



REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2020 Cultural Grants (First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity)

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve first quarter advance grant instalments totaling \$987,100 to 5 major institutions in Appendix A of this report in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grant” column of Appendix A First Quarterly Instalments – Major Institutions; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve advance grants totaling \$1,104,020 to 58 cultural operating organizations in Appendix A of this report in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grant” column of Appendix A Advance Grants – Operating Organizations; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve advance grants totaling \$461,000 to 63 annual assistance organizations in Appendix A of this report in the amounts set out beside their names in the “2020 Advance Grants” column of Appendix A Advance Grants – Annual Assistance Organizations; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve a Capacity grant of \$10,000 to Vantage Point Strategies Society (Vantage Point) to support the costs and delivery of leadership development workshops for the City’s cultural grantees; in Appendix A of this report in the amount set out in the “2020 Advance Grants” column Appendix A Capacity Grant – Vantage Point; source of funds is the 2020 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.

- E. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A of this report which is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, to be contributing to the culture of the city.
- 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 to C 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).

Approval of grant recommendations requires two-thirds affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report recommends a total of \$2,562,120 grants to 127 cultural organizations in support of key goals and directions of Culture|Shift: Arts and Culture at the Centre of City Building, and Collaboration and Capacity.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On January 29, 2019, Council approved a total of 131 grants totalling \$2,841,970 to 131 cultural organizations: First Quarter Instalments, Advance Grants, Arts Capacity, and Music Fund (RTS 12920).

On September 10, 2019 council adopted Vancouver's 10-year culture plan *Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture* including Making Space for Arts and Culture, and the Vancouver Music Strategy.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager 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 cultural capital investments and public art commissions each year.

The grant recommendations in this report will support numerous arts and cultural organizations who contribute to the cultural vibrancy and diversity of the city on an ongoing basis. They will assist many organizations in delivering a wide range of creative programs and services to a broad and diverse public and will further contribute valuable resources required to deliver them and plan for organizational sustainability. These established organizations help tell the stories that shape the city and the history of the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations that Vancouver sits upon.

Strategic Analysis

First Quarterly Instalments and Advance Grants

These grants support the Culture|Shift goal of Arts at the Centre of City Building by investing in the ongoing programs, services and operations of smaller groups through to Major Institutions. The City has allocated advance grants 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 (e.g. Canadian Heritage, Canada Council for the Arts, the BC Arts Council). If a grantee meets the below criteria they are advanced 40% of their core operating grant awarded from the City in the previous year:

- The organization has received ongoing assistance from Cultural Services (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.

Advance grants and first instalments are awarded in advance of the Assessment Committee meetings where final recommendations are made and brought forward to Council in early April at which time the balance of the core grant is approved.

Based on an initial review of the applications received at the December 4, 2019 deadline from the applicants, staff recommend 2020 first quarter instalments to 5 major institutions for a total of \$987,100, and advance grants to 58 operating organizations for a total of \$1,104,020, and 63 annual assistance organizations for a total of \$461,000.

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

Arts Capacity Grant

This grant supports the key goal of Collaboration and Capacity to strengthen sector resilience through expanding collaborative capacity programs to increase and share knowledge and resources across the cultural sector.

Vantage Point, a local non-profit society, has partnered with the City to support non-profit cultural leadership development (board, volunteers, and staff) through various learning opportunities. Each year hundreds of individuals from cultural grantee organizations attend their workshops including Board Fundamentals, Engaging Volunteers, Fund Development, Societies

Act, Board Diversity and Inclusion, Executive Director 101, and more. The workshops create opportunities to learn from one another and build relationships with other not-for-profit leaders, while also getting expert support with governance, leadership, planning and people engagement from experienced volunteer facilitators and consultants.

Based on the demand for the workshops and impact on the individuals, staff recommend \$10,000 to Vantage Point to continue to provide these workshops to the cultural sector at no cost to the organization, in 2020.

Support for other learning opportunities are also available to meet a variety of learning needs and methods. *Cultural Learning and Sharing* is a new program stream delivered by Cultural Services which supports a wide array of learning methods and is intended to support diverse contributors and leaders in ways that build knowledge and resources and strengthen communities of practice. A pilot partnership with the Banff Centre was initiated in late 2019 to support the participation of four Vancouver-based cultural leaders in their *Cultural Leadership Program*. Further, a pilot partnership with Chapel Sound Arts will provide a series of interpersonal and entrepreneurial skill building workshops geared to younger cultural workers and artists working in non-institutional structures.

Financial

This report recommends a total of \$2,562,120 through various grant streams to 127 cultural organizations, summarized in Table 1. The 2020 Cultural Grants budget summarized in Table 2.

