

MOTION ON NOTICE

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5. Create an Independent Arts and Culture Fund

MOVER: Councillor Deal

SECONDER: Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver supports hundreds of arts organizations a year through a robust, innovative and evolving cultural granting program;
2. The City is limited in its ability to support individual artists or small organizations without a record of receiving grants, who wish to launch new projects or events;
3. The City has successfully established the Greenest City Fund and the Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grants Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request staff, in consultation with the Arts and Culture Policy Council, to:

- (a) develop recommendations to create an Independent Arts and Culture Fund in the amount of \$50,000/year intended to provide grants of \$500, \$1000, and \$2000 for local artists based on need, budget and quality of project, and that these grants be used to support new initiatives which may include hosting new events, starting festivals, or securing space for new performances;
- (b) seek partnership(s) to adjudicate and administer this fund including payments to artists;
- (c) explore options for leveraging this fund to create a larger fund in the future; and
- (d) report back to Council with recommendations by September 15, 2015.

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