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

Recommendations

Pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*:

- A. THAT Council approve Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) grants totalling \$537,500 from the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 79 organizations listed in Appendix A of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “2023 Grant Recomm” Column.
- B. THAT Council approve 8 Cultural Infrastructure Grants and 14 Small Grants for Cultural Spaces totalling \$1,556,750 from the 2023 Cultural Spaces Capital Budget including funds re-allocated from previous years capital grants funds; and 18 Affordable Spaces Grants totalling \$307,836 from the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the cultural organizations listed in Appendix B of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “2023 Grant Recomm” column.
- C. THAT Council approve three Cultural Infrastructure Grants totalling \$750,000 from the 2023 Chinatown Cultural Partnership Program Capital Budgets for the 3 cultural organizations listed in Appendix C of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the “2023 Grant Recomm” column.
- D. THAT, provided that Recommendation C is approved, Council approves staff to set up the applicable Multi-Year Capital Project Budget and Annual Capital Expenditure Budget with the addition of \$500,000 to the 2023 Chinatown Cultural Partnership Program Capital Budget to provide the necessary funding for the Grants described in Recommendation C.

- E. THAT Council approve grants totalling \$334,500 to support the Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia (CCMSBC) from the Arts, Culture, and Community Services Operating Budget, distributed as follows: \$300,000 for operations over three years as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Vancouver and the Province (September 17, 2018) to establish the Museum; and \$34,500 for *The Paper Trail to the 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act* opening exhibit.
- F. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, and disburse the grants as described in this report to the satisfaction of the City's Director of Legal Services and the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).
- G. THAT pursuant to and for the purposes of Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendices A and B of this report that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the culture of Vancouver.
- H. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's approval of these Recommendations unless and until a grant agreement and all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Approval of Recommendations A to C and E constitute money grants and therefore require a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report recommends a total of \$3,486,586 to 105 arts and cultural organizations for the creation, development and production of artistic work, planning and implementing cultural infrastructure projects, and to provide critical programs and services to culturally-specific communities, artists and the public.

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

- *Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture*, the City's 10-year arts and culture plan, including the *Vancouver Music Strategy* and *Making Space for Arts and Culture*
- The City's Reconciliation Framework, and UNDRIP Strategy
- The City's Equity Framework, and Accessibility Strategy
- The City's Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan (CHAMP)

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

On September 10, 2019 Council adopted Vancouver's 10-year arts and culture plan *Culture|Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture* including [Making Space for Arts and](#)

[Culture](#), and the *Vancouver Music Strategy*. [Minutes – Regular Council meeting: 2019 Sep 11 \(vancouver.ca\)](#)

On June 8, 2022 Council adopted the Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan (CHAMP) – Strategic Framework [Minutes – Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services](#)

City Manager’s Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The City of Vancouver has a long history of providing grants to local arts and culture non-profit organizations (NPOs). With that support, the City recognizes the role that vibrant arts and culture play in elevating the distinct characteristics of a city and creating access to unique cultural experiences that reflect the lives and values of those who live in, and visit the city. The current cultural plan, *Culture|Shift*, including *Making Space for Arts and Culture* and the *Vancouver Music Strategy*, connects with other key civic strategies, including CHAMP, and creates pathways for a vibrant arts sector through five main directions: Art at the Centre of City Building, Reconciliation and Decolonization, Cultural Equity and Accessibility, Making Space for Arts and Culture, and Capacity and Collaboration.

Table 1 shows a brief history of the City’s arts and culture support through 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*	\$12,074,020	\$12,315,500	\$12,561,810	\$13,297,545	\$13,657,547	\$13,657,547
C S		\$300,000**	\$475,000	\$275,000	\$300,000**	

*Includes annual increases (2% each year except 0.6% in 2022 and 0% in 2023)

**One-time: for Vancouver Music Fund from Innovation Fund 2018; for general C|S from operating funds 2022

Discussion

Recommendations in this report implement key directions of *Culture|Shift*, *Making Space for Arts and Culture*, and the *Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan* (CHAMP).

Grant Recommendations

Recommendation A: Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) Grants - \$537,500 to 79 organizations (Appendix A)

Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) is a key grant program for project-based funding in Vancouver’s arts and culture sector. CASC is often the first opportunity for new

groups to receive support, and many recurring arts-based events and activities that comprise Vancouver's rich cultural fabric are regular funding recipients.

CASC supports three categories of activities: artistic creation/production; festivals, celebrations and parades; and community-engaged arts practice. Included in these categories are projects from all artistic disciplines, in various stages of development, and take place in neighbourhoods across the City. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available and there are two intakes each year.

