



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2019 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance, Arts Capacity, Music Fund)

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve 5 first quarter instalment grants, totaling \$990,850, to the Agencies listed under "Major Institutions" in the amounts recommended for each Agency in the "2019 Advance" column, in Appendix A. Source of funding is the 2019 Cultural Grants Operating budget.
- B. THAT Council approve 59 advance operating grants, totaling \$1,084,920, to the Agencies listed under "Operating Organizations" in the amounts recommended for each Agency in the "2019 Advance" column, in Appendix A. Source of funding is the 2019 Cultural Grants Operating budget.
- C. THAT Council approve 64 advance annual assistance grants, totaling \$446,200, to the Agencies listed under "Annual Assistance Organizations" in the amounts recommended for each Agency in the "2019 Advance" column, in Appendix A. Source of funding is the 2019 Cultural Grants Operating budget.
- D. THAT Council approve a grant of \$20,000, to Vantage Point Strategies Society for delivery of arts capacity development support to cultural grantees of the City. Source of funding is the 2019 Cultural Grants Operating budget.
- E. THAT Council approve a Music Fund grant of \$300,000, payable jointly to both Creative BC Society and Music BC Industry Association to augment some of the existing programs being delivered by each of these entities which align with the City's Music Strategy recommendations as further described in this Report. Source of funding is the 2019 Cultural Grant Operating Budget.

- F. THAT the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services (GM of ACCS) is authorized to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in this report on the terms and conditions generally set out below and on such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the GM of ACCS and the City Solicitor.
- G. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of Recommendations A - E above unless and until the applicable grant agreement or letter of agreement is approved by the City in accordance with Recommendation F above and executed and delivered by both the grant recipient and GM of ACCS (or their designate).
- H. THAT, pursuant to Section 206 (1) (j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A which is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, to be contributing to the culture of the city.

Recommendations A to E requires two-thirds affirmative votes of all Council members per section 206 (1) of the Vancouver Charter.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report recommends a total of \$2,841,970 to 131 cultural organizations: first quarter instalment grants totaling \$990,850; 59 advance operating grants totaling \$1,084,920; 64 advance annual assistance grants totaling \$446,200; 1 arts capacity grant of \$20,000; and a one-time Music Fund grant of \$300,000.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

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

On January 30, 2018 (RTS 12335), Council approved core grants and first quarterly instalments to 129 cultural organizations for a total allocation of \$4,842,650.

On March 14, 2018 (RTS 12418), Council approved project grants and the balance of quarterly instalments to 71 cultural organizations for a total of \$3,402,550.

On May 15, 2018 (RTS 12369), Council approved Arts Capacity, Infrastructure, Community Arts and Host Your Own Engagement grants to 134 organizations for a total of \$1,663,568.

On July 10, 2018 (RTS 12349), Council approved one time funding of \$400,000 to support early initiatives arising from the Vancouver Music Strategy including temporary full-time staff resources to complete and deliver on strategy recommendations (\$100,000), and grants to Vancouver-based, music-focused projects aligning with the directions (\$300,000).

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Arts, Culture and 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 nonprofit organizations through various grant streams, including operating, annual assistance, project, community arts, theatre rental grants, arts capacity and the independent artists fund. This is in addition to annual cultural infrastructure grants and cultural capital investments, and public art commissions.

The *Creative City Strategy* was initiated in 2017 to update the 2008-2018 Culture Plan for Vancouver. The Strategy aims to address current and emerging challenges and opportunities in the cultural sector, reflect the culture and history of the city, and interface with other City policies and strategies. The *Music Strategy* was initiated in 2016 to explore options to better support local musicians and the Vancouver music sector. Council received an update on both strategies in 2018. Staff will deliver the framework of the *Creative City Strategy* later in 2019, which will integrate final directions of the Music Strategy, and provide overall priorities and directions for the City's future investments in the creative sector. The work of these strategies is guided by members of the community through the *Creative City Strategy* External Advisory committee and the Vancouver Music Advisory committee.

The grant programs in this report align with both existing and emerging directions: the first instalments, advance, and arts capacity grants align with a key strategic direction of the previous culture plan - to enhance the health and sustainability of the arts and culture sector; the one-time Music Fund grant aligns with recommendations arising from the Music Strategy – to support the growth and development of Vancouver's music sector through support of projects that provide access to space, promotion and education, and to support Indigenous musicians and musicians from underrepresented communities to create and perform.

In advance of the completion of the Creative City Strategy, cultural grant programs will be assessed according to existing priorities and directions. Any considerations to cultural grants programs will be informed by the results of the 2018 pilot Creative City Strategic Grants (which adopted early findings of the Strategy in its goals, design, and process), feedback from the public engagement phase and the implementation phase of the Strategy, commencing in 2019.

