



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
FROM: General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2018 First Quarter Instalments and Core Grants to Cultural Organizations

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Council approve the first quarter grant instalments to the 5 major institutions in the amount of \$990,850, as outlined in Appendix A of this report; source of funds is the 2018 Cultural Grants Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve core grants to 124 cultural operating and annual assistance organizations in the amount of \$3,851,800, as outlined in Appendix A of this report; source of funds is the 2018 Cultural Grants Budget.

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report recommends first instalments and core grants to 129 cultural organizations for a total allocation of \$4,842,650.

### **COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

On January 24, 2017 (RTS 11759), Council approved advance grants, first instalments and biennial grants to 98 cultural organizations for a total allocation of \$2,608,070.

On March 29, 2017 (RTS11801), Council approved project grants, the balance of operating and annual assistance grants and an arts capacity grant to 165 organizations for a total of \$7,774,700.

On October 18, 2017, Council received the *Creative City Strategy* framework to develop the City's future directions and priorities for arts and culture.

Approval of grant recommendations A and B requires two-thirds affirmative votes of all Council members.

## **CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The General Manager of Community Services recommends approval of the foregoing.

## **REPORT**

### **Background/Context**

The City of Vancouver invests over \$12 million in grants to local arts and culture not-for profit organizations through various grant streams including operating, annual assistance, project, community arts, theatre rental grants, arts capacity and the independent artists fund.

Cultural Services is currently embarking upon a reset of the City's cultural priorities and directions to update the previous Culture Plan (2008 - 2018) and strategic directions update (2013 - 2018) through the *Creative City Strategy* process. This process will involve extensive input from the community through an external advisory committee, focus groups, partnering events, on-line surveys and other forms of consultation and public engagement that will inform future priorities and direction for support of the arts, cultural and creative sector.

During the initial *Creative City Strategy* engagement process, core grants for major institutions, operating and annual assistance organizations are being recommended at stable levels (the same level as awarded in 2017) through a streamlined application process.

Allocation of increases to the 2018 Cultural Grants budget will be informed by early findings of the *Creative City Strategy*.

### **Strategic Analysis**

As the demand for resources continues to outpace available resources for cultural investment, input from the community through the *Creative City Strategy* process is being sought to help set priorities for the future. During that process, 2018 core grants are being recommended at stable levels (same level as 2017) for major institutions, operating and annual assistance organizations.

For 2018, existing major institutions, operating and annual assistance grantees were invited to make a streamlined application which staff reviewed to ensure organizations satisfied the following criteria:

- Organizations have no significant changes in size, scope or impact projected in the next year.
- Organizations have ranked well in all areas of performance (programs/services, operations and impact) in recent assessments.
- Organizations are financially stable.
- Organizations are committed to delivering a consistent level of programs and services for 2018.
- Removal from a peer-assessment process, with a stable level of assistance (same level of grant as in 2017), will not have a negative impact on the organization to deliver ongoing programs and services to the community.

Upon a staff review as well as 2017 peer-assessment committee input, staff are recommending 2018 first quarter instalments to 5 major institutions for a total of \$990,850, and core grants to 60 operating and 64 annual assistance organizations for a total of \$3,851,800. This reflects stable levels of funding (same core grant level as awarded in 2017).

A complete list of first quarter instalments and advance grants is provided in Appendix A.

### **Financial**

This report recommends first quarterly instalments and core grants to 129 cultural Organizations, for a total allocation of \$4,842,650, as per Table 1. The 2018 Cultural Grants budget is summarized in Table 2.

**Table 1 - Summary of 2018 Advance Grant Recommendations**

<b># of Groups</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
5	Major Institutions	\$990,850
60	Operating	\$2,736,300
64	Annual Assistance	\$1,115,500
<b>129</b>		<b>\$4,842,650</b>

**Table 2 - 2018 Cultural Grants Budget**

<b>Program Stream</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>Recommended in this Report</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
Major Institutions	\$3,963,400	\$990,850	\$2,972,550
Operating	\$2,736,300	\$2,736,300	-
Annual Assistance	\$1,115,500	\$1,115,500	-
Projects	\$410,000		\$410,000
Community Arts	\$428,768		\$428,768
Arts Capacity	\$100,000		\$100,000
Ind. Artists Fund	\$50,000		\$50,000
Unallocated	\$582,383		\$582,383
<b>Subtotal - Cash Grants</b>	<b>\$9,386,351</b>	<b>\$4,842,650</b>	<b>\$4,543,701</b>
Theatre Rental - In-kind Grants (to be allocated in a separate report later in 2018)	\$2,687,669		\$2,687,669
<b>TOTAL - All Grants</b>	<b>\$12,074,020</b>	<b>\$4,842,650</b>	<b>\$7,231,370</b>

Approval of Recommendations A and B will allocate \$4,842,650, just over 50% of the cash grants in the 2018 Cultural Grants budget. Theatre Rental in-kind grants recommendations will be brought forward to Council for approval later in the year. The balance of Cultural Grants program allocations will be determined through related program stream review processes for Council approval throughout the year.