CASC is open to NPOs offering arts and culture programming, and advances the goals of *Culture|Shift* by increasing the representation of equity-deserving applicants to Cultural Services programs. As the support of artist-centred and artist-led programs is a central value of the CASC program, individual equity-deserving artists and collectives are able to apply in partnership with NPOs.

CASC is assessed by committees comprised of community and staff. Committee members bring a wide range of lived and professional experience in multiple disciplines and with various communities, and provide intersectional, artistic and administrative perspectives and expertise to the process.

Committee members for this intake of CASC, the second of 2023, were Frances Arevalo, Chipo Chipaziwa, Allison Collins, Jeanette Kotowich, Ashley Noyes, and Ladan Sahraei. 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 for their thoughtful consideration and generosity throughout the assessment process.

Requested amounts consistently exceed available funding and not all groups can be recommended. Committees make recommendations to support projects that meet or exceed program criteria in the following areas: creative vision; community participation and impact; equity, accessibility and inclusion; project planning and financial feasibility; and alignment with the grant program goals and *Culture|Shift* priorities.

Approval of these grants will support hundreds of artists from equity-deserving communities and many creative projects, festivals and celebrations that make Vancouver a thriving, vibrant place to live. Detailed program information, including assessment criteria and weighting of scores: <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/communities-and-artists-shifting-culture-info-guide.pdf>

Recommendation B: Cultural Spaces Grants - \$1,864,586 to 40 projects (Appendix B)

Ensuring access to appropriate and affordable cultural spaces in a real estate crisis and a global pandemic requires progressive approaches, commitment, perseverance, and taking a long view. Vancouver, like many global cities, continues to experience and face further significant loss of affordable places for artists to live, work, and share their work. Cultural Spaces Grants advance priorities in [Making Space for Arts and Culture](#), Vancouver's first ever ten-year cultural space plan which aims to support, strengthen and enable:

- x^wməθk^{wə}ʔ əm, Sk^wx^wú7mesh, səliiwətaʔ and urban Indigenous self-determined cultural spaces;

- accessibility for artists, audiences and cultural workers;
- cultural redress, equity, diversity and inclusion;
- a robust and diverse ecology of cultural spaces including production and presentation spaces, hubs (administration, home-bases, shared services), outdoor spaces, music spaces as per the Vancouver Music Strategy;
- community owned and operated cultural spaces; and,
- greening upgrades and sustainability.

Recommendations:

1. *Affordable Spaces Grants (operating) - \$307,836 to 18 Organizations*

A new (since 2020) operational grant stream providing up to \$50,000 towards facility operating costs to support non-profit space operators who provide subsidized affordable space for professional artists and cultural organizations. Funds are prioritized to support retention of cultural spaces that provide space for multiple artists and/or organizations, space operators who are not typically funded through existing grant programs, and cultural communities who are most at risk of being displaced.

- 23 submissions received requesting \$875,682 with an available budget of \$307,836
- Recommend 18 grants totalling \$307,836
- Supporting almost 1,900 artists and 230,000 square feet of cultural space

2. *Cultural Infrastructure Grants (capital) - \$1,310,000 to 8 Organizations*

Up to \$250,000 for non-profit arts and cultural organizations to plan, research, buy, repair, renovate and improve Vancouver's cultural spaces with the goal of strengthening the arts and culture community's ability to develop, operate, and sustain affordable space.

- 15 submissions received requesting \$2,986,721 with an available budget of \$1,310,000
- Recommend 8 grants totalling \$1,310,000 representing a success rate of 53%
- 27% of submissions received from non-profits operating City-owned spaces; remainder from non-profits operating in private or community owned spaces.

3. *Small Grants for Cultural Spaces (capital) - \$246,750 to 14 Organizations*

Up to \$25,000 to non-profit organizations to support timely space-related capital projects including planning, research, accessibility upgrades, and/or mentorships. Special consideration given to organizations, communities or areas of practice under-represented in existing support or facing significant barriers.

- 23 submissions received requesting \$453,474 with an available budget of \$250,000
- Recommend 14 grants totalling \$246,750 representing a success rate of 61%
- 20% of submissions were first-time applicants to the program
- 12 recommended projects for space planning; 2 space mentorships; and 9 for small capital improvements.

2023 Critical Assistance for Cultural Spaces (Report Out)

This is a capital grant stream providing up to \$25,000 towards repairs or upgrade costs to non-profit cultural spaces facing critical situations as a result of facility emergency or life-safety issues to ensure access to safe, legal, and fully functioning cultural spaces. Staff are authorized by Council to allocate these grants throughout the year. Appendix B lists grants totalling \$79,175, approved in 2023 under this authorization.