Table 1 – Summary of 2020 Cultural Grant Recommendations

| Type of Grant | # of Orgs | \$ Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st installments Major Institutions | 5 | \$987,100 |
| Advance grants Operating | 58 | \$1,104,020 |
| Advance grants Annual Assistance | 63 | \$461,000 |
| Arts Capacity (Vantage Point) | 1 | \$10,000 |
| TOTAL | 127 | \$2,562,120 |

Table 2 – 2020 Cultural Grants Budget

| REC | Program Stream | 2020 Budget | Recommended in this Report | Balance Remaining |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A | Major Institutions | \$3,948,400 | \$987,100 | \$2,961,300 |
| B | Operating | \$2,760,050 | \$1,104,020 | \$1,656,030 |
| C | Annual Assistance | \$1,299,750 | \$461,000 | \$838,750 |
| | Projects | \$436,800 | - | \$436,800 |
| | Community Arts | \$435,445 | - | \$435,445 |
| D | Arts Capacity | \$200,000 | \$10,000 | \$190,000 |
| | Ind. Artists Fund | \$60,000 | - | \$60,000 |
| | VSO Multi-year Pilot | \$1,388,118 | - | \$1,388,118 |
| | Unallocated* | \$1,001,757 | - | \$1,001,757 |
| | Subtotal – Cash Grants | \$11,530,510 | \$2,562,120 | \$8,968,390 |
| | Theatre Rental – In-kind Grants | \$1,506,490 | - | \$1,506,490 |
| | TOTAL – All Grants | \$13,036,810 | \$2,562,120 | \$10,474,690 |

*Culture|Shift funds and budgetary Increase

Approval of these recommendations will allocate \$2,562,120 of the 2020 Cultural Grants budget. The balance of the Cultural Grants budget will be allocated through other ongoing program stream review processes as well as developing programs and strategic initiatives to implement directions in *Culture|Shift*. Reports on these allocations will be brought back to Council for approval throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

The grant recommendations in this report leverage the collective community efforts to provide opportunities where all artists, creators, and cultural workers have the freedom, agency and space to share their stories of the distinct place and diverse cultures of these lands.

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| A | First Quarterly Instalments - Major Institutions | 2019 Grant | 2020 Advance Grant |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society | 519,400 | 129,850 |
| 2 | Museum of Vancouver (Vancouver Museum Society) | 758,000 | 189,500 |
| 3 | Science World (A.S.T.C. Science World Society) | 105,000 | 26,250 |
| 4 | Vancouver Art Gallery Association | 2,166,000 | 541,500 |
| 5 | The Vancouver Maritime Museum Society | 400,000 | 100,000 |
| | Total | 3,948,400 | 987,100 |
| B | Advance Grants - Operating Organizations | 2019 Grant | 2020 Advance Grant |
| 1 | Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society | 152,000 | 60,800 |
| 2 | I.E. Artspeak Gallery Society | 29,000 | 11,600 |
| 3 | Axis Theatre Society | 32,500 | 13,000 |
| 4 | Ballet BC (Pacific Ballet BC Society) | 100,000 | 40,000 |
| 5 | Bard on the Beach Theatre Society | 60,000 | 24,000 |
| 6 | BC Alliance for Arts + Culture Society | 45,000 | 18,000 |
| 7 | Boca Del Lupo Theatre Society | 40,000 | 16,000 |
| 8 | Canadian Music Centre | 31,500 | 12,600 |
| 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 | 90,000 | 36,000 |
| 15 | Contemporary Art Gallery Society | 70,000 | 28,000 |
| 16 | DanceHouse (Seismic Shift Arts Society) | 21,000 | 8,400 |
| 17 | DOXA Documentary Film Festival (The Documentary Media Society) | 28,000 | 11,200 |
| 18 | Early Music Vancouver (Vancouver Society for Early Music) | 52,250 | 20,900 |
| 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) | 22,000 | 8,800 |
| 22 | Full Circle: First Nations Performance Society | 82,500 | 33,000 |
| 23 | Green Thumb Theatre (Green Thumb Players Society) | 60,000 | 24,000 |
| 24 | grunt gallery (Visible Arts Society) | 40,000 | 16,000 |
| 25 | Health Arts Society | 25,000 | 10,000 |
| 26 | Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Society | 28,000 | 11,200 |
| 27 | Kokoro Dance Theatre Society | 46,500 | 18,600 |
| 28 | Malaspina Printmakers Society | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 29 | Music in the Morning Concert Society | 19,000 | 7,600 |
| 30 | Music on Main | 36,500 | 14,600 |
| 31 | Newworld Theatre Society | 33,000 | 13,200 |

