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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Director of Grants, Awards and Support Programs, Cultural Services  
SUBJECT: 2011 Advance Cultural Grants Operating Instalments

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

- A. THAT Council approve advance Cultural Grants Operating instalments in the amount of \$1,044,480 to 83 cultural organizations, in advance of their 2011 annual operating review, as listed in Appendix A.
- B. THAT Council approve quarterly grant instalments in the amount of \$983,300 to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions beginning January 2011, in advance of their annual operating review, as listed in Table 1.

Source of funds for both A and B is the 2011 Cultural Grants budget.

### ***GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS***

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of A and B.

### ***COUNCIL POLICY***

Approval of these recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

### ***PURPOSE***

This report recommends that Council approve advance grants and quarterly instalments in the amount of \$2,027,780 for 83 Cultural Operating Grant organizations and the five Major Exhibiting Institutions, in advance of their annual 2011 operating review.

## ***BACKGROUND***

On December 14, 1989, City Council approved the provision of advance grant instalments for Cultural Operating grants to applicants that meet specific criteria as per below. 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 criteria for receipt of an advance grant are as follows:

- 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.

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 presented to Council after a preliminary staff review of grant applications. These instalments allow each organization to manage their cash flow more effectively as many funding agencies do not issue 2011 grant funds to the institutions until well into 2011.

In past years, the City has disbursed Operating grants to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions in equal instalments throughout the year. The instalments are timed to accommodate the operating cash flow requirements of these organizations.

## ***DISCUSSION***

In 2010, the City approved advance grant instalments to 77 organizations in the amount of \$978,000 and quarterly grant instalments to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions in the amount of \$985,975.

Following a preliminary staff review of the 2011 Operating Grant applications, advance instalments are recommended to 83 organizations (based on 40% of the 2010 grant) and that quarterly instalments be made to the 5 Major Exhibiting Institutions (based on 2010 funding levels).

Subject to Council approval, applicants will be notified in writing that approval of an advance grant and 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 2011, final Assessment Committee review of the 2011 operating grant requests, and Council's final approval of recommended allocations.

An Assessment Committee comprised of members from the arts and cultural community and Cultural Services staff will review the Operating applications. Once this process has concluded in February 2011 and Council has approved the recommendations brought forward by the Assessment Committee, the balance of grant payments will be made and adjustments (if any) will be made for the Major Exhibiting Institutions and disbursed according to the quarterly payments. Any changes to the balance of payments and the quarterly payments will accommodate for inflation or budget adjustments.

A summary of 2011 quarterly instalments for the five Majors is provided in Table 1. A summary of the 83 advance grant instalments are listed in Appendix A.

**Table 1: 2011 Quarterly Instalments to the Major Exhibiting Institutions**

Organization	2010 Grant	2011 Advance Instalments (1/4)
ASTC Science World Society	94,800	\$ 23,700
HR MacMillan Space Centre Society	524,400	\$131,100
Vancouver Art Gallery Association	2,167,500	\$541,875
Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	400,000	\$100,000
Vancouver Museum Society	746,500	\$186,625
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,933,200</b>	<b>\$983,300</b>

### *FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS*

The 2011 Cultural Grants budget is \$10,554,400, pending Council approval.

This report recommends advance approval for 83 Operating grant instalments (\$1,044,480) and five quarterly instalments to Major Exhibiting Institutions (\$983,300) for a total of \$2,027,780.

Final recommendations on the 2011 Operating grants for the 83 organizations and the five Major Exhibiting Institutions will be made following a review of each organization's operational and financial performance and submitted to Council for approval in April of 2011. Pending those recommendations, any adjustments will be made to the balance of the operating grants awarded to the organizations and the instalments made to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions.

At this time, Council is requested to approve advance grant and quarterly instalments totalling \$2,027,780 as summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Schedule of 2010 Advance Grant and Quarterly Instalments**

Grant Program	Instalment Amount
83 Cultural Operating Grant Organizations	\$1,044,480
5 Major Exhibiting Institutions (Quarterly payments)	\$983,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,027,780</b>

### *CONCLUSION*

Vancouver's non-profit arts and cultural organizations consistently underline the value of the City's advance grant instalments in managing their cash flow needs early in the year. These instalments have also been particularly crucial in recent years given an especially challenging financial period of economic and funding uncertainty.

