



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

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SUBJECT: 2008 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants in the amount of \$806,120 to the 65 organizations listed in Appendix A, source of funds to be the 2008 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 \$806,120 for the 65 Cultural Operating grant applicants as outlined in this report as an advance instalment to their 2008 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 2008 grant funds to the institutions until later in the year.

DISCUSSION

In 2007, the City provided 86 organizations with Operating grants totalling \$2,219,300. Of those organizations, the City provided advance instalments to 62 organizations in the amount of \$769,840.

Following a staff review of the 2008 Operating Grant applications against program criteria, advance instalments are recommended to 65 organizations. Advance instalments are based on 40% of the previous year's awarded grant.

Subject to Council approval, 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 2008, further evaluation of the 2008 requests, and on Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

In 2008, the Office of Cultural Affairs will be completing a review of all its Cultural Grants and support programs. The purpose of the review is to assess the effectiveness of the programs in the context of current trends and community needs, best practices and internal administrative resources. The process will provide a set of recommendations for improvements or changes in the programs along with an implementation plan. Final recommendations regarding the entire complement of grants and support programs will be presented to Council for consideration in the spring. It is anticipated that any implementation of those recommendations may occur later in the year at the earliest and, as such, will not

have any impact on the 2008 Cultural Operating advance grants instalments recommendations, contained in this report, or the 2008 Cultural Operating and Project grants recommendations which will be presented to Council in April.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 65 Operating grant advance instalments in this report are recommended prior to Council's approval of the 2008 Cultural Grants budget. They amount to 40% of an eligible applicant's 2007 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.

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2008 Advance Instalments
Cultural Operating Grants

	Organization	2007 Grant	2008 Request	2008 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	40,000	45,000	16,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	135,000	160,000	54,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	24,000	28,000	9,600
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	29,000	40,000	11,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)	103,000	115,000	41,200
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	20,000	30,000	8,000
7	Battery Opera Performing Arts Soc.	9,500	12,000	3,800
8	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Soc.	20,000	30,000	8,000
9	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	16,500	17,000	6,600
10	Carousel Theatre Soc.	25,000	38,000	10,000
11	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	15,000	25,000	6,000
12	Children's Arts Umbrella Assn.	12,500	15,000	5,000
13	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	15,500	20,000	6,200
14	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	30,000	35,000	12,000
15	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	62,000	85,000	24,800
16	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	65,000	75,000	26,000
17	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	20,000	25,000	8,000
18	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	20,000	26,000	8,000
19	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	17,000	20,000	6,800
20	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	29,000	45,000	11,600
21	Elektra Women's Choir	15,000	17,000	6,000
22	Firehall Theatre Soc.	60,000	80,000	24,000
23	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Soc.)	45,800	65,000	18,320
24	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	24,000	30,000	9,600
25	Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	22,000	22,000	8,800
26	Holy Body Tattoo Soc.	30,000	38,000	12,000

27	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	15,000	15,000	6,000
28	Karen Jamieson Dance Soc.	8,000	10,000	3,200
29	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	16,000	21,000	6,400
30	Lola MacLaughlin Dance Soc.	14,000	20,000	5,600
31	Mascall Dance Soc.	10,000	15,000	4,000
32	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	11,000	15,000	4,400
33	Musica Intima Soc.	16,500	30,000	6,600
34	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	10,500	20,000	4,200
35	Newworld Theatre Soc.	25,000	32,500	10,000
36	Or Gallery Soc.	20,000	25,000	8,000
37	Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	19,500	23,000	7,800
38	Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	41,000	42,000	16,400
39	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	12,000	20,000	4,800
40	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	20,000	26,000	8,000
41	Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	13,700	17,000	5,480
42	Playwrights Theatre Centre	30,000	40,000	12,000
43	Powell St. Festival Soc.	12,000	20,000	4,800
44	Public Dreams Soc.	15,000	40,000	6,000
45	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	14,000	20,000	5,600
46	Rumble Productions Soc.	24,000	28,000	9,600
47	Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	22,000	27,000	8,800
48	Théâtre la Seizième	25,800	42,000	10,320
49	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	33,000	40,000	13,200
50	Van. Access Artist Run Centre	9,500	15,000	3,800
51	Van. Cantata Soc.	15,000	17,000	6,000
52	Van. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A)	30,000	35,000	12,000
53	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	18,000	20,000	7,200
54	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	50,000	60,000	20,000
55	Van. East Cultural Centre	95,000	125,000	38,000
56	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	82,500	87,500	33,000
57	Van. Fringe Festival (First Van. Theatrespace Soc.)	32,000	45,000	12,800

58	Van. International Children's Festival Soc.	126,500	136,500	50,600	
59	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	25,000	75,000	10,000	
60	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	49,000	60,000	19,600	
61	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	12,000	15,000	4,800	
62	Van. New Music Soc.	30,000	36,000	12,000	
63	Van. Opera Assn.	28,000	40,000	11,200	
64	Van. Symphony Soc.	46,000	50,000	18,400	
65	Western Front Soc.	34,000	45,000	13,600	
		Total	2,015,300	2,588,500	806,120
