



## COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2023 Cultural Grants (CASC, Advance Grants, Capacity Report Back)

### Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve the first intake of Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) grants totaling \$470,000 from the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the fifty-nine cultural organizations listed in Section A of Appendix A for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Recomm.” column.
- B. THAT Council approve the first installment (Q1) of operating institution grants (COFI) totaling \$976,270 from the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the five cultural organizations listed in Section B of Appendix A of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Recomm.” column.
- C. THAT Council approve advance annual operating grants (COFA) totaling \$1,234,370 from the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 90 cultural organizations listed in Section C of Appendix A for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Recomm.” column.
- D. THAT Council approve multi-year operating grants (COFM) totaling \$5,012,100 for the three year cycle (2023, 2024, 2025) and \$1,670,700 annually from the Annual Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 55 cultural organizations listed in Section D of Appendix A for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “Recomm.” column.
- E. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, that satisfy the City’s Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grants described in this report to the City’s General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).

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

Recommendations A to F require 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

No legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

### **Purpose and Executive Summary**

This report recommends a total of \$4,351,340 in grants to 209 cultural organizations to enable the sector to provide critical programs and services to artists, the cultural community, and the public.

The recommendations support the following key civic policy and strategic directions:

- *Culture|Shift*, the City's 10-year culture plan, including the *Vancouver Music Strategy* and *Making Space for Arts and Culture*
- The City's COVID-19 Economic and Business Recovery program to restart the economic, social, and cultural recovery of the city
- The City's Reconciliation Framework, and UNDRIP Strategy
- The City's Equity Framework, and Accessibility Strategy

In order to enable continuity of operations for non-profit organizations, staff routinely bring forward the first grant report with advance payments on grants for operating grants in Q1 each year. Typically, the City's operating budget is approved in December and thus the Grants Program budgets are known at the time of the Q1 reports. As has been common practice in the past when budgets have been approved after December, staff recommend Council approving the Q1 report in advance of the 2023 Operating Budget process. Any adjustments to the overall Grants Program envelope can still be made and would impact the 2023 balance of the Grants Program funding, allocations which would typically be decided by Council later in the year.

### **Council Authority/Previous Decisions**

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*.

On January 25, 2022 (RTS 14814), Council approved \$3,352,100 cultural grants to 194 organizations which included project grants, 'advance' payments on operating grants, and capacity grants to advance goals of *Culture|Shift* and enable the community to deliver critical cultural programs and services.

### **City Manager's Comments**

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

## Context and Background

The City of Vancouver invests in critical operating and capital grants to local arts and culture non-profit groups through various grant streams to support operations, projects, capital projects and planning, access to the civic theatres, and capacity building initiatives. This investment is guided by key goals of the City's 10-year Council-approved arts and culture plan *Culture|Shift*, including *Making Space for Arts and Culture* and the *Vancouver Music Strategy*, and contributes to civic life and the economic, community, and cultural vibrancy and overall health of the city. As evident from the continuation of a vibrant return to pre-pandemic levels of activity, this investment acknowledges the significance of the creativity and resilience that artists, cultural workers, and organizations have contributed to the community and economic recovery. These grant recommendations remain critical to ensure a full recovery as a foundation for more prosperous and equitable growth.

Table 1 below shows a brief history of cultural operating grants with additional investments approved by Council to implement *Culture|Shift* goals.

*Table 1 - Cultural Grants Budget (Operating) with Culture|Shift Investments*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base budget*	\$12,074,020	\$12,315,500	\$12,561,810	\$13,297,545	\$13,657,547	TBD***
<i>Culture Shift</i>		\$300,000**	\$475,000	\$275,000	\$300,000**	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,074,020</b>	<b>\$12,615,500</b>	<b>\$13,036,810</b>	<b>\$13,572,545</b>	<b>\$13,957,547</b>	

\*Includes annual increases

\*\*One-time: for Van. Music Fund from Innovation Fund 2018, for general C/S from operating funds 2022

\*\*\*Pending Council approval of 2023 operating budget (status quo budget = \$13,657,547)

## Discussion

Recommendations in this report implement key directions of *Culture|Shift* and build on previous City support and investment in the cultural diversity and economic vitality of the city. They are part of the cultural grants portfolio for 2023 and include the first intake of project grants (Communities and Artists Shifting Culture/CASC), a portion of cultural operating grants in advance of the community peer assessment process (COFA and COFI), and the first multiyear grants (COFM). The report also includes a report back on the Cultural Learning and Sharing grantees, a program which Council has previously approved for staff delegated authority. The balance of grant recommendations will be brought to Council for approval in Q2 and Q4.