Recommendation C: Chinatown Cultural Infrastructure Grants - \$750,000 to 3 organizations (Appendix C)

The CHAMP Strategic Framework aims to ensure that:

- Chinatown's cultural anchors support the community with programming and access to cultural spaces. Heritage buildings are rehabilitated and continue the legacy of cultural heritage;
- Chinatown's cultural heritage is celebrated and made visible in the public realm; and
- City departments are coordinated internally, and partnerships are developed with senior levels of government in support of a future UNESCO application.

While cultural infrastructure projects in Chinatown have been and will continue to be a priority for all of the Cultural Spaces grants streams, this special focus recommends an additional \$750,000 for the following larger projects:

- Support for renovations to the Wing Sang building in Chinatown into the Chinese Canadian Museum.
- 221A Artist Housing Society for detailed design and planning to rehabilitate a Chinatown heritage building to create an innovative mixed-use cultural hub.
- Wongs' Benevolent Association for critical upgrades to the Hon Hsing building to sustain existing cultural activities and new legacy businesses.

As is typical each year, not all requests can be recommended or to the full ask. This is due to demand exceeding available resources, groups may have unused funds remaining from a previous cultural spaces grant, the proposal lacked details, or did not align with program goals.

Since the inception of cultural spaces capital funding in 2009, the City has provided approximately \$15M (including the recommendations in this report) in capital cultural spaces funding, leveraging \$90M in improvements to Vancouver based cultural spaces.

Recommendation E: \$334,500 for operating and project grants to the Chinese Canadian Museum of British Columbia

On April 22, 2018, Vancouver City Council delivered a formal apology for historical discrimination against people of Chinese descent that included a commitment to conserve, commemorate and enhance the living heritage and cultural assets of the community through pursuing a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation for Vancouver's Chinatown. In support of designation efforts, on September 17, 2018, the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to establish a

Chinese Canadian Museum. This grant to the CCMSBC is to advance the terms of the MoU and the City's obligations to it:

- \$300,000 to support the operations, programming and community impact of CCMSBC over the next three years.
- \$34,500 to support *The Paper Trail to the 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act* opening exhibit at CCMSBC.

Financial Implications

The sources of funding for these recommendations are the 2023 Cultural Grants Operating & Capital Budget (including the increase per recommendation D) as summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 – 2023 Cultural Grants Budget (Operating & Capital)

Rec	Program Grants Stream	2023 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec. in this Report	# Orgs	Balance
A	Projects (CASC)	\$1,000,000	\$462,500	\$537,500	79	\$0
	Cultural Learning/Sharing ¹	\$200,420				\$200,420
	Operating – Institutions	\$3,880,080	\$3,880,080			\$0
	Operating – Annual	\$3,095,925	\$3,095,925			\$0
	Operating – Multiyear	\$1,670,700	\$1,670,700			\$0
	Theatre Rental	\$2,846,586	\$1,830,685			\$1,015,901 ²
	Individual Artists Fund	\$60,000				\$60,000
	Indigenous	\$280,000				\$280,000
	Equity & Accessibility	\$316,000				\$316,000
	Affordable Spaces	\$307,836		\$307,836	18	\$0
	Total Operating	\$13,657,547	\$10,939,890	\$845,336	97	\$1,872,321
B	Small Grants for Cultural Spaces	\$1,647,469 ³		\$246,750	14	\$90,719
B	Cultural Infrastructure Grants			1,310,000	8	
C	Chinatown Cultural Infrastructure Grants	\$750,000		\$750,000	3	\$0
	Total Capital	\$2,397,469		\$2,306,750	25	\$90,719 ⁴
E	Chinese Cdn Museum BC	\$334,500		\$334,500	1	\$0
	Total ACCS Operating	\$334,500		\$334,500	1	\$0
	TOTAL – All Grants	\$16,389,516	\$10,939,890	\$3,486,586	123	\$1,963,040

¹ Delegated authority – disbursed throughout the year. ² Allocation of balance of Theatre Rental funds recommended on May 30, 2023 in RTS 15583. ³ \$1.25M from 2023 capital budget including funds re-allocated from previous years capital grants funds. ⁴ Balance for Critical Assistance for Cultural Spaces grants.

