



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

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SUBJECT: 2006 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants in the amount of \$769,400 to the 65 organizations listed in **Appendix A**, source of funds to be the 2006 Cultural Grants Budget.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services recommends approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

On December 14, 1989, City Council approved the provision of advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants to applicants that meet specific criteria. As amended by Council on February 5, 1998, the three basic criteria for receipt of an advance instalment are:

- The applicant has received a Cultural 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.

- 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.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

PURPOSE

This report recommends that Council approve advance instalments, as in past years, in the amount of \$769,400 for the 65 Cultural Operating grant applicants as outlined in this report as an advance instalment to their 2006 Operating grant.

BACKGROUND

Advance grant instalments for the Cultural Operating grants category were introduced in 1990. This policy was put into place to ease the cash flow problems that many arts organizations experience at the beginning of the calendar year, when they are in mid-season, but when government and foundation grant budgets have not yet been approved.

Recommendations for advance instalments on Cultural Operating grants are usually presented to Council in January after a preliminary review of grant applications has been undertaken in December. These instalments allow each organization to manage their cash flow more effectively, as many funding agencies do not issue 2006 grant funds to the institutions until later in the year.

DISCUSSION

In 2005, the City provided 77 organizations with Operating grants totalling \$1,339,800. In addition, the City provided 70 of those organizations with supplemental grants totalling \$825,000 as a result of the increase in the Cultural Grants budget approved in 2005.

In 2005, the City provided 47 organizations with advance instalments of their Operating grants totalling \$442,000. Following a staff review of the 2006 Operating Grant applications against advance instalment criteria, a total of \$769,400 in advance instalments to 65 organizations are recommended, as listed in **Appendix A**.

Advance grant instalments on Operating grants generally are based on 40% of the previous year's grant. However, this year, because of the increase to the cultural grants budget, where an organization has requested a 2006 grant less than that approved in 2005, staff are recommending an advance grant equal to 40% of the 2006 request. Therefore, the 65 Operating grant advance instalments recommended in this report amount to either 40% of an eligible applicant's 2005 Operating grant (including supplemental grant), or 40% of the organization's 2006 request, whichever is the lesser amount.

Subject to Council approval, grant applicants will be notified in writing that approval of an advance 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 2006, further adjudication and evaluation of their 2006 request, and on Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 65 Operating grant advance instalments in this report are recommended prior to Council's approval of the 2006 Cultural Grants budget; they amount to either 40% of an eligible applicant's 2005 Operating grant (including supplemental grant), or 40% of the organization's 2006 request, whichever is the lesser amount.

CONCLUSION

Vancouver's non-profit arts organizations consistently underline the value of the City's advance grant instalments in managing their cash flow needs early in the year. The current eligibility guidelines for advance grants assists the organizations in managing their cash flow while allowing for further staff review to determine an appropriate final grant amount for each applicant.

This year's advance grant level reflects the first of three increases to the Cultural Grants budget, with the first increase approved in 2005. This additional assistance will enable these groups to better sustain their organizations during a challenging cash flow period.

As in previous years, Cultural Grant applicants will be notified in writing that approval of an advance 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 2006, further evaluation, and on Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

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APPENDIX A

2006 Advance Instalments
Cultural Operating Grants

	Organization	2005 Operating	2005 Supp.	2005 Total	2006 Request	2006 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$54,000	\$16,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	\$95,000	\$20,000	\$115,000	\$150,000	\$46,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	\$13,500	\$10,500	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$9,600
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$29,000	\$30,000	\$11,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)	\$83,000	\$20,000	\$103,000	\$103,000	\$41,200
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$6,000
7	Battery Opera Performing Arts Soc.	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$3,800
8	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	\$11,000	\$5,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$6,400
9	Carousel Theatre Soc.	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
10	Chamber Music Festival (Van. Recital Soc.)	\$13,500	\$5,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$7,400
11	Children's Arts Umbrella Assn.	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$12,500	\$27,500	\$5,000
12	Children's Festival (Can. Institute of the Arts for Young Audiences)	\$116,500	\$0	\$116,500	\$126,500	\$46,600
13	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$6,000
14	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	\$15,000	\$18,500	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$13,400
15	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$80,000	\$18,000
16	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	\$43,000	\$32,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$30,000
17	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$19,000	\$25,000	\$7,600
18	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$7,200
19	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$22,000	\$12,000	\$4,800
20	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	\$12,500	\$27,000	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$15,800
21	Elektra Women's Choir	\$3,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$6,000
22	Firehall Theatre Soc.	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$24,000
23	Green Thumb Players Soc. (Green Thumb Theatre for Young People)	\$31,000	\$12,000	\$43,000	\$50,000	\$17,200
24	Grunt Gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000	\$24,000	\$8,000
25	Hard Rubber New Music Soc.	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$5,500	\$2,200