Cultural grant recommendations are informed by a community peer assessment process. Members of the arts and culture community can nominate themselves or their peers to be part of the process. These members bring current artistic and administrative expertise through various disciplinary and lived experiences which augments the expertise of staff. Assessment committees are formed for most cultural grants programs each year to review applications with staff and make recommendations on grants for Council approval. Assessment committees were established for the CASC grant program and committees for operating grants will be published in the report to Council in April, after they assess the operating grants.

Peer Assessment for Cultural Grants and Awards: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/grant-application-and-assessment-process.aspx>

## **Grant Recommendations**

### *Recommendation A: Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) Grants - \$470,000 to 59 organizations (Appendix A)*

The CASC grant program launched in 2021 and merged two former grant programs (*Projects and Community Arts*) to align more fully with *Culture|Shift* directions. CASC grants provide opportunities for local artists, cultural workers, and community members to develop, create, and present their work in any artistic discipline. Eligible projects and activities include community-engaged art and culture projects, festivals, celebrations and parades, and artistic creation or production. There are two intakes per year, increasing opportunities to access funding, and the program enables individual artists and collectives that are not registered non-profit organizations to apply in partnership with eligible organizations. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to projects that align with *Culture|Shift* priorities and the program goals. Program information: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/communities-and-artists-shifting-culture-info-guide.pdf>

This program is often the first opportunity for new groups to receive support and as such, it is important that the information and process is accessible. Currently, additional funds are available to those who require assistance to make their application (translation and interpretation), and staff are available to meet with applicants to address any questions and assist with the application. Pre Covid-19, as a matter of practice, staff hosted meetings for specific communities, often with translation services. To further increase access and awareness of the program in 2023, staff will explore further opportunities including working with a language access specialist through Public Engagement, and working with more community partners with the mandates to support priority communities.

This intake is the 4<sup>th</sup> since launching the program in 2021. To date, 418 applications have been submitted with requests totalling \$5,558,905 of which 300 have been recommended for funding for a total of \$2,332,650 awarded. While this indicates an average success rate of 72% for the number of applications, based on current budgets awarded funds account for only 42% of the total requested. Approximately 18% of applications are new to CASC or sponsored applicants, with the majority from equity-deserving groups.

The first CASC intake for 2023 closed on Oct 26, 2022 (second intake will close in early March 2023) and resulted in:

- 84 applications received, with total request amount of \$1,160,033;
- 59 recommendations being made, representing a success rate of 70%, with grant amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$18,000;
- 8 applications were received from organizations new to CASC, with 3 (38%) recommended for funding;
- 11 applications were for sponsored individual artists/collectives, with 10 (91%) recommended for funding; and,
- The majority of applications were for music (20%), community arts/social practice (14%), and multidisciplinary projects (13%).

Applications were assessed virtually by two assessment committees comprised of six peer members and three staff members. Committee members brought a wide range of experience in interdisciplinary practice, community-engaged arts, deaf, disability and mad arts, public art, festivals, media and visual arts, literary, dance, theatre, music, and engagement with host First Nations and Indigenous communities, providing intersectional, artistic and administrative perspectives and expertise. Peer members were Gavan Cheema, Wen Wen Cherry Lu,

Mandana Mansouri, George Rahi, Shanny Rann, and Kay Slater. All committee members completed conflict of interest forms and removed themselves from discussion and decision-making if conflicts were declared. Staff sincerely thank all peer community members who participated in the program development advisory and assessment committee processes.

The committees carefully reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to support projects that met the program criteria to a high level in the areas of creative vision; community participation and impact; equity, accessibility and inclusion; project planning and financial feasibility; and alignment with the grant program goals of *Culture|Shift*. As not all applicants met the criteria at the same level and the requested amounts exceeded available resources, not all groups were recommended for a grant or for the full request. Common reasons for not recommending a grant include lack of demonstrated high need for additional public sector support compared to other groups, insufficient project alignment with program goals and criteria, lack of key information to understand the artistic and community impact, or limited confirmed resources (financial and human) to ensure the project could be executed.

Approval of these grants will support hundreds of artists from equity-deserving communities and many creative projects, festivals and celebrations. These grants will enable groups to support artists and create important community engagement opportunities during this challenging time of the global pandemic, and continue to build community resilience and unity.