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| 32 | Norman Rothstein Theatre (Vancouver Westside Theatre Society) | 30,000 | 12,000 |
| 33 | Or Gallery Society | 34,000 | 13,600 |
| 34 | Pacific Theatre (First Pacific Theatre Society) | 21,000 | 8,400 |
| 35 | PI Theatre (Pink Ink Theatre Productions Association) | 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 | Vancouver Chamber Choir | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 44 | Vancouver Co-operative Radio (Community Radio Education Society) | 32,500 | 13,000 |
| 45 | VDC Vancouver Dance Centre Society | 85,500 | 34,200 |
| 46 | The Vancouver East Cultural Centre | 150,000 | 60,000 |
| 47 | The Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society | 80,000 | 32,000 |
| 48 | Vancouver Fringe Festival (Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society) | 40,000 | 16,000 |
| 49 | Vancouver International Children's Festival Society | 134,000 | 53,600 |
| 50 | Vancouver International Dance Festival Society | 30,000 | 12,000 |
| 51 | Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society | 69,800 | 27,920 |
| 52 | Vancouver International Writers Festival Society | 65,000 | 26,000 |
| 53 | Vancouver Moving Theatre Society | 30,000 | 12,000 |
| 54 | Vancouver New Music Society | 32,000 | 12,800 |
| 55 | Vancouver Opera Association | 55,000 | 22,000 |
| 56 | The Vancouver Out On Screen Film and Video Society | 45,000 | 18,000 |
| 57 | VIVO Media Arts Centre (Satellite Video Exchange Society) | 37,500 | 15,000 |
| 58 | The Western Front Society | 46,000 | 18,400 |
| | Total | 2,760,050 | 1,104,020 |
| C | Advance Grants - Annual Assistance Organizations | 2019 Grant | 2020 Advance Grant |
| 1 | 221A Artist Run Centre Society | 25,000 | 10,000 |
| 2 | Access Gallery (Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre) | 21,000 | 8,400 |
| 3 | Aeriosa Dance Society | 17,000 | 6,800 |
| 4 | The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia | 18,000 | 7,200 |
| 5 | Battery Opera Performing Arts Society | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 6 | Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art (Bill Reid Foundation) | 27,500 | 11,000 |
| 7 | Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists - BC Chapters | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 8 | Caravan World Rhythms Society | 17,000 | 6,800 |
| 9 | Centre A (Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art) | 37,000 | 14,800 |
| 10 | City Opera of Vancouver Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |

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| 11 | Company Erasga Dance Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 12 | The Community Arts Council of Vancouver | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 13 | Company 605 Dance Society 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 | 25,000 | 10,000 |
| 18 | Elektra Women's Choir | 18,500 | 7,400 |
| 19 | Fight With a Stick Hybrid Performance Society | 10,000 | 4,000 |
| 20 | Fillip (Projectile Publishing Society) | 11,000 | 4,400 |
| 21 | Gallery Gachet Society | 24,000 | 9,600 |
| 22 | The 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 | 30,000 | 12,000 |
| 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 | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 30 | The Mascall Dance Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 31 | Miscellaneous Productions Society | 19,500 | 7,800 |
| 32 | Musica Intima Society | 21,000 | 8,400 |
| 33 | New Forms Media Society | 12,500 | 5,000 |
| 34 | New Orchestra Workshop Society | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 35 | New Performance Works Society | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 36 | Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Society | 17,000 | 6,800 |
| 37 | Powell Street Festival Society | 42,000 | 16,800 |
| 38 | Pride in Art Society | 30,000 | 12,000 |
| 39 | Radix Theatre Society | 7,500 | 3,000 |
| 40 | Raven Spirit Dance Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 41 | Realwheels Society | 17,000 | 6,800 |
| 42 | Redshift Music Society | 17,000 | 6,800 |
| 43 | Reel to Real: Celebration of Moving Images Society | 18,000 | 7,200 |
| 44 | Ruby Slippers Productions Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 45 | Secret Lantern Society | 16,500 | 6,600 |
| 46 | Small Stage (Movement Enterprises Society) | 12,250 | 4,900 |
| 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) | 18,000 | 7,200 |
| 50 | The Chop Theatre Society | 12,000 | 4,800 |
| 51 | The Frank Theatre (Screaming Weenie Productions) | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 52 | The Only Animal Theatre Society | 14,250 | 5,700 |
| 53 | Theatre Conspiracy (Western Theatre Conspiracy Arts Society) | 17,000 | 6,800 |

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| 54 | Theatre Terrific Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 55 | Unit/Pitt Projects (Unit/Pitt Society For Arts and Critical Awareness) | 13,000 | 5,200 |
| 56 | Up in The Air Theatre Society | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| 57 | Urban Ink Productions Society | 55,000 | 22,000 |
| 58 | The Vancouver Cantata Society | 16,500 | 6,600 |
| 59 | The Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society (VICO) | 23,000 | 9,200 |
| 60 | Vancouver Jewish Film Centre Society | 10,000 | 4,000 |
| 61 | Vancouver Latin American Film Festival | 16,000 | 6,400 |
| 62 | Wen Wei Dance Society | 20,000 | 8,000 |
| 63 | Word Vancouver Festival (Vancouver Book and Magazine Fair Society) | 15,000 | 6,000 |
| | Total | 1,152,500 | 461,000 |
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| | Total Major, Operating, Annual Assistance Orgs. | 7,860,950 | 2,552,120 |
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| D | Capacity Grant – Vantage Point Strategies Society | | \$10,000 |
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| | Total All Grants for this Report | | 2,562,120 |

*denotes condition attached to Advance grant

Note: The Vancouver Symphony Society (VSS) was approved for a grant in a separate report (RTS 13278 Dec. 11, 2019)