renovation, development & acquisition
  - Strengthen communities ability to develop and operate cultural space
- **Program Categories**
  - Planning, Minor & Major Capital
- **Evaluation Process**
  - Blended community/staff assessment juries
- **Assessment Criteria**
  - Vision, Impact, addresses Key Gaps, Organizational Capacity, Project Mngt, Procurement, Project Budget, Fundraising Capacity, Funding Diversity, Partnerships, Stakeholder Engagement & Support, Environmental, Accessibility, Public Health & Safety
- **Ineligible Items**
  - Moveable equipment
- **Grant Intake Cycle**
  - 1x per year
- **Matching Funding Levels**
  - 50% with up to 25% as in-kind

# Program Updates - For Council Information & Approval

## NEW or CHANGING:

*Requires Council Approval*

- **New - Critical Assistance Grant**
  - For critical 'emergency-like' situations that cannot be anticipated and/or urgently required life safety upgrades
  - Max \$25,000 per grant, total annual budget \$100,000
  - Criteria and budget pre-approved by Council, distribution at staff discretion according to specific criteria, subject to approval by the General Manager of Community Services
- **Increased Funding levels**
  - Minor Capital from \$35,000 to \$50,000 & Major Capital from \$150,000 to \$250,000
- **Reduced Quote Requirement**
  - Projects up to \$10,000 - one quote
  - Projects \$10,001 - 50,000 - two quotes
  - Projects \$50,001 - \$250,000 - three quotes
- **Enhanced Payment Schedule**
  - Grants up to \$50,000 - payments in increments of 80%/20%
  - Grants \$50,001 - \$250,000 - payments in increments of 50%/30%/20%



# Critical Assistance Grant Category - Assessment Criteria

## *Requires Council Approval*

### ORGANIZATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

- Vancouver-based cultural non-profits, registered charities, community services coops and First Nations Band Councils
- Demonstrated financial stability, sound administration, capacity to undertake project
- Own space or have minimum 10-year lease

### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Unforeseen facility repairs, replacement or clean up resulting from
  - 1) loss/failure of existing infrastructure
  - 2) urgent life safety requirements
- Sufficiently urgent that project cannot wait for future funding; failure to remediate could lead to further system/structural failure or threaten life-safety

### NOT ELIGIBLE

- Projects/items covered by insurance or other for which funding already provided for by CIG
- Regular or scheduled maintenance
- Programming, operation or admin expenses
- Movable equipment or legal costs

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