Legal Implications

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

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APPENDIX A
Recommendation A: Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) grants

	Organization	Project Title	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
1	African Descent Society British Columbia*	African Descent Festival (2023)	20,000	7,500
2	African Stages Association*	Afri-Canada Storytelling and Cultural Festival	15,000	2,500
3	All Bodies Dance Society	Constellations: A community engaged, inclusive dance project	17,000	14,500
4	Amexem Roots Rock Reggae Cultural Society	Vancity Roots & Culture Experience Festival	19,000	11,000
5	Arts Umbrella Association	Knowledge-sharing at Arts Umbrella: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	20,000	0
6	Asian-Canadian Special Events Association	2023 TAIWANfest Vancouver	20,000	7,000
7	Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House^^	Dance theatre: seniors tell their remembered stories about food	7,250	6,000
8	Astrolabe Musik Theatre Society	QuaranDreams - Research and Creation	5,000	3,000
9	BLACK BLOCK ASSOCIATION^	The Black Block Party	20,000	5,500
10	BLACKOUT ART SOCIETY	STAND OUT 2023	20,000	0
11	Blueridge Chamber Music Society	Blueridge Chamber Music Festival 2023	15,000	9,000
12	Canadian Haitian Cultural Association of British Colombia^	Creative Kids for A Better Future	7,500	0
13	Carnegie Community Centre Association	Art in the Park 2023	7,750	7,000
14	Centre d'Integration pour Immigrants Africains - Centre of Integration for African Immigrants	23rd Black History Market & Cultural Showcase Celebration	6,500	2,500
15	Chinatown Celebration Society	Fire Dragon Festival	20,000	7,000
16	CIRCUS3 ARTS SOCIETY	Celebrate! Festival	8,500	0
17	Currently Arts Society	Undercurrents: Experimental BIPOC artists in Vancouver 1970-2020 - Phase 2	20,000	9,000
18	Dance West Network Society^^	The Energy Never Dies (or "the E.N.D.")	10,000	4,000
19	DANCE//NOVELLA ARTS SOCIETY	Live Performance of STANCE at The Annex.	6,500	0
20	Diwali Celebration Society	Diwali Fest 2023	20,000	15,000
21	Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association	Granville Block Party 2023	20,000	0
22	Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret Society*	Parade of Lost Souls 2023	12,000	7,500

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23	East Vancouver Community Music School Society	Equal Measure	3,500	3,000
24	Erato Ensemble Society	"Glare" (2014) by Soren Nils Eichberg.	13,650	0
25	FESTIVAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MUSIC AND DANCE SOCIETY^	VANCOUVER AHFOMAD FESTIVAL	19,500	5,000
26	Future Leisure Performance Society	Shooting Gallery - Special Performance/New Media Edition	8,000	6,000
27	Gallery Gachet Society^^	Look At Me With Some Respect!	8,000	7,000
28	Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	Harambeecover Multicultural Diversity, and Reconciliation Fest/Parade (HMC'23)	18,900	5,000
29	Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society^^	The Prophetess	9,950	0
30	Highs & Lows Choral Society	Deepening Roots In Our Communities	7,500	5,000
31	Holy Crow Arts Society	We Are the Keepers of the Salish Sea	12,500	8,500
32	Hope in Shadows Society	"The Shift": Megaphone's Peer Led Editorial Board and Writing Workshops	8,500	7,500
33	Hustle at RS Dance Society^	Hustle: New York To Vancouver, The Past to the Future!	7,500	0
34	Inter/Mediate Arts and Education Society^	Inter/Mediate Intergenerational New Media workshop development and delivery	9,115	5,000
35	Interdisciplinary Media Artist's Association/Population of Noise (IMAPON)*^^	S.P.A.C.E.: SPIRITS, PEOPLE, ANIMALS, CREATURES, ECHOES 2023	19,000	4,000
36	Inverso Productions Society	Borrowed Time- an Intergenerational Dance Production	7,000	4,000
37	Italian Day Festival Society	Italian Day on The Drive	20,000	5,000
38	Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver	2024 JCC Jewish Book Festival	10,000	5,000
39	Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada	Community Music Program	7,462	2,500
40	Kathara Pilipino Indigenous Arts Collective Society*	Kapwa Program	20,000	5,000
41	Kinesis Dance Society	Mesdames (working title)	8,000	0
42	Kitsilano Showboat Society	Kitsilano Showboat	10,000	0
43	Leaky Heaven Performance Society	re/make (Live Cinema Project) working title	20,000	5,000
44	Love Intersections Society	The House of 9 Dragons	15,000	7,000
45	Lumiere Festival Vancouver Society	Lumiere 2023	20,000	2,500
46	Mitch and Murray Productions Theatre Society	A Case For The Existence of God by Samuel D.Hunter	10,000	0
47	Music BC Industry Association	Let's Hear It: Fall Edition	20,000	4,000