*Recommendations B and C: First instalments grants (COFI) - \$976,270 to 5 organizations, and advance grants (COFA) - \$1,234,370 to 90 organizations (Appendix A)*

Operating grants advance the *Culture|Shift* goal of arts and culture at the centre of city-building, in elevating the role of arts and culture, and increasing investment in the sector to ensure cultural and economic vibrancy. These funds support more established Vancouver-based, professional non-profit arts and cultural organizations to develop, create, produce, and present artistic work, or provide professional services or space for the benefit of the local arts and culture sector in any artistic discipline. Program information:

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/cultural-operating-funding-annual-info-guide.pdf>

The City approved and implemented the advance grants policy in 1998 as a means to support a healthy cultural sector by accommodating operating cash flow needs of cultural grantees at a time when other core public sector funding is not yet awarded (i.e. Canadian Heritage, Canada Council for the Arts, the BC Arts Council). Advance grants provide 40% of the previous year's grant to operating grantees, and the first quarterly grant instalment to major institutions.

Advance grant recommendations are staff-reviewed in advance of the fulsome peer assessment committee reviews in February, and are based on the following criteria:

- Evidence of continued organizational activity in 2022 and projected in to 2023;
- Evidence of financial viability in 2022 and projected into 2023; and,
- If applicable, evidence of financial, program, operational, or community impact concerns, or non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations in carrying out its activities, or non-compliance with minimum terms of the Cultural Grant Agreement.

Based on the review, staff recommend that 5 first installment grants totaling \$976,270 and 90 advance grants totaling \$1,234,370 to the cultural organizations listed in sections B and C of Appendix A be approved.

*Recommendation D: Multi-year grants (COFM) - \$1,670,700 to 55 cultural organizations (Appendix A)*

This program is one of the most recent *Culture/Shift* implementation actions with the purpose of streamlining grant application processes and introducing multi-year funding. In line with other public funders, the program was created to provide a consistent level of core funding over a three year period, and reduce administration, to enable groups to focus on the impactful delivery of professional cultural programming and services to the community. The program also reduces staff administration so that time can be spent working with new groups seeking access to City support.

Staff launched the program for 2023 and invited 55 organizations to participate who met the annual operating eligibility criteria (COFA), as well as the following program criteria ensuring that organizations have:

- Received ongoing operating assistance with Cultural Services for at least one year.
- Explicit commitments to equity, diversity, and inclusion through its mission, and/or have demonstrated commitments through its leadership, operations, and programs.
- History of delivering consistent ongoing programs in support of its mission.
- Demonstrated strong financial management.
- History of providing a healthy/respectful workplace environment.
- Growing administrative capacity and would benefit from preparing fewer grant applications.

Applicants make a streamlined application each year for staff review, which includes a report back on the previous grant, for the three year period. Staff reviewed the applications against the specific criteria and are recommending the three year multiyear support for all organizations – where the subsequent two years of funding will be subject to approval of the annual Cultural Grants budget. Program information is appended to this report.

#### Report Back: Cultural Learning and Sharing Grants (Appendix B)

The Cultural Learning and Sharing (CLS) program was launched in 2019 to implement key actions in *Culture/Shift* with the aim to increase knowledge and share resources across the cultural sector, increase leadership opportunities for equity artists and cultural leaders, and to support non-equity mandated or led organizations to plan to embed equity into operations, programming and services. The program provides up to \$20,000 to artists and cultural leaders working with non-profit arts and cultural organizations to access or deliver learning opportunities that will build and strengthen skills, knowledge, relationships and experience in order to enhance individual, organizational or sectoral practices. The program supports artistic residencies, mentorships, gatherings, workshops and courses, research, organizational planning, and other self-determined learning opportunities. Program information: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/learning-and-sharing-program-information-guide.pdf>

In 2022, Council authorized delegated authority to staff to allocate funds to organizations meeting specific criteria of the program. This was in response to recommendations arising from the COVID-19 Economic and Business Recovery program to decrease response time to address critical capacity needs and opportunities emerging in the sector, and to increase support to equity-deserving artists and organizations, some of the most impacted by the pandemic.<sup>1</sup> The projects funded in 2022 are supporting equity-deserving artists with critical mentorship and learning opportunities working with established cultural organizations and leaders, as well as equity-mandated organizations to host conferences, workshops and

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<sup>1</sup> *Vancouver's Non-Profit Sector Current State Analysis*, Social Policy and Projects Research and Data Team with input from the non-profit sector.

convenings for the benefit of their members and community. The funds are also supporting cultural organizations with plans to embed equity strategically into their purpose, programs and operations.

