



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Assistant Director, Office of Cultural Affairs
SUBJECT: 2007 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants in the amount of \$769,840 to the 62 organizations listed in Appendix A, source of funds to be the 2007 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. 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 three basic criteria for receipt of an advance instalment are:

- 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.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

PURPOSE

This report recommends that Council approve advance instalments in the amount of \$769,840 for the 62 Cultural Operating grant applicants as outlined in this report as an advance instalment to their 2007 Operating grant.

BACKGROUND

Advance grant instalments for the Operating grants category within the City's Cultural Grants program 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. Recommendations for advance instalments 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 2007 grant funds to the institutions until later in the year.

DISCUSSION

In 2006, the City provided 88 organizations with Operating grants totalling \$2,191,600. Of those organizations, the City provided advance instalments to 65 organizations in the amount of \$769,400.

Following a staff review of the 2007 Operating Grant applications against program criteria, advance instalments are recommended to 62 organizations. Advance instalments are based on 40% of the previous year's awarded grant.

Subject to Council approval, grant applicants will be notified in writing of that approval and 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 2007, further adjudication and evaluation of the 2007 requests, and on Council's final approval of recommended grant allocations.

In 2007, the Office of Cultural Affairs will be undertaking a review of all of its Cultural Grant programs, including Operating grants. The review will not specifically review individual grants but instead review and make recommendations regarding the City's cultural grant programs and grants policies. The process will review and make recommendations on all of the City's cultural grants programs and grants policies with input from the community including the operating grant organizations. Final recommendations regarding the entire complement of grants programs will be presented to Council for consideration in mid-2007 along with an implementation plan and timeframe for any changes to the programs, procedures or processes. This will not have any impact on the 2007 annual operating advance instalments or annual operating grants.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 62 Operating grant advance instalments in this report are recommended prior to Council's approval of the 2007 Cultural Grants budget. They amount to 40% of an eligible applicant's 2006 Operating grant.

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 advance instalments assist the organizations in managing their cash flow during a challenging financial 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 2007, further evaluation, and on Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

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2007 Advance Instalments
Cultural Operating Grants

	Organ	2006 Grant	2007 Request	2007 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	40,000	50,000	16,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	135,000	150,000	54,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	24,000	24,000	9,600
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	29,000	37,000	11,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)	103,000	103,000	41,200
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	20,000	30,000	8,000
7	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	16,000	17,000	6,400
8	Carousel Theatre Soc.	25,000	37,000	10,000
9	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	15,000	25,000	6,000
10	Children's Arts Umbrella Assn.	12,500	27,500	5,000
11	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	15,000	20,000	6,000
12	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	30,000	35,000	12,000
13	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	57,500	80,000	23,000
14	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	65,000	75,000	26,000
15	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	20,000	22,000	8,000
16	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	18,000	25,000	7,200
17	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	12,000	22,000	4,800
18	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	30,000	40,000	12,000
19	Elektra Women's Choir	15,000	15,000	6,000
20	Firehall Theatre Soc.	60,000	90,000	24,000
21	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Soc.)	43,000	55,000	17,200
22	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	23,000	27,000	9,200
23	Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	22,000	22,000	8,800
24	Holy Body Tattoo Soc.	30,000	50,000	12,000
25	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	15,000	20,000	6,000
26	Judith Marcuse Projects Soc.	25,000	23,000	10,000
27	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	16,000	25,000	6,400
28	Lola MacLaughlin Dance Soc.	14,000	25,000	5,600
29	Mascall Dance Soc.	8,000	20,000	3,200
30	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	10,000	15,000	4,000
31	Musica Intima Soc.	15,000	30,000	6,000
32	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	10,000	16,000	4,000
33	NewWorld Theatre Soc.	25,000	30,000	10,000
34	Or Gallery Soc.	20,000	25,000	8,000
35	Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	18,000	20,000	7,200

36	Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	41,000	41,000	16,400
37	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	8,100	20,000	3,240
38	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	22,000	32,000	8,800
39	Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	12,500	18,000	5,000
40	Playwrights Theatre Centre	30,000	40,000	12,000
41	Powell St. Festival Soc.	10,000	15,000	4,000
42	Public Dreams Soc.	15,000	30,000	6,000
43	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	14,000	30,000	5,600
44	Rumble Productions Soc.	24,000	30,000	9,600
45	Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	22,000	27,000	8,800
46	Théâtre la Seizième	23,000	28,000	9,200
47	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	33,000	35,000	13,200
48	Van. Access Artist Run Centre	9,000	12,000	3,600
49	Van. Cantata Soc.	15,000	17,000	6,000
50	Van. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A)	29,000	35,000	11,600
51	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	18,000	22,000	7,200
52	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	50,000	55,000	20,000
53	Van. East Cultural Centre	92,000	100,000	36,800
54	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	77,500	107,500	31,000
55	Van. International Children's Festival Soc.	121,500	151,500	48,600
56	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	25,000	25,000	10,000
57	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	49,000	49,000	19,600
58	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	12,000	18,000	4,800
59	Van. New Music Soc.	30,000	40,000	12,000
60	Van. Opera Assn.	28,000	40,000	11,200
61	Van. Symphony Soc.	46,000	80,000	18,400
62	Western Front Soc.	32,000	42,000	12,800
Total		1,924,600	2,467,500	769,840