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48	MUZEWEST CONCERTS SOCIETY	Voices Rising - BIPOC female piano duo performing in Vancouver	7,500	0
49	Native Hip Hop Society*^	International Indigenous Hip Hop Trade Show and Awards	20,000	17,000
50	NE. Sans Opera and Dance Association	Creation & Residency for Pop Pierrot! July-December 2023	20,000	7,500
51	New Performance Works Society^^	OSMOSi interdisciplinary performance full development by Nancy Lee	20,000	7,000
52	Newworld Theatre Society^^	Infest by Lili Robinson - Consultation & Development Phase	4,750	4,500
53	Nook Theatre Society^	Mayor's Dilemma	6,110	0
54	Normie Events Society*^	Normie Fest Fresh Talent Stage	5,978	5,500
55	OURO Collective Society	OURO 10 Fest	15,000	13,000
56	Outsiders and Others Art Society	Celebrating the Unconventional: An Exhibition Series of Outsider Art	20,000	2,500
57	posAbilities Association of British Columbia	posAbilities' 19th Annual INCLUSION Art Show & Sale	10,000	0
58	PTC Playwrights Theatre Centre^^	Chłopczyca Development Workshop 2023	13,250	7,000
59	Radix Theatre Society^^	We Live Here BIPOC Youth component	20,000	7,500
60	Raven Theatre Performance Society	On Native Land & Starwalker Future Tour Development	20,000	0
61	Reel Causes Society	Reel Causes' Art and Action Series	5,000	5,000
62	Sacrificium Society of Production^	The play of Hong Kong Story	9,296	0
63	Sanjh Foundation	Sanjh 2023 Festival	20,000	0
64	Satellite Video Exchange Society dba VIVO Media Arts Centre^^	Caracoles Residency	20,000	12,750
65	Screaming Weenie Productions dba the frank theatre company^^	Postcards to My Younger Transsexual Self (or YTS), Ages 0-119	6,125	5,500
66	SEAGRASS MUSIC SOCIETY	The Piano Diaries 2023	7,500	0
67	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Sher Vancouver BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ Podcast	10,000	0
68	SOLID STATE COMMUNITY SOCIETY^^	"Places of Belonging"- Community Art Project	7,500	7,000
69	Some Assembly Arts Society	Navigating Social Influence	18,000	15,500
70	Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Society (SEACHS)	Collingwood Days Festival, Southeast Asia	20,000	0
71	Strathcona Residents Association	MacLean Park Music	7,450	0
72	Strathcona Spatial Sound Society	Commission and present Spatial Sound works for Sound Space Festival	20,000	9,000
73	The Beaumont Studios Artist Society	The Beaumont Studios B1 Gallery Exhibition Program	19,585	0

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74	THE BITING SCHOOL SOCIETY	TechniCowlour	14,780	9,000
75	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver^^	Local Music Community Incubator	20,000	5,000
76	The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Healing Through Culture in the Downtown Eastside	20,000	7,000
77	The I.E. Artspeak Gallery Society^^	AfroQueer YVR (Vancouver Black Pride)	20,000	12,500
78	The James Black Gallery Association	(Re)Connection: A Collaborative Pod Residency Series 3	15,000	0
79	The Kettle Friendship Society	TO BEGIN AGAIN: Vancouver Story of Resilience	7,280	5,000
80	The Plastic Orchid Factory Society^^	interplay_ 2024	7,000	6,500
81	The Response Dance Society	PLUNGE, paid mentorship project in creation and performance for youth	20,000	0
82	THE SEARCH PARTY THEATRE COMPANY SOCIETY	Fairview by Jackie Sibblies Drury	15,000	7,000
83	The Society of We Are Canadians Too	2023 Jade Music Festival	20,000	0
84	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre^^	EI Mashup: Hybrid Creative Workshop Series for Latinx Youth (13-18)	11,823	8,000
85	The Vancouver Horror Show Film Festival Society^	Vancouver Horror Show Program Diversity Initiative	10,000	4,000
86	The Vancouver Tool Library Cooperative^	Tools of Change: Artists and Makers Ending Social Isolation	7,500	4,000
87	The Writers' Exchange Society	The Writers' Exchange Kids Chapbooks	5,650	2,500
88	Time Will Tell Arts Society^^	Breath in the Fragrance: South Indian Dance Reimagined	12,000	8,000
89	Turkish-Canadian Society	Vancouver Turkish Film Festival (VTFF) 2023	20,000	5,000
90	Unicorn Support Services Society^	Left of Main Welcome Wall Art Project	10,250	0
91	Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre^^	The New Canadians	20,000	9,000
92	Vancouver Black Film Festival Festival Society^	2023 Vancouver International Black Film Festival - 3rd Edition	20,000	8,000
93	Vancouver Cantonese Opera	The Awakening: an opera to revive the Sing Kew Theatre	17,250	10,000
94	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	VCBF at David Lam Park 2024	20,000	0
95	Vancouver Chinatown Foundation for Community Revitalization	Chinatown Futures: A Youth Arts Program	16,100	7,000
96	Vancouver Dyke March and Festival Society*	2023 Vancouver Dyke March and Festival	6,500	5,000
97	Vancouver Improv Festival Society	Vancouver Improv Festival	7,500	4,000