### Financial Implications

The source of funding for the recommendations is the anticipated 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget. Table 2 summarizes the amounts recommended in this report. The 2023 budget has not yet been approved by Council. Staff note these recommendations are based on the 2022 cultural grants operating budget level of \$13,657,547. Any changes that may be required when Council finalizes the 2023 budget can be implemented by adjusting the balances of annual operating programs and other grant programs that have deadlines later in the year. The multiyear program will not be adjusted unless there is a material change in the grants budget.

**Table 2 – 2023 Cultural Grants Budget (Operating)**

Rec	Program Grants Stream	2023 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec. in this Report	Balance
A	Projects (CASC)	\$1,000,000		\$470,000	\$530,000
	Cultural Learning Sharing*	\$200,420			\$200,420
B	Operating – Institutions	\$3,905,080		\$976,270	\$2,928,810
C	Operating – Annual	\$3,070,925		\$1,234,370	\$1,836,555
D	Operating – Multiyear	\$1,670,700		\$1,670,700	\$0
	Theatre Rental	\$2,846,586			\$2,846,586
	Individual Artists Fund	\$60,000			\$60,000
	Indigenous	\$280,000			\$280,000
	Equity & Accessibility	\$316,000			\$316,000
	Affordable Spaces	\$307,836			\$307,836
	<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$13,657,547**</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,351,340</b>	<b>\$9,306,207</b>
	Cultural Spaces	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000
	<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>			<b>\$1,500,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL – All Grants</b>	<b>\$15,157,547</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,351,340</b>	<b>\$10,806,207</b>

\*Delegated authority – disbursed throughout the year

\*\*Draft budget pending Council approval and subject to change based on community assessment input

### Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report's recommendations.

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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS A, B, C, AND D

<b>A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture Grant</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society^+	Community Resource Program	10,000
2	African Descent Society British Columbia+	BHM-African Heritage Month – Event Series 2023	10,000
3	AFRICAN STAGES ASSOCIATION	SPOY PERFORMANCE SERIES	0
4	Arts Umbrella Association	Artist in Residence Pilot Project	0
5	Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop Society (ACWW)	LiterASIAN Festival 2023	9,000
6	Asian-Canadian Special Events Association+	2023 LunarFest	5,000
7	Astrolabe Musik Theatre Society	Into the Little Hill - Canadian Premiere	0
8	Blackout Art Society	GRAFTING	10,000
9	The Britannia Community Services Centre Society+	Shine - Intercultural Spring Event	5,000
10	Burrard Arts Foundation	BAF 2023 Artist Residencies	6,000
11	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival	-
12	Canoe Cultures Society	Learning from our Ancestors - Traditional Canoe Carving	15,000
13	Capilano Review Contemporary Arts Society^	From the Archives: Marginalized voices from The Capilano Review's archives	6,000
14	Capture Photography Festival Society	Capture Photography Festival's Featured Exhibition "Here and Now", Pendulum Gallery.	0
15	CICA Vancouver Centre of International Contemporary Art Society^	Book Publication for 'LAM WONG: THE GARDEN YEARS'	-
16	Cinevolution Media Arts Society	Common Law	17,500
17	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society+	Building Relations through Arts	12,000
18	Company 605 Dance Society^	Here For Now vol. 4; creation and production	7,000
19	Corporeal Imago Performing Arts Society	Professional development project with CircusWest and Training Society of Vancouver.	8,000
20	Dance West Network Society^	THE AFRICAN DREAM (T.A.D)	10,000