Strategic Analysis

First Instalments and Advance Grants

Partial early disbursement of operational grants has been in place since 1998 as a way to accommodate the operating cash flow needs of cultural grantees at a time when other public sector funding is not commonly awarded (i.e., Canadian Heritage, Canada Council for the Arts, the BC Arts Council). This occurs in the form of first quarter instalments for the five major institutions (where the grant amounts are larger), and advance grants for operating and annual

assistance groups. If a grantee meets specific criteria outlined below, staff recommends they be advanced 40% of their core operating grant, or the first quarter instalment (25%) for the major institutions, of their City grant awarded in the previous year. The balance of grant amounts are awarded after the assessment committees meet, and will be brought to Council for approval in April. The criteria for these grants being recommended are as follows:

- The organization has received ongoing assistance from the City (operating or annual assistance) for the past three consecutive years;
- The organization's core grant in the previous year was \$10,000 or more; and,
- An initial review of the organization's application indicates no concerns around the applicant's finances, sustainability or impact.

Based on an initial review of the applications, staff recommends 2019 first quarter instalments to 5 major institutions for a total of \$990,850, and advance grants to 123 operating and annual assistance organizations for a total of \$2,521,970.

The complete list of recommended first quarter instalments, and advance grants to operating and annual assistance groups, is provided in Appendix A.

Arts Capacity Grants

Arts capacity support has been in place for several years, with the goal of enhancing the organizational health of arts and cultural groups. Since 2012, Vantage Point, a local non-profit society, has partnered with the City to deliver leadership development training to staff, board and volunteers of cultural organizations supported by the City. Staff recommends a grant for a renewed partnership for 2019 which will continue to provide free access to workshops for hundreds of leaders of City-supported cultural groups. This grant will also support the continuation of a 15-month pilot Arts Capacity Cohort for four growing cultural grantees.

Music Fund Grants

This grant is a one-time grant to support the work of the Music Strategy as approved by Council in July of 2018. The intent of the funds is specifically to:

- Support the growth and development of Vancouver's music industry including, but not limited to:
 - Focusing on the provision of music spaces (rehearsal, recording, presentation and housing);
 - Providing micro-grants for media publications that will grow and promote the local grassroots music scene; and,
 - Providing music education opportunities for emerging artists.
- Support Indigenous and underrepresented musicians to create and perform.

In November 2018, the City issued a Limited Request for Proposals to administer \$300,000 in grant funds to Vancouver-based, music-focused projects and artists that align with the current directions, identified by the community in the Vancouver Music Strategy Interim Report. To be eligible, organizations had to be established, Vancouver-based, non-profit societies, and/or registered charities with existing funding programs that support the Music sector. Further, they had to have programs in alignment with Music Strategy recommendations, Equity and non-harassment policies in place, be financially stable, and have full-time professional qualified staff and leadership with the capacity to deliver such programs.

Upon initial review of the proposals, staff recommends a joint grant to the Music BC Industry Association and Creative BC Society to augment some of the existing programs they deliver, which align closely with the Music Strategy recommendations, as described below.

Music BC Industry Association is a non-profit organization serving the for-profit and non-profit music industry including artists, industry professionals, studios, promoters, venues, festival, producers, agents, managers and educational institutions. They organize domestic and international trade missions, provide workshops, support touring and business travel, and host local talent showcases. Creative BC Society is an independent non-profit and economic development organization funded primarily by the Province of BC which serves BC's creative industries. It supports the music sector through its Music Industry Initiatives (training, infrastructure, export, business development and research), Live Music and Music Company Development (capacity building and capital purchases), and support of musicians through career development, performances, mentorships, etc.

Upon approval by Council, specific terms, conditions, budgets, and reporting will be finalized and executed through a joint partnership grant agreement with Music BC Industry Association and Creative BC Society, by the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services in consultation with the City Solicitor. The music community will be able to access these funds through application processes in early 2019.

Financial

This report recommends a total of \$2,841,970 through various grant types to 131 cultural Organizations as summarized in Table 1. The 2019 Cultural Grants budget with the inclusion of the Innovations Fund is summarized in Table 2.