	Organization	Project Title	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
98	Vancouver Improvised Arts Society [^]	Listen, Listen Festival 2023	5,000	4,000
99	Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra	8th Annual VMO Live Symphony Performance	20,000	0
100	Vancouver Pride Society	Vancouver Pride Summer Celebrations	20,000	8,000
101	Vancouver Street Dance Association	Vancouver Street Dance Festival (VSDF)	20,000	3,250
102	Vancouver Tap Dance Society	Vancouver International Tap Dance Festival	13,000	0
103	Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation [^]	Culture Herb Garden Fieldhouse Activation Program	20,000	5,000
104	Vetta Chamber Music Society	Emerging Professional Mentorship and Cross-Cultural Collaboration	20,000	5,000
105	Visible Art Society dba grunt gallery ^{^^}	HOHOL (Hang Out Hang Out Lang)	20,000	16,000
106	West Coast Feminist Literary Magazine Society dba Room Magazine ^{^^}	Unbound Reading Series	5,500	5,500
107	Western Gold Theatre Society	A Doll's House Part 2 by Lucas Hnath with mentorship	20,000	7,500
108	What Lab Society of Arts	Exquisite Pressure: New Works Series	11,200	10,000
109	Yarilo Contemporary Music Society	Remembering children	10,000	0
110	Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	Our Shared Tapestry: Black and Chinese Storytelling and (Re)Archiving	7,500	6,500
		Total	1,518,954	537,500

*Denotes grants with conditions

[^]New applicants

^{^^}Sponsored applications for individual artists/collectives

This intake of CASC, the second of 2023, resulted in:

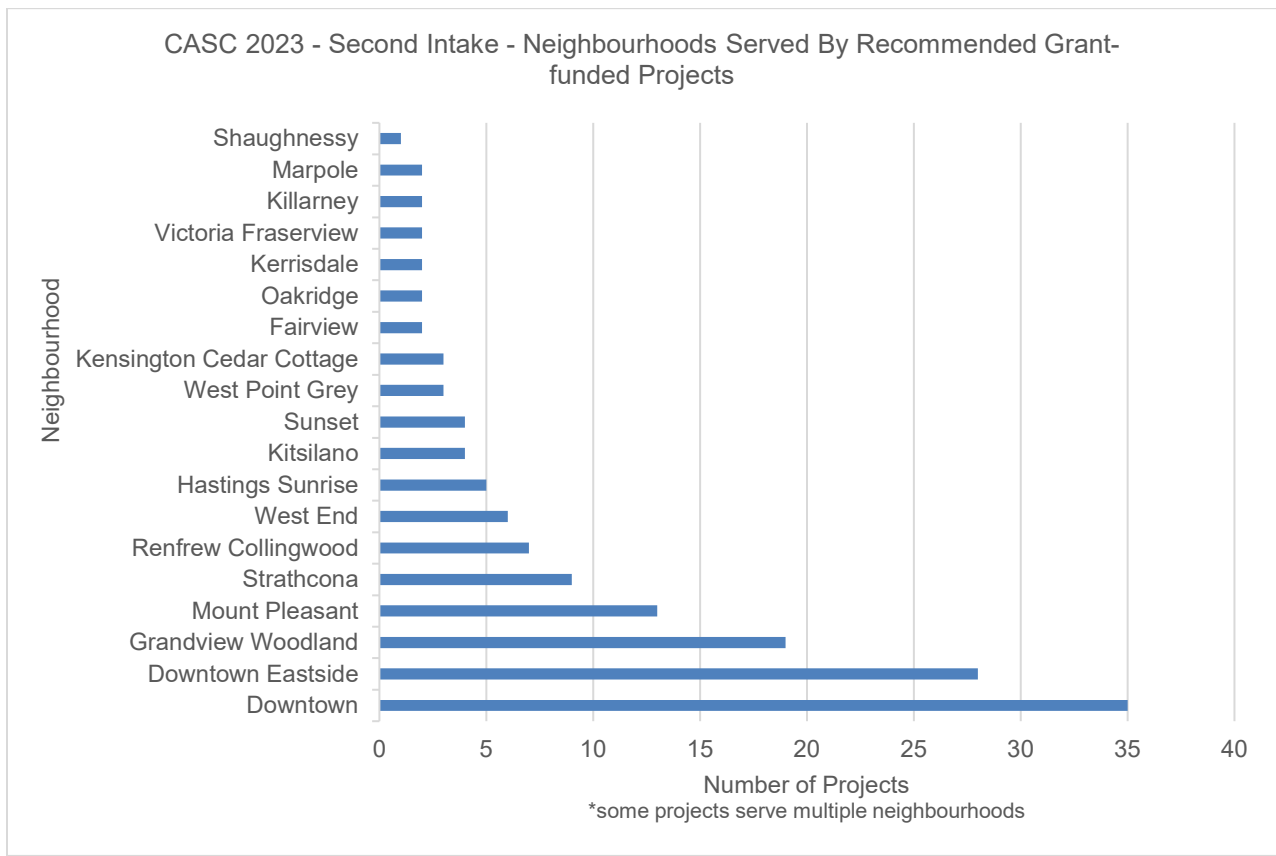
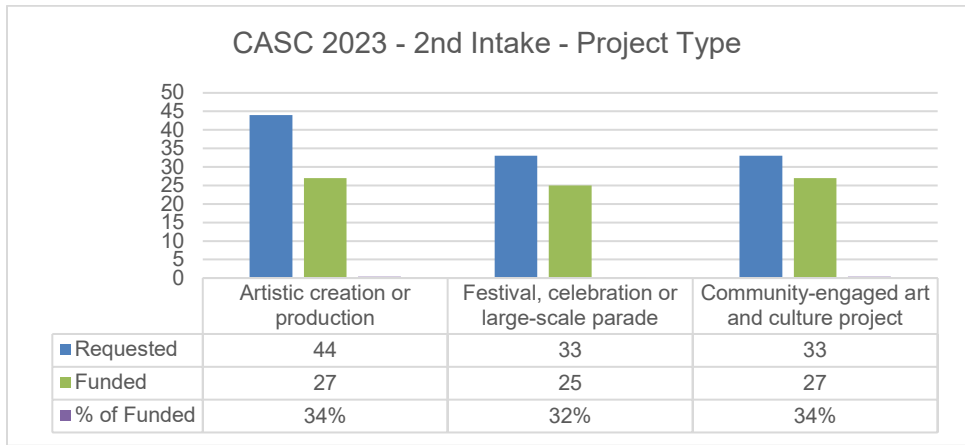
- 110 applications assessed, total request amount of \$1,518,954
- 79 recommendations being made, representing a success rate of 72%, with grant amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$17,000
- 15 applications received from organizations new to CASC, with 10 (66%) recommended for funding
- 21 applications from sponsored individual artists/collectives, with 20 (95%) recommended for funding
- The majority of eligible applications submitted were for music (19%), community arts/social practice (17%), multidisciplinary (15%), and theatre (14%) projects