Early findings and emerging priorities identified by community members involved in the *Creative City Strategy* process will inform staff's recommendations for allocating the approved increase in the 2018 Cultural Grants budget. Recommendations in this regard will be brought back to Council for approval later in the year.

### **CONCLUSION**

Ongoing investment in cultural organizations through operational support is highly valued in the arts and cultural sector and contributes to a diverse and thriving cultural ecology.

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	<b>Major Institutions</b>	<b>2017 Grant</b>	<b>2018 1st Instalment</b>
1	H.R. MacMillan Space Centre	\$519,400	\$129,850
2	Museum of Vancouver (Van. Museum Soc.)	\$758,000	\$189,500
3	Science World (A.S.T.C.)	\$105,000	\$26,250
4	Van. Art Gallery	\$2,181,000	\$545,250
5	Van. Maritime Museum Soc.	\$400,000	\$100,000
	<b>Total Major Institutions</b>	<b>\$3,963,400</b>	<b>\$990,850</b>
	<b>Operating Organizations</b>	<b>2017 Grant</b>	<b>2018 Grant</b>
1	Alliance for Arts and Culture Soc.	\$45,000	\$45,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Soc.	\$160,000	\$160,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Soc.	\$29,000	\$29,000
4	Axis Theatre Soc.	\$34,000	\$34,000
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)	\$100,000	\$100,000
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Soc.	\$60,000	\$60,000
7	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Soc.	\$30,000	\$30,000
8	Canadian Music Centre - B.C.	\$26,500	\$26,500
9	Carousel Theatre Soc.	\$32,000	\$32,000
10	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	\$20,000	\$20,000
11	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	\$20,000	\$20,000
12	Cinémathèque (Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique Soc.)	\$45,000	\$45,000
13	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Soc.	\$36,000	\$36,000
14	Coastal Jazz and Blues Soc.	\$95,000	\$95,000
15	Contemporary Art Gallery Soc.	\$70,000	\$70,000
16	DanceHouse (Seismic Shift Arts Soc.)	\$21,000	\$21,000
17	DOXA Documentary Film and Video Festival (The Documentary Media Soc.)	\$23,000	\$23,000
18	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Soc. for Early Music)	\$55,000	\$55,000
19	Electric Company Theatre Soc.	\$35,000	\$35,000
20	Firehall Theatre Soc.	\$75,000	\$75,000
21	Flamenco Rosario (Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Soc.)	\$20,000	\$20,000
22	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Soc.	\$75,000	\$75,000
23	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Soc.)	\$60,000	\$60,000
24	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Soc.)	\$37,500	\$37,500
25	Health Arts Soc.	\$20,000	\$20,000
26	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Soc.	\$28,000	\$28,000
27	Kokoro Dance Theatre Soc.	\$39,000	\$39,000
28	Malaspina Printmakers Soc.	\$20,000	\$20,000
29	Music in the Morning Concert Soc.	\$20,000	\$20,000

	Operating Organizations	2017 Grant	2018 Grant
30	Music on Main	\$29,000	\$29,000
31	Newworld Theatre Soc.	\$33,000	\$33,000
32	Norman Rothstein Theatre (Van. Westside Theatre Soc.)	\$30,000	\$30,000
33	Or Gallery Soc.	\$29,000	\$29,000
34	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Soc.)	\$22,000	\$22,000
35	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.	\$20,000	\$20,000
36	Playwrights Theatre Centre	\$40,000	\$40,000
37	PuSH International Performing Arts Festival Soc.	\$80,000	\$80,000
38	Rumble Productions Soc.	\$30,000	\$30,000
39	Theatre for Living Soc. (Headlines Theatre Soc.)	\$24,000	\$24,000
40	Théâtre la Seizième	\$35,000	\$35,000
41	Theatre Replacement Soc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
42	Touchstone Theatre Soc.	\$35,000	\$35,000
43	Turning Point Ensemble Soc.	\$31,000	\$31,000
44	Van. Chamber Choir	\$20,000	\$20,000
45	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Soc.)	\$25,000	\$25,000
46	Van. Dance Centre Soc.	\$78,000	\$78,000
47	Van. East Cultural Centre	\$115,000	\$115,000
48	Van. Folk Music Festival Soc.	\$80,000	\$80,000
49	Van. Fringe Festival (Vancouver Fringe Theatre Soc.)	\$40,000	\$40,000
50	Van. Intl. Children's Festival Soc.	\$126,500	\$126,500
51	Van. Intl. Dance Festival Soc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
52	Van. Intl. Film Festival Soc.	\$69,800	\$69,800
53	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Soc.	\$65,000	\$65,000
54	Van. Moving Theatre Soc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
55	Van. New Music Soc.	\$32,000	\$32,000
56	Van. Opera Assn.	\$60,000	\$60,000
57	Van. Out on Screen Film Festival Soc.	\$35,000	\$35,000
58	Van. Symphony Soc.	\$70,000	\$70,000
59	VIVO Media Arts Centre (Satellite Video Exchange Soc.)	\$30,000	\$30,000
60	Western Front Soc.	\$46,000	\$46,000
	<b>Total Operating Organizations</b>	<b>\$2,736,300</b>	<b>\$2,736,300</b>

