



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Cultural Services: Grants, Awards and Support Programs

SUBJECT: 2009 Advance Instalments: Cultural Operating Grants

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants in the amount of \$853,480 to the 74 organizations listed in Appendix A, source of funds to be the 2009 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 \$853,480 for the 74 Cultural Operating grant applicants as outlined in this report as an advance instalment to their 2009 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 2008, the City provided 92 organizations with Operating grants totalling \$2,463,700. Of those organizations, the City provided advance instalments to 65 organizations in the amount of \$806,120.

Following a staff review of the 2009 Operating Grant applications against program criteria, advance instalments are recommended to 74 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 2009, further evaluation of the 2009 requests, and on Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

In June 2009, the Cultural Services Department, Grants, Awards and Support Programs will report back to Council on the program design recommendations for the new Cultural Grants program that was approved by Council in June 2008. A Program Design Working Committee has been struck with terms of reference to align the cultural grants programs with the published Culture Plan values and priorities and integrate key programs into a new single Cultural Grants program with two access streams: artist-driven and community-driven cultural initiatives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 74 Operating grant advance instalments in this report are recommended prior to Council's approval of the 2009 Cultural Grants budget. They amount to 40% of an eligible applicant's 2008 Operating grant for a total of \$853,480.

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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2009 Advance Instalments
Cultural Operating Grants

	Organization	2008 Grant	2009 Request	2009 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	40,000	45,000	16,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	145,000	185,000	58,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	27,000	27,000	10,800
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	32,000	40,000	12,800
5	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	21,500	40,000	8,600
6	Battery Opera Performing Arts Soc.	10,500	17,500	4,200
7	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Soc.	22,000	30,000	8,800
8	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	17,000	22,000	6,800
9	Carousel Theatre Soc.	27,000	40,000	10,800
10	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	16,000	25,000	6,400
11	Children's Arts Umbrella Assn.	12,500	17,500	5,000
12	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	15,500	22,500	6,200
13	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	30,000	60,000	12,000
14	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	69,000	100,000	27,600
15	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	65,000	75,000	26,000
16	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	21,000	25,000	8,400
17	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	23,000	35,000	9,200
18	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	18,500	20,000	7,400
19	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	30,000	45,000	12,000
20	Elektra Women's Choir	13,500	15,000	5,400
21	Firehall Theatre Soc.	60,000	70,000	24,000
22	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Soc.	9,500	20,000	3,800
23	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Soc.)	50,000	75,000	20,000
24	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	25,000	45,000	10,000
25	Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	22,000	23,000	8,800
26	Holy Body Tattoo Soc.	30,000	33,000	12,000
27	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	15,000	20,000	6,000
28	Karen Jamieson Dance Soc.	9,500	15,000	3,800
29	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Soc.	16,500	22,000	6,600
30	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	16,000	25,000	6,400
31	Lola MacLaughlin Dance Soc.	14,000	18,000	5,600
32	Malaspina Printmakers Soc.	8,000	17,000	3,200
33	Mascall Dance Soc.	11,000	18,000	4,400
34	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	15,000	20,000	6,000
35	Musica Intima Soc.	18,500	30,000	7,400
36	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	11,000	20,000	4,400

37	Newworld Theatre Soc.	25,000	35,000	10,000
38	Norman Rothstein Theatre (Van. Westside Theatre Soc.)	13,000	30,000	5,200
39	Or Gallery Soc.	21,000	26,500	8,400
40	Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	19,500	30,000	7,800
41	Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	41,000	45,000	16,400
42	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	12,000	20,000	4,800
43	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	20,000	32,200	8,000
44	Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	16,000	20,000	6,400
45	Playwrights Theatre Centre	30,000	55,000	12,000
46	Powell St. Festival Soc.	14,000	20,000	5,600
47	Public Dreams Soc.	15,000	25,000	6,000
48	Radix Theatre Soc.	8,500	14,000	3,400
49	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	14,000	25,000	5,600
50	Rumble Productions Soc.	24,000	30,000	9,600
51	Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	23,000	30,000	9,200
52	Théâtre la Seizième	27,500	40,000	11,000
53	Theatre Replacement Soc.	15,000	27,000	6,000
54	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	33,000	40,000	13,200
55	Van. Access Artist Run Centre	11,000	18,500	4,400
56	Van. Cantata Soc.	16,000	20,000	6,400
57	Van. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A)	30,000	35,000	12,000
58	Van. Chinese Instrumental Music Soc.	7,000	8,500	2,800
59	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	18,000	21,000	7,200
60	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	54,700	65,000	21,880
61	Van. East Cultural Centre	95,000	150,000	38,000
62	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	82,500	95,000	33,000
63	Van. Fringe Festival (First Van. Theatrespace Soc.)	35,000	45,000	14,000
64	Van. International Children's Festival Soc.	126,500	136,500	50,600
65	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	32,000	50,000	12,800
66	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	53,000	60,000	21,200
67	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	12,000	20,000	4,800
68	Van. New Music Soc.	30,000	33,000	12,000
69	Van. Opera Assn.	29,000	50,000	11,600
70	Van. Out on Screen Film Festival Soc.	18,000	38,000	7,200
71	Van. Summer Festival Soc.	27,500	60,000	11,000
72	Van. Symphony Soc.	50,000	55,000	20,000
73	Western Front Soc.	38,000	52,000	15,200
74	Western Theatre Conspiracy (Western Theatre Conspiracy Arts Soc.)	10,000	34,000	4,000
Total		2,133,700	2,948,700	853,480