As requests typically exceed available funding, not all projects can be recommended. Common reasons for not recommending a grant include:

- Lack of demonstrated high need for additional public sector support compared to other groups
- Insufficient alignment of project with program goals and criteria

- Lack of key information to understand artistic and community impact
- Limited information on financial and human resources to ensure the successful realization of the project

Following are statistics of types of projects being recommended for support in this intake, and the neighbourhoods that will be served.



APPENDIX B
Infrastructure, Small, Affordable Spaces, Critical Assistance Grants

Recommendation B: Infrastructure Grants				
	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	Capital - renovations to the Production Space at 177 E 3rd Ave.	250,000	0
2	A.S.T.C. Science World Society	Planning - develop a 10-year Comprehensive Plan (Masterplan) for our building, educational programs, and digital content.	245,000	0
3	B.C. Artscape Society	Capital - upgrade under-utilized spaces into more tenant-demanded units and replace/improve very old HVAC systems at BCA Sun Wah cultural hub.	250,000	0
4	Friends of the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum	Capital - replace the museum's cedar shake roof.	94,098	0
5	Gallery Gachet Society	Capital - improvements to current primary leasehold space to suit current and future operations and benefit the DTES community.	150,000	150,000
6	Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	Capital - building renovation.	250,000	0
7	Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society [^]	Capital - replace the deteriorating elements of VIFF's signature theatre including seating, HVAC, fixtures.	250,000	175,000
8	L'Alliance Francaise de Vancouver	Capital - construction costs of Alliance Francaise Vancouver's new Art Gallery as part of the redevelopment of its new cultural centre.	250,000	225,000
9	Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association dba Little Mountain Gallery	Capital - continued renovations to newly acquired facility, including: accessibility, HVAC, washrooms and general electrical/millwork/carpentry/drywalling.	186,122	140,000
10	Other Sights for Artists' Projects Association	Capital - fabrication of two FLEET Mobile Artist studios and one mobile amenity unit to address the lack of studio space in Vancouver.	175,000	175,000
11	The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	Capital - accessibility improvements to Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, including lobby, audience chamber, exterior, and washrooms	250,000	170,000
12	The Dance Foundation	Planning - multiyear campaign to raise funds to purchase the land that Scotiabank Dance Centre is built on preserving this unique cultural hub.	250,000	0
13	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre [^]	Capital - improve accessible washrooms at the York theatre, environment at the Greenhouse, security and patron accessibility at the Historic Theatre.	250,000	200,000