	Annual Assistance Organizations	2017 Grant	2018 Grant
1	221A Artist Run Centre Soc.	\$22,000	\$22,000
2	605 Collective Dance Soc.	\$17,000	\$17,000
3	Access Gallery (Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre)	\$21,000	\$21,000
4	Aeriosa Dance Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
5	Assn. of Book Publishers of B.C.	\$18,000	\$18,000
6	Battery Opera Performing Arts Soc.	\$16,000	\$16,000
7	Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art (Bill Reid Foundation)	\$27,500	\$27,500
8	Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists - B.C. Chapter	\$15,000	\$15,000
9	Caravan World Rhythms Soc.	\$17,000	\$17,000
10	Centre A (Van. Intl. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art)	\$37,000	\$37,000
11	City Opera Van.	\$15,000	\$15,000
12	Co. Erasga Dance Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
13	Community Arts Council of Vancouver	\$15,000	\$15,000
14	Craft Council of B.C.	\$15,000	\$15,000
15	Dancing on the Edge Festival Soc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
16	Eastside Culture Crawl Soc.	\$13,000	\$13,000
17	EDAM Performing Arts Soc.	\$20,000	\$20,000
18	Elektra Women's Choir	\$18,500	\$18,500
19	Fight With a Stick (Leaky Heaven Performance Soc.)	\$15,000	\$15,000
20	Fillip (Projectile Publishing Soc.)	\$15,000	\$15,000
21	Gallery Gachet Soc.	\$24,000	\$24,000
22	Geist Foundation	\$13,500	\$13,500
23	Greater Van. Professional Theatre Alliance	\$13,000	\$13,000
24	Hard Rubber New Music Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
25	Indian Summer Arts Soc.	\$25,000	\$25,000
26	ITSAZOO Productions	\$13,000	\$13,000
27	Joe Ink Performance Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
28	Karen Jamieson Dance Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
29	Live Biennial of Performance Art Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
30	Mascall Dance Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
31	Miscellaneous Productions Soc.	\$19,500	\$19,500
32	Movement Enterprises Soc.	\$13,000	\$13,000
33	Musica Intima Soc.	\$21,000	\$21,000
34	New Forms Media Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
35	New Orchestra Workshop Soc.	\$14,000	\$14,000
36	New Performance Works Soc.	\$20,000	\$20,000
37	Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Soc.	\$17,000	\$17,000
38	Powell St. Festival Soc.	\$35,000	\$35,000
39	Pride in Art Soc.	\$19,000	\$19,000

	<b>Annual Assistance Organizations</b>	<b>2017 Grant</b>	<b>2018 Grant</b>
40	Radix Theatre Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
41	Raven Spirit Dance Soc.	\$14,000	\$14,000
42	Realwheels Soc.	\$17,000	\$17,000
43	Redshift Music Soc.	\$17,000	\$17,000
44	Reel to Real: Celebration of Moving Images Soc.	\$16,000	\$16,000
45	Ruby Slippers Productions Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
46	Secret Lantern Soc.	\$16,500	\$16,500
47	Still Moon Arts Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
48	Sub-TERRAIN Literary Collective Soc.	\$12,000	\$12,000
49	Tara Cheyenne Performance (DanStaBat Performance Soc.)	\$14,000	\$14,000
50	The Chop Theatre	\$12,000	\$12,000
51	The Frank Theatre (Screaming Weenie Productions)**	\$15,000	\$15,000
52	The Only Animal Theatre Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
53	Theatre Conspiracy (Western Theatre Conspiracy Arts Soc.)	\$17,000	\$17,000
54	Theatre Terrific Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
55	Unit/Pitt Projects (Unit/Pitt Soc. For Arts and Critical Awareness)	\$18,000	\$18,000
56	Up in The Air Theatre Soc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
57	Urban Ink Productions Soc.	\$35,000	\$35,000
58	Van. Cantata Soc.	\$16,500	\$16,500
59	Van. Inter-Cultural Orchestra (VICO)	\$20,000	\$20,000
60	Van. Jewish Film Centre Soc.	\$10,000	\$10,000
61	Van. Latin American Film Festival (First Latin American Film Festival of Vancouver)	\$16,000	\$16,000
62	Van. Theatresports League	\$10,500	\$10,500
63	Wen Wei Dance Soc.	\$22,000	\$22,000
64	Word Vancouver Festival (Van. Book & Magazine Fair Soc.)	\$18,000	\$18,000
	<b>Total Annual Assistance Organizations</b>	<b>\$1,115,500</b>	<b>\$1,115,500</b>
	<b>Total Major Institutions</b>		<b>\$990,850</b>
	<b>Total Operating and Annual Assistance Organizations</b>		<b>\$3,851,800</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,842,650</b>

*\*\*Subject to completion of CADAC financial submission*