<b>A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture Grant</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
21	Downtown South Gathering Place Community Centre Association	The ACCESS Festival	0
22	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver	Working Title: 2023 Artist In Residence	13,000
23	Future Leisure Performance Society	uncurated residency program	2,500
24	GREAT LAKES NETWORKING SOCIETY OF BC	Annual Mashujaa Achievement Celebration - To mark Black History Month (MAC'23)	0
25	The Hellenic Canadian Congress of B.C.^	Greek Heritage Month	0
26	Highs & Lows Choral Society	Sharing our Stories in Song	7,500
27	Hives for Humanity Society^	Living Lab: cross pollinating into embodied flow state.	6,000
28	Inverso Productions Society	Research and creation for "Cocoon", a new dance work	6,500
29	Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada	Black History Month-Africomicon Debut event	3,000
30	Kinesis Dance Society+	Aethernet - IDD2023	4,000
31	Kitsilano Showboat Society	Kitsilano Showboat	0
32	L'Alliance Française de Vancouver^	La fête de la Musique 2023	0
33	Little Mountain Lion Productions Association+	Stories Written by Kids – Strathcona Elementary 2023	8,740
34	Love Intersections Society	Tributaries of Chinatown and Downtown Eastside	8,000
35	Mitch and Murray Productions Theatre Society	Instantaneous Blue by Aaron Craven	7,500
36	Movement Dance Productions Society	Source Amnesia - Final Phase (Creation/Production/Premiere)	0
37	Müzewest Concerts Society	Songs of Desire - New Music by Ian Cusson (Métis composer)	10,000
38	Ne.Sans Opera and Dance Association	Creation Residency for Pop Pierrot! June 2023	0
39	New Performance Works Society^	Bulleh Shah Project (working title) - ThePhase 1	10,000
40	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	Nisga'a Hoobiyee New Year Cultural First Nations Celebrations	10,000
41	Outsiders and Others Art Society	Discovering Outsider Art	0

<b>A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture Grant</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
42	Persian Culture and Art Institute Association (PERCAI)	Persian Night-The Story of Siavosh, An Opera Public Presentation	0
43	Promethean Theatre Company^^	Filming for "Tragedy, Slander and Wine: A Movie/Play"	0
44	Raven Theatre Performance Society	Starwalker Production	5,000
45	Reel Causes Society	Reel Causes' Art and Action Series	8,000
46	Sanjh Foundation^^	Artists and Poets of Lower Mainland	0
47	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Pre-Production of Feature Documentary - I, Migrant	3,000
48	SMI Film Society	Impact screenings + dialogues: KALINGA (Care) Part 2-Expanding Engagement	6,000
49	Solid State Community Society^A	Perceptions of Dual Identity: Community Art Project	7,500
50	Sound the Alarm: Music/Theatre Society	BLACK VOICES: A Concert of Cultural Pride	4,000
51	The Standing Wave Society	Standing Wave Spring Concert, Beautiful Fire	4,000
52	Strathcona Spatial Sound Society	Sonic Ecologies: Sound Art Summit. Phase One Spring Equinox 2023	0
53	Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society+	2023 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival	7,000
54	The Beaumont Studios Artist Society	The Beaumont Studios B1 Gallery Program 2023	0
55	The Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society	The Paper Trail to the 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act	10,000
56	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver^	Connection Salon Exhibitions at The Gathering Place Community Centre	5,000
57	The HVS Heritage Vancouver Society^	Kuwentong Pamamahay	16,000
58	The James Black Gallery Association	Hot Fruit Figure Drawing	6,000
59	The Response Dance Society	Spring 2023 preview presentation of contemporary dance piece Family Room	12,000
60	The Search Party Theatre Company Society	Stupid Fucking Bird	5,000
61	The Society of We Are Canadians Too	The Lantern City	0
62	The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society	explorASIAN Festival 2023	6,000

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	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
63	The Vancouver Community Gamelan Society	Show on Earth: Wallace Line & Deep Time Video Production	0
64	The Writers' Exchange Society	The Writers' Exchange Kids Chapbooks	2,500
65	Time Will Tell Arts Society	Breath, Wind and Skin: Indo-Jazz Explorations	7,000
66	Upstart & Crow Literary Arts Society	Upstart & Crow Writer in Residence	4,000
67	Van Vogue Jam Arts Society^^	Van Vogue Jam Arts Society	7,700
68	Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre^	Merkayangan: A Study of the Javanese Realms	10,500
69	Vancouver Adapted Music Society	Strong X Concert Series and Recordings	10,000
70	Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users	VANDU Art Table	7,500
71	Vancouver Brass Collective Society	Collective in the Classroom	0
72	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	VCBF at David Lam Park	0
73	Vancouver Chinese Instrumental Music Society	Spring 2023 Concert (working)	4,000
74	Vancouver Comic Arts Association	Vancouver Comic Arts Festival Community Programming and Engagement	8,000
75	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre^	The Parallel Project	10,000
76	Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra Society^^	VMO's 2023 Annual Outdoor Concert	0
77	Vancouver Pride Society	Winter Pride 2023	8,000
78	Vancouver Tap Dance Society	Vancouver International Tap Festival	0
79	VSO School of Music Society^^	The Youth Empowerment Program	6,000
80	Western Canada Community Projects Society	Four Fires Festival	18,000
81	Western Gold Theatre Society	Live/Virtual On Our Feet! Staged Reading Series (OOF!)	12,500
82	What Lab Society of Arts	It's Not a Stage	8,000
83	Women in Film and Television Vancouver Society	Vancouver International Women in Film Festival	10,000