Table 1 – Summary of 2019 Cultural Grant Recommendations

Type of Grant	# of Orgs	\$ Amount
1 st instalments Major Institutions	5	\$990,850
Advance grants Operating	59	\$1,084,920
Advance grants Annual Assistance	64	\$446,200
Arts Capacity (Vantage Point)	1	\$20,000
Music Fund (Music BC Industry Assn/Creative BC Society)	2	\$300,000
TOTAL	131	\$2,841,970

Table 2 – 2019 Cultural Grants Budget with Innovations Fund

Program Stream	2019 Budget	Recommended in this Report	Report Rec.	Balance
Major Institutions	\$3,963,400	\$990,850	A	\$2,972,550
Operating	\$2,736,300	\$1,084,920	B	\$1,651,380
Annual Assistance	\$1,115,500	\$446,200	C	\$669,300
Projects	\$420,000			\$420,000

Community Arts	\$418,768			\$418,768
Arts Capacity	\$100,000	\$20,000	D	\$80,000
Ind. Artists Fund (under review)	\$50,000			\$50,000
Unallocated (budget increase and strategic initiatives)	\$743,055			\$743,055
Music Fund (Innovations – one-time)	\$300,000	\$300,000	E	-
Subtotal – Cash Grants	\$9,847,023	\$2,841,970		\$7,005,053
Theatre Rental – In-kind Grants (to be allocated in a separate report later in 2019)	\$2,768,477			\$2,768,477
TOTAL – All Grants	\$12,615,500	\$2,841,970		\$9,773,530

Approval of these recommendations will allocate \$2,841,970 of the 2019 Cultural Grants budget with the inclusion of the one-time Innovations Fund. The balance of 2019 funds will be allocated through the related program processes and emerging priorities identified through the *Creative City Strategy* process.

CONCLUSION

The City’s commitment and ongoing investment in the cultural sector, and growing investment in gaps and opportunities as identified through ongoing engagement with the creative community, is highly valued and contributes to a diverse, vibrant and healthy city.

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	Major Institutions	2018 Grant	2019 Advance
1	H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society	519,400	129,850
2	Museum of Vancouver (Van. Museum Society)	758,000	189,500
3	Science World Society (A.S.T.C.)	105,000	26,250
4	Van. Art Gallery Association	2,181,000	545,250
5	Van. Maritime Museum Society	400,000	100,000
	Total Major Institutions	3,963,400	990,850
	Operating Organizations	2018 Grant	2019 Advance
1	Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	45,000	18,000
2	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	160,000	64,000
3	Artspeak Gallery Society	29,000	11,600
4	Axis Theatre Society	34,000	13,600
5	Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Society)	100,000	40,000
6	Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	60,000	24,000
7	Boca Del Lupo Theatre Society	30,000	12,000
8	Canadian Music Centre (B.C.)	26,500	10,600
9	Carousel Theatre Society	32,000	12,800
10	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	20,000	8,000
11	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	20,000	8,000
12	Cinémathèque (Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique Society)	45,000	18,000
13	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	36,000	14,400
14	Coastal Jazz and Blues Society	95,000	38,000
15	Contemporary Art Gallery Society	70,000	28,000
16	DanceHouse (Seismic Shift Arts Society)	21,000	8,400
17	DOXA Documentary Film and Video Festival (The Documentary Media Society)	23,000	9,200
18	Early Music Vancouver (Van. Society for Early Music)	55,000	22,000
19	Electric Company Theatre Society	35,000	14,000
20	Firehall Theatre Society	75,000	30,000
21	Flamenco Rosario (Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Society)	20,000	8,000
22	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Society	75,000	30,000
23	Green Thumb Theatre for Young People (Green Thumb Players Society)	60,000	24,000
24	grunt gallery (Visible Arts Society)	37,500	15,000
25	Health Arts Society	20,000	8,000
26	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Society	28,000	11,200
27	Kokoro Dance Theatre Society	39,000	15,600
28	Malaspina Printmakers Society	20,000	8,000
29	Music in the Morning Concert Society	20,000	8,000

30	Music on Main Society	29,000	11,600
31	Newworld Theatre Society	33,000	13,200
32	Norman Rothstein Theatre (Van. Westside Theatre Society)	30,000	12,000
33	Or Gallery Society	29,000	11,600
34	Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Society)	22,000	8,800
35	PI Theatre (Pink Ink Theatre Productions Assn.)	20,000	8,000
36	PTC Playwrights Theatre Centre	40,000	16,000
37	PuSH International Performing Arts Festival Society	80,000	32,000
38	Rumble Productions Society	30,000	12,000
39	Théâtre la Seizième	35,000	14,000
40	Theatre Replacement Society	25,000	10,000
41	Touchstone Theatre Society	35,000	14,000
42	Turning Point Ensemble Society	31,000	12,400
43	Van. Chamber Choir	20,000	8,000
44	Van. Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Edn. Society)	25,000	10,000
45	Van. Dance Centre Society	78,000	31,200
46	Van. East Cultural Centre	115,000	46,000
47	Van. Folk Music Festival Society	80,000	32,000
48	Van. Fringe Festival (Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society)	40,000	16,000
49	Van. Intl. Children's Festival Society	126,500	50,600
50	Van. Intl. Dance Festival Society	25,000	10,000
51	Van. Intl. Film Festival Society	69,800	27,920
52	Van. Intl. Writers Festival Society	65,000	26,000
53	Van. Moving Theatre Society	25,000	10,000
54	Van. New Music Society	32,000	12,800
55	Van. Opera Assn.	60,000	24,000
56	Van. Out on Screen Film Festival Society	35,000	14,000
57	Van. Symphony Society	70,000	28,000
58	VIVO Media Arts Centre (Satellite Video Exchange Society)	30,000	12,000
59	Western Front Society	46,000	18,400
	Total Operating Organizations	2,712,300	1,084,920
	Annual Assistance Organizations	2018 Grant	2019 Advance
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	22,000	8,800
2	Access Gallery (Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre)	21,000	8,400
3	Aeriosa Dance Society	15,000	6,000
4	Assn. of Book Publishers of B.C.	18,000	7,200
5	Battery Opera Performing Arts Society	16,000	6,400
6	Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art (Bill Reid Foundation)	27,500	11,000

