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**Refers to Item #4, Council  
Meeting of May 17, 2022**

**MEMORANDUM**

May 17, 2022

**TO:** Mayor & Council

**CC:** Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
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**FROM:** Sandra Singh. General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Modification of Report: 2022 Cultural Grants (CASC, Cultural Spaces) and Community Services Grants – Recommendation C - Grant to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden for a Chinatown Cultural Trust Feasibility Study

**RTS #:** 14867

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The May 27, 2022 Council agenda includes the above-mentioned 2022 Cultural Grants (CASC, Cultural Spaces) and Community Services Grants report for Council approval. The report includes Recommendation C, which recommends that Council approve one (1) Making Space for Arts and Culture and Chinatown Transformation priority grant to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Society of Vancouver from the Chinatown Cultural Partnership Program Capital Budget, to support a feasibility study for the development of a Chinatown Cultural Trust.

While the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Society of Vancouver (SYSG) stepped forward as the sponsor organization and to serve as the grant applicant and recipient for this work on behalf of the Chinatown Legacy Stewardship Group, on May 16, 2022, staff learned that the SYSG has requested more time to understand its due diligence as per the Society's obligations and responsibilities as the Project Sponsor. Staff are recommending changes to the report based on this new information received.

This memo will form part of the May 17, 2022 Council agenda package and be available for public viewing.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Recommendation C of the 2022 Cultural Grants (CASC, Cultural Spaces) and Community Services Grants (RTS 14867) be amended as follows:

(a) **strike out Recommendation C:**

~~C. THAT Council approve one (1) Making Space for Arts and Culture and Chinatown Transformation priority grant totalling \$106,000 to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver from the Chinatown Cultural Partnership Program Capital Budget.~~

(b) **Substitute first paragraph under “Report Summary” and Table 1 – Summary of Cultural Grant Recommendations with:**

This report recommends a total of \$2,644,236 to 129 cultural organizations in support of key directions of *Culture|Shift, Making Space for Arts and Culture*, and the *Vancouver Music Strategy*. This report further recommends a total of \$35,000 to two (2) community services organizations in support of goals and directions set out in the *Healthy City Strategy* and City of Reconciliation Framework. Tables 1 & 2 summarize the grants recommended in this report.

**Table 1 – Summary of Cultural Grant Recommendations**

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B	Affordable Spaces	17	\$307,836	Cultural Grants Operating (Affordable Spaces)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>\$2,644,236</b>	

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>\$2,750,236</b>	

(c) **Strike out the following text on P. 9:**

~~Recommendation C – Making Space for Arts and Culture and Chinatown Transformation Priority Grant – \$106,000~~

~~Staff are recommending a *Making Space for Arts and Culture* and Chinatown Transformation priority grant to support to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver to undertake a feasibility study on the development of a Chinatown Cultural Trust. The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver is administering the grant as the project sponsor, and the Chinatown Cultural Trust Feasibility Study is proposed and led by the Council-appointed Legacy Stewardship Group. The feasibility study will support the development of a vision and exploration of community-led management and governance models that support, protect, and promote Chinatown’s cultural heritage, where 97% of assets are privately owned by individual owners, non-profit organizations, and clan societies.~~

~~The study will include research, planning, best practices, and engagement with Chinatown communities, property owners, stakeholders, and the broader community to determine their interest and considerations, and conduct early exploration on the scope and activities of the Trust. Considerations on how the City can support and work with Chinatown communities to activate assets, including consideration of City-owned assets, will require further discussion beyond the scope of this study.~~

~~The recommended grant supports *Making Space for Arts and Culture* and Chinatown Transformation shared priorities of supporting community-led ownership and management of cultural spaces and cultural assets. This project also builds on the City’s commitments to cultural redress and equity.~~

(d) Substitute Table 3 – 2022 Cultural Grants Budget with the amended table below:

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	Individual Artists Fund	\$60,000			\$60,000
	Indigenous Grants	\$260,000			\$260,000
	Cultural Equity & Accessibility	\$290,000			\$290,000
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	<b>Total GRANTS</b>	<b>\$15,757,547</b>	<b>\$11,276,810</b>	<b>\$2,644,236</b>	<b>\$1,836,501</b>

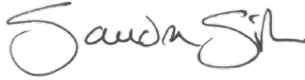
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C	Chinatown Transformation Grant	\$500,000		\$106,000	\$394,000
	<b>Subtotal CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>		<b>\$1,805,900</b>	<b>\$494,100</b>

	<b>Total GRANTS</b>	<b>\$16,257,547</b>	<b>\$11,276,810</b>	<b>\$2,750,236</b>	<b>\$2,230,501</b>
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**Action is required by Council to approve the 2022 Cultural Grants (CASC, Cultural Spaces) and Community Services Grants.**

Staff conclude that the striking of Recommendation C will support the request made by the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Society of Vancouver for more time to understand its due diligence as Project Sponsor. Any future or revised proposals for a feasibility study for a Chinatown Cultural Trust, if applicable, will be brought to Council for approval later this year.



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