<b>A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture Grant</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
84	Yarilo Contemporary Music Society	Guernica - The Art to Offend and defend!	4,560
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,000</b>

+ denotes conditional grant

^ denotes sponsor organizations

^^ denotes organizations new to CASC

Projects reflect a range of activities that centre and uplift underrepresented voices and engage diverse communities. For example:

- Creation of new artistic works by artists and cultural workers from or embedded in underrepresented racialized communities and experiences, including Indigenous artists, Black artists, and artists of colour;
- Artist-led, collaborative projects with social-service, health or environmental organizations that serve specific communities facing marginalization and barriers to accessing arts;
- Participatory art programs with people with low income or who experience mental illness; youth-led and youth-focused projects; projects that deepen intergenerational connections; art projects engaging people with disabilities; projects that explore experiences of LGBTQIA2S+ artists and communities; and,
- Arts and cultural workshops, educational series, symposia, and mentorship programs to build capacity for emerging artists or groups.

<b>B Cultural Operating - Institutions Grant (COFI)</b>		
	<b>Major Institutions</b>	<b>2023 Q1 Instalment</b>
1	A.S.T.C. Science World Society	26,250
2	H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society	129,850
3	The Vancouver Art Gallery Association	530,670
4	The Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	100,000
5	Vancouver Museum Society dba Museum of Vancouver	189,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>976,270</b>

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>		
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2023 ADVANCE</b>
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	12,000
2	Axis Theatre Society	13,000
3	Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	24,000
4	Bill Reid Foundation	15,000
5	Boca del Lupo Theatre	16,800
6	British Columbia Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	18,000
7	CAG Contemporary Art Gallery Society of British Columbia	30,000

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>		
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2023 ADVANCE</b>
8	Canadian Music Centre/Centre De Musique Canadienne	12,600
9	Carousel Theatre Society	12,800
10	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	8,000
11	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	14,400
12	City Opera of Vancouver Society	6,000
13	Craft Council of British Columbia	6,000
14	Danstabat Performance Society	8,000
15	Eastside Arts Society	5,200
16	EDAM Performing Arts Society	10,000
17	Electric Company Theatre Society	14,000
18	Fight With a Stick Hybrid Performance Society	4,600
19	First Pacific Theatre Society	8,400
20	Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society	30,000
21	Hard Rubber New Music Society	6,000
22	ITSAZOO Productions Society	5,200
23	Joe Ink Performance Society	4,800
24	Karen Jamieson Dance Society	6,000
25	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Society	10,080
26	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	8,000
27	LIVE Biennial of Performance Art Society	8,000
28	Malaspina Printmakers Society	10,000
29	The Mascal Dance Society	6,000
30	Movement Enterprises Society	4,410
31	Music in the Morning Concert Society	7,600
32	Music on Main Society	20,000
33	musica intima society	8,400
34	New Forms Media Society	4,000
35	New Orchestra Workshop Society	10,000
36	New Performance Works Society	8,000
37	The Or Gallery Society	13,600
38	Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Society	8,000
39	Pacific Ballet British Columbia Society	40,000
40	Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique Society	18,000
41	Pacific Legal Education and Outreach Society	6,000
42	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Association	8,000
43	Projectile Publishing Society	5,200
44	PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Society	32,000
45	Radix Theatre Society	3,000
46	Realwheels Society	10,000
47	Redshift Music Society	6,800