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**2011 Advance Instalments  
Cultural Operating Grants**

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>2010 Grant</b>	<b>2011 Advance</b>
1	Alliance for Arts & Culture Soc.	45,000	18,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre	155,000	62,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	27,000	10,800
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	34,000	13,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet BC Soc.)	93,000	37,200
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	22,000	8,800
7	Battery Opera Perf. Arts Soc.	10,500	4,200
8	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Soc.	27,000	10,800
9	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	17,000	6,800
10	Carousel Theatre Soc.	30,000	12,000
11	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	16,000	6,400
12	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	16,500	6,600
13	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers	34,000	13,600
14	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	82,500	33,000
15	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	65,000	26,000
16	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	25,000	10,000
17	DOXA Documentary Film and Video Festival	15,000	6,000
18	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	30,500	12,200
19	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	20,000	8,000
20	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	35,000	14,000
21	Elektra Women's Choir	13,500	5,400
22	Firehall Theatre Soc.	65,000	26,000
23	Flamenco Rosario (Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Soc.)	10,000	4,000
24	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Soc.	11,000	4,400
25	Gallery Gachet Soc.	19,000	7,600
26	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Soc)	55,000	22,000

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27	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	33,000	13,200
28	Hard Rubber New Music Soc.	8,000	3,200
29	Headlines Theatre (Theatre for Living Soc.)	22,000	8,800
30	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	15,000	6,000
31	Karen Jamieson Dance Soc.	10,000	4,000
32	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Soc.	24,000	9,600
33	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	16,000	6,400
34	Leaky Heaven Performance Soc.	17,000	6,800
35	Malaspina Printmakers Soc.	13,000	5,200
36	Mascall Dance Soc.	11,000	4,400
37	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	20,000	8,000
38	Musica Intima Soc.	19,000	7,600
39	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	10,000	4,000
40	New Performance Works Soc.	10,000	4,000
41	Newworld Theatre Soc.	30,000	12,000
42	Norman Rothstein Theatre (Van. Westside Theatre Soc.)	18,000	7,200
43	Or Gallery Soc.	27,700	11,080
44	Pacific Baroque Orchestra Soc.	19,500	7,800
45	Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique	43,000	17,200
46	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	14,000	5,600
47	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	20,000	8,000
48	Pitt Gallery (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	17,500	7,000
49	Playwrights Theatre Centre	35,000	14,000
50	Powell St. Festival Soc.	16,000	6,400
51	Public Dreams Soc.	17,500	7,000
52	PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Soc.	70,000	28,000
53	Radix Theatre Soc.	11,000	4,400
54	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	14,000	5,600
55	Rumble Productions Soc.	26,000	10,400
56	Satellite Video Exchange Soc.	24,000	9,600
57	Théâtre la Seizième	27,500	11,000

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58	Theatre Replacement Soc.	20,000	8,000
59	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	35,000	14,000
60	Turning Point Ensemble	20,000	8,000
61	Urban Ink Productions Soc.	14,000	5,600
62	Uzume Taiko Drum Group Soc.	8,000	3,200
63	Van. Access Artist Run Centre	12,500	5,000
64	Van. Cantata Soc.	17,000	6,800
65	Van. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A)	35,000	14,000
66	Van. Chamber Choir	16,000	6,400
67	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	20,000	8,000
68	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	73,000	29,200
69	Van. East Cultural Centre	110,000	44,000
70	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	80,000	32,000
71	Van. Fringe Festival (First Van. Theatrespace Soc.)	38,000	15,200
72	Van. Intl. Children's Festival Soc.	126,500	50,600
73	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	48,000	19,200
74	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	60,000	24,000
75	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	15,000	6,000
76	Van. New Music Soc.	29,000	11,600
77	Van. Opera Assn.	29,000	11,600
78	Van. Out on Screen Film Festival	25,000	10,000
79	Van. Summer Festival Soc.	30,000	12,000
80	Van. Symphony Soc.	50,000	20,000
81	Wen Wei Dance Soc.	18,000	7,200
82	Western Front Soc.	40,000	16,000
83	Western Theatre Conspiracy Soc.	10,000	4,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,611,200</b>	<b>1,044,480</b>