Organization	2005 Operating	2005 Supp.	2005 Total	2006 Request	2006 Advance
26 Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	\$11,000	\$6,000	\$17,000	\$22,000	\$6,800
27 Holy Body Tattoo Soc.	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$28,500	\$30,000	\$11,400
28 Joe Ink Performance Soc.	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$16,500	\$10,000	\$4,000
29 Judith Marcuse Projects Soc.	\$18,000	\$5,000	\$23,000	\$32,000	\$9,200
30 Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	\$11,500	\$5,000	\$16,500	\$15,000	\$6,000
31 Lola MacLaughlin Dance Soc.	\$11,000	\$6,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$6,800
32 Mascal Dance Soc.	\$6,500	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$3,400
33 Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	\$8,800	\$5,000	\$13,800	\$10,000	\$4,000
34 Musica Intima Soc.	\$7,500	\$27,000	\$34,500	\$25,000	\$10,000
35 New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4,000
36 Or Gallery Soc.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$8,000
37 Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	\$4,000	\$37,000	\$41,000	\$18,000	\$7,200
38 Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	\$22,500	\$18,500	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$16,400
39 Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$6,000
40 Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	\$9,500	\$8,500	\$18,000	\$32,000	\$7,200
41 Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	\$7,000	\$4,000	\$11,000	\$12,500	\$4,400
42 Playwrights Theatre Centre	\$15,500	\$20,000	\$35,500	\$30,000	\$12,000
43 Powell Street Festival Soc.	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$11,500	\$10,000	\$4,000
44 Public Dreams Soc.	\$14,000	\$11,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
45 Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	\$8,000	\$5,750	\$13,750	\$15,000	\$5,500
46 Rumble Production Soc.	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$24,000	\$30,000	\$9,600
47 Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	\$16,000	\$5,000	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$8,000
48 Théâtre la Seizième	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$19,000	\$23,000	\$7,600
49 Touchstone Theatre Soc.	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$13,200
50 Uzume Taiko Drum Group Soc.	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$11,500	\$6,500	\$2,600
51 Van. Access Artist Run Centre	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$3,600
52 Van. Cantata Soc.	\$13,000	\$2,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$6,000
53 Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$8,000
54 Van. Dance Centre Soc.	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$70,000	\$65,000	\$26,000
55 Van. East Cultural Centre	\$72,000	\$20,000	\$92,000	\$92,000	\$36,800
56 Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	\$55,000	\$25,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$32,000
57 Van. Fringe Festival (First Van. Theatrespace Soc.)	\$32,000	\$5,000	\$37,000	\$50,000	\$14,800
58 Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	\$17,500	\$7,500	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000

Organization	2005 Operating	2005 Supp.	2005 Total	2006 Request	2006 Advance
59 Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	\$22,000	\$27,000	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$19,600
60 Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$4,200
61 Van. New Music Soc.	\$24,000	\$5,000	\$29,000	\$35,000	\$11,600
62 Van. Opera Assn.	\$18,000	\$10,000	\$28,000	\$18,000	\$7,200
63 Van. Symphony Soc.	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$20,000
64 Vetta Chamber Music and Recital Soc.	\$3,000	\$5,750	\$8,750	\$10,000	\$3,500
65 Western Front Soc.	\$22,500	\$0	\$22,500	\$37,500	\$9,000
Totals	\$1,271,300	\$739,500	\$2,010,800	\$2,189,000	\$769,400