7	Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists - B.C. Chapter	15,000	6,000
8	Caravan World Rhythms Society	17,000	6,800
9	Centre A (Van. Intl. Centre for Contemporary Asian Art)	37,000	14,800
10	City Opera of Vancouver Society	15,000	6,000
11	Co. Erasga Dance Society	15,000	6,000
12	Community Arts Council of Vancouver	15,000	6,000
13	Company 605 (605 Collective Dance Society)	17,000	6,800
14	Craft Council of British Columbia	15,000	6,000
15	Dancing on the Edge Festival Society	25,000	10,000
16	Eastside Culture Crawl Society	13,000	5,200
17	EDAM Performing Arts Society	20,000	8,000
18	Elektra Women's Choir	18,500	7,400
19	Fight With a Stick (Leaky Heaven Performance Society)	15,000	6,000
20	Fillip (Projectile Publishing Society)	15,000	6,000
21	Gallery Gachet Society	24,000	9,600
22	Geist Foundation	13,500	5,400
23	Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance Society	13,000	5,200
24	Hard Rubber New Music Society	15,000	6,000
25	Indian Summer Arts Society	25,000	10,000
26	ITSAZOO Productions Society	13,000	5,200
27	Joe Ink Performance Society	15,000	6,000
28	Karen Jamieson Dance Society	15,000	6,000
29	Live Biennial of Performance Art Society	15,000	6,000
30	Mascall Dance Society	15,000	6,000
31	Miscellaneous Productions Society	19,500	7,800
32	Movement Enterprises Society	13,000	5,200
33	Musica Intima Society	21,000	8,400
34	New Forms Media Society	15,000	6,000
35	New Orchestra Workshop Society	14,000	5,600
36	New Performance Works Society	20,000	8,000
37	Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Society	17,000	6,800
38	Powell St. Festival Society	35,000	14,000
39	Pride in Art Society	19,000	7,600
40	Radix Theatre Society	15,000	6,000
41	Raven Spirit Dance Society	14,000	5,600
42	Realwheels Society	17,000	6,800
43	Redshift Music Society	17,000	6,800
44	Reel to Real: Celebration of Moving Images Society	16,000	6,400
45	Ruby Slippers Productions Society	15,000	6,000
46	Secret Lantern Society	16,500	6,600
47	Still Moon Arts Society	15,000	6,000
48	Sub-TERRAIN Literary Collective Society	12,000	4,800

49	Tara Cheyenne Performance (DanStaBat Performance Society)	14,000	5,600
50	The Chop Theatre Society	12,000	4,800
51	The Frank Theatre (Screaming Weenie Productions doing business as The Frank Theatre)	15,000	6,000
52	The Only Animal Theatre Society	15,000	6,000
53	Theatre Conspiracy (Western Theatre Conspiracy Arts Society)	17,000	6,800
54	Theatre Terrific Society	15,000	6,000
55	Unit/Pitt Projects (Unit/Pitt Society For Arts and Critical Awareness)	18,000	7,200
56	Up in The Air Theatre Society	15,000	6,000
57	Urban Ink Productions Society	35,000	14,000
58	Van. Cantata Society	16,500	6,600
59	Van. Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society (VICO)	20,000	8,000
60	Van. Jewish Film Centre Society	10,000	4,000
61	Van. Latin American Film Festival	16,000	6,400
62	Van. Theatresports League	10,500	4,200
63	Wen Wei Dance Society	22,000	8,800
64	Word Vancouver Festival (Van. Book & Magazine Fair Society)	18,000	7,200
	Total Annual Assistance Organizations	1,115,500	446,200
	Total all Organizations	7,791,200	2,521,970