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>		
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2023 ADVANCE</b>
48	Reel to Real: A Celebration of Moving Images for Youth Society	7,200
49	rice and beans theatre society	7,200
50	Secret Lantern Society	5,280
51	Seismic Shift Arts Society	8,400
52	Snichim Foundation Society	7,000
53	Still Moon Arts Society	6,000
54	Sub Terrain Literary Collective Society	4,800
55	The Art Starts In Schools Society	10,800
56	The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	60,800
57	The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia	9,200
58	The Chop Theatre Society	4,800
59	The Coastal Jazz and Blues Society	36,000
60	The Dancing on the Edge Festival Society	10,600
61	The Firehall Theatre Society	30,000
62	The Geist Foundation	5,400
63	The Green Thumb Players Society	24,000
64	The Only Animal Theatre Society	5,700
65	the plastic orchid factory society	6,000
66	The Vancouver Book and Magazine Fair	6,000
67	The Vancouver Cantata Society	6,600
68	The Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society	16,000
69	Theatre Replacement Society	10,000
70	Touchstone Theatre Society	14,000
71	Turning Point Ensemble	12,400
72	UNIT/PITT Society for Art and Critical Awareness	6,400
73	Up In The Air Theatre Society	6,000
74	Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre	9,400
75	Vancouver Chamber Choir	8,000
76	Vancouver Choral Arts Society	8,000
77	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre	60,000
78	Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society	32,000
79	Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society	6,000
80	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	53,600
81	The Vancouver International Writers Festival Society	26,000
82	Vancouver Jewish Film Centre Society	4,000
83	Vancouver New Music Society	12,800
84	Vancouver Opera Association	22,000
85	Vancouver Society for Early Music	20,900
86	Vancouver Symphony Society	26,000
87	Vancouver West Side Theatre Society	12,000

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>		
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2023 ADVANCE</b>
88	VDC Dance Centre Society	36,000
89	The Western Front Society	17,600
90	WESTERN THEATRE CONSPIRACY ARTS SOCIETY	7,600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,234,370</b>

<b>D Cultural Operating - Multi-Year Grant (COFM)</b>					
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Total Grant Recomm (2023-2025)</b>	<b>2023 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2024 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2025 Grant Recomm</b>
1	Aeriosa Dance Society	72,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
2	battery opera performing arts society	63,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
3	Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists – British Columbia Chapters	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
4	Capilano Review Contemporary Arts Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5	Caravan World Rhythms Society	51,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
6	Community Radio Education Society dba Vancouver Cooperative Radio	97,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
7	Company 605 Dance Society	56,100	18,700	18,700	18,700
8	COMPANY ERASGA SOCIETY	72,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
9	Dance West Network Society	66,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
10	Elektra Women's Choir	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
11	Foolish Operations Society	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
12	Full Circle: First Nations Performance Society	300,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
13	Gallery Gachet Society	96,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
14	Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance Society	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
15	Health Arts Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
16	The I.E. Artspeak Gallery Society	87,000	29,000	29,000	29,000
17	Indian Summer Arts Society	141,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
18	Kickstart Disability Arts and Culture	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
19	Kokoro Dance Theatre Society	180,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
20	Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
21	MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society	85,500	28,500	28,500	28,500
22	Newworld Theatre Society	103,500	34,500	34,500	34,500
23	Powell Street Festival Society	141,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
24	Pride in Art Society	135,000	45,000	45,000	45,000



<b>D Cultural Operating - Multi-Year Grant (COFM)</b>					
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Total Grant Recomm (2023-2025)</b>	<b>2023 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2024 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2025 Grant Recomm</b>
25	PTC Playwrights Theatre Centre	135,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
26	Raven Spirit Dance Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
27	Rosario Ancer Flamenco Arts Society	72,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
28	Ruby Slippers Productions Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
29	Rumble Productions Society	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
30	Satellite Video Exchange Society	112,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
31	Savage Production Society	105,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
32	Screaming Weenie Productions	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
33	Sound of Dragon Society	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
34	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
35	The Documentary Media Society	96,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
36	The Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
37	The Vancouver Out On Screen Film And Video Society	150,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
38	Théâtre la Seizième	105,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
39	TTS Theatre Terrific Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
40	Urban Ink Production Society	165,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
41	Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
42	Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
43	Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art	111,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
44	Vancouver International Dance Festival Society	105,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
45	Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
46	Vancouver Latin American Film Festival	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
47	Vancouver Moving Theatre Society	105,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
48	Vancouver Poetry House Society	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
49	Vines Art Festival Society	105,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
50	Visceral Visions Society	69,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
51	Visible Art Society	172,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
52	Wen Wei Dance Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
53	WePress Community Arts Space Society	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
54	West Coast Feminist Literary Magazine Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
55	ZeeZee Theatre Society	67,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,012,100</b>	<b>1,670,700</b>	<b>1,670,700</b>	<b>1,670,700</b>

**Grants Metrics**

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b># Grants Requested</b>	<b># Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$ Grants Requested</b>	<b>\$ Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>%</b>
Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC)	84	59	70	\$1,160,033	\$470,000	41
Cultural Operating Funding – Institutions (COFI)	5	5	100	\$976,270	\$976,270	100
Cultural Operating Funding - Annual (COFA)	90	90	100	\$1,234,370	\$1,234,370	100
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM)	55	55	100	\$1,670,700	\$1,670,700	100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>\$5,041,373</b>	<b>\$4,351,340</b>	<b>86</b>

