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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 4. Funding Approach for Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

MOVER: Councillor Ball

SECONDER: Mayor Sullivan

#### WHEREAS:

1. Social Planning and Office of Cultural Affairs grants provide important financial support to a range of non-profit organizations in Vancouver;
2. these grants programs help provide stability in the community-based social and cultural sectors;
3. the City is one of several funders supporting these sectors;
4. the City's current annual granting process aims to facilitate and enhance the ability of the established social and cultural organizations to plan, deliver and evaluate multi-year services and programs;
5. the current annual granting process limits the capacity of City staff to engage in longer term policy, planning and development work with community partners;
6. stable multi-year funding programs such as those established by other levels of government have proven to be successful in aiding the growth and financial development of non-profit organizations;
7. the City's Office of Cultural Affairs is already engaged in an independent review of all cultural grant and support programs, and Social Planning anticipated a review of Social Planning grants in 2007.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council request staff report back with plans identifying the steps, processes, timelines and funding/resources required to develop a collaborative, comprehensive, stream-lined and multi-year funding approach for grants that will include:
  - Consultation with Corporate Services (Budgets/Finance) and Law to review the City's legislative framework and budgetary process;
  - Review of funding models and cycles utilized by other funding organizations, both public and private, in the non-profit sector;
  - Consultation with community groups and other funders;
  - Cost/benefit analysis;
  - Development of funding guidelines;
  - Potential alignment or augmentation of existing evaluation and monitoring mechanisms;
  - Identifying any additional resource requirements to conduct the above noted work.
2. City staff report back to Council in three months.

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