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**2022 Cultural Learning and Sharing Grants – Metrics and Report Back**

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant</b>
1	Afro Van Connect Society	Black Spaces Symposium 2022 - support for the BlackSpace Jam component uniting artists, activists, professionals, and educators within the African Descent community to inspire the future, and build strong community connections.	7,500
2	All Bodies Dance Society	Dancing WITH Teaching Exchange - a paid mentorship for up to 4 dance artists with disabilities to increase employment opportunities and build skills as teaching artists with a focus on practical and theoretical training program run by dance artists with disabilities.	15,000
3	All My Relations Indigenous Society	Planning to support the development and maintenance of culturally safe, respectful, and responsible events, and to provide intergenerational youth mentorship opportunities.	5,000
4	British Columbia Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Training & Policy Framework Development to support staff and board in embodying redefined values, and embedding equity into the framework of services.	10,000
5	Canadian Latinx Theatre Artist Coalition Association	CALTAC presents Coyuntura 2023 - seed funds to plan an International Latinx Gathering of artists from across the country and beyond, featuring panels, workshops and knowledge sharing.	5,000
6	Canadian Music Centre/Centre de musique canadienne	JEDI Scan, Consultations, Visioning towards centering Justice, Equity, and Inclusion throughout the work, values, and strategic direction of the organization.	10,000
7	Compagnie V'ni Dansi Society dba V'ni Dansi	To provide artists with access to Louis Riel Métis Dance practice and cultural traditions led by senior artist Yvonne Chartrand.	19,000
8	Delinquent Theatre Society	A producing mentorship for Debbie Courchene focused on partnerships, outreach, and negotiation while producing Indigenous works with both non-Indigenous and Indigenous partners.	10,000
9	LIVE Biennial of Performance Art Society	Creative residency for Black emerging performance artist Chipo Chipaziwa to interview and document the experiences of established racialized Vancouver performance artists from the late 90s to present day for the purpose of sharing with other racialized emerging artists in the Canadian and local arts sector via a podcast.	10,000
10	Newworld Theatre Society	A mentorship between emerging puppeteer Ana Lorena Pérez and established artist Shizuka Kai, focused around an upcoming Newworld Theatre show premiering in 2023.	9,000

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Grant</b>
11	O.Dela Arts Society	Organizational and strategic planning with Starr Muranko and Joel Klein to support growth with a focus on systems and structure in operations, revenue generation, community building, marketing, and supporting artists.	17,500
12	Rice and Beans Theatre Society	Multilingual Community Engagement led by theatre artist María Escolán and three consultants with specific cultural/linguistic expertise to facilitate organizational and sector-wide learning to increase equity and accessibility in programs for multilingual communities/audiences.	20,000
13	Rumble Productions Society	A cohort focusing on applied collaborative leadership and event execution for arts-workers to build resilience through skills-sharing. The initial cohort includes Patricia Trinh, Maria Zarillo, and Zain Khudur.	20,000
14	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver	JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) workshops and planning with board, staff and interns.	9,650
15	Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre	Mentorship for emerging cultural leader Anjela Magpantay as Associate Artistic Producer with Managing Artistic Director Derek Chan, with a focus on areas including programming, new work development, community building, cross-national touring and arts administration.	20,000
16	Vancouver Choral Arts Society	Staffing Restructure and Inclusivity Review - to embed equity in core values and operations.	10,000
17	Visible Art Society dba grunt gallery	Jubilant: A Gathering of Black Artists - a curated performative exchange with British Columbia-based Black and African self-identifying creatives, artists, knowledge keepers, programmers and practitioners around an intimate table occupying the Vancouver Art Gallery.	3,000
18	Western Gold Theatre Society	Organizational Review with a Decolonization, Inter-Cultural, Inter-Generational and Knowledge Sharing lens, with consultants Chris Creighton Kelly and France Trepanier (Primary Colours), and with Shafana Mitha (AKollage Consulting) on strategic planning to embed anti-racism and equity in operations, staffing, policies and practices.	13,850
		<b>Total</b>	<b>214,500</b>

<b># Grants Requested</b>	<b># Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>\$ Grants Requested</b>	<b>\$ Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>%</b>
20	18	\$299,950	\$214,500	73

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