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	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
14	Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art	Capital - facility renovations including: adding museum quality walls, heat & humidity control, lighting, cable management, and electrical and plumbing upgrades.	125,000	75,000
		Total	2,975,220	1,310,000
	^ denotes current or future City-owned/controlled facility			

Recommendation B: Small Grants				
	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
1	Burrard Arts Foundation*	Planning - determine future needs and explore options for a new space.	16,000	12,000
2	Bard on the Beach Theatre Society^	Capital - upgrade infrastructure to remove access barriers for individuals with mobility requirements.	25,000	0
3	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society dba Dragon Boat Festival	Planning - feasibility, engineering, architectural, construction, and heritage drawings/sketches to transform a 100-year old Chinatown heritage building into a unique 15,000 square foot cultural sport Community Hub.	25,000	25,000
4	The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver	Capital - upgrades including electrical and lighting.	19,000	0
5	Dumb Instrument Dance Society	Capital - improvements to "Morrow" cultural facility, including lighting.	7,600	7,600
6	HELM STUDIOS, BY JOSH EASTMAN PRODUCTION	Planning - contract a consultant for digital needs and systems assessment.	20,000	0
7	Duplex Artists' Society*	Capital - renovations to passageways: stairs, handrails, pavers, hallways.	25,000	25,000
8	Miscellaneous Productions Society	Planning - audit air quality in various rehearsal, performance, shooting and workshop spaces in Vancouver and plan ventilation and air filtration solutions to "foul air."	25,000	0
9	Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret Society^	Capital - sound proofing to the ceiling of the studio space.	25,000	25,000
10	Scottish Cultural Centre Society	Planning - conduct a Reserve Fund Study.	8,000	0
11	Outsiders and Others Art Society	Planning - mentorship between the Director of small arts non-profit and the Director of a large arts non-profit.	5,000	5,000
12	Terminal City Glass Co-op	Planning - planning and research to explore the options that exist to upgrade electrical systems for future equipment purchases.	14,375	0

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	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
13	Red Gate Arts Society	Planning - research and develop a plan for a public exhibition space at 1965 Main St, operated by Sunset Terrace Arts Society under the mentorship of Red Gate Arts Society.	25,000	15,000
14	The Beaumont Studios Artist Society	Planning - conduct a study to determine the feasibility of sourcing, installing, and operating portable studios in The Beaumont Studios Courtyard area.	16,300	0
15	Satellite Video Exchange Society dba VIVO Media Arts Centre	Planning - evaluate and advise on the relevant Traditional Knowledge/land relationality and responsibility processes and relocation planning needs of the Centre at a specified potential location.	25,000	25,000
16	Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale/Biennale Internationale de la Sculpture de Vancouver	Capital - renovate warehouse space to provide 800 sq. feet of office/art space including upgraded electrical, flooring, millwork, cabinets, stairwell.	25,000	0
17	Still Moon Arts Society	Planning - hire a consultant to help us refine our path to a permanent ecological arts facility in the Still Creek watershed and Renfrew Collingwood Neighbourhood	25,000	20,000
18	Vines Art Festival Society	Planning - Strategic Fundraising and Harm Reduction Protocols for our upcoming Vines Hub.	25,000	0
19	THE ARCHIVE PRINTMAKING STUDIO SOCIETY	Capital - upgrade facility air circulation system with a better fan and more ducts.	1,305	1,300
20	The Green Thumb Players Society	Capital - exterior repainting.	25,000	20,000
21	The Or Gallery Society*	Planning - capital planning process that will both assess its space needs and explore the administrative and financial feasibility of a major capital project.	22,450	22,450
22	Vancouver Metal Arts Association	Planning - feasibility study to develop an operating/financial model for a vibrant metal arts hub.	25,000	20,000
23	Vancouver Pride Society	Capital - improvements to a 8,000sf warehouse space shared by Vancouver Pride Society and Eastside Studios.	23,444	23,400
		Total	453,474	246,750
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Recommendation B: Affordable Spaces Grants				
	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	Operates 50,000 sq ft of below-market, subsidized and equitable cultural and artistic production space at 4 locations across Vancouver.	50,000	25,000
2	African Descent Society British Columbia	Studio space in Chinatown that serves as a music recording/production studio for artists of African Descent.	50,000	7,500
3	B.C. Artscape Society	"BCA Sun Wah" offers 49,000 sq ft of arts and culture use space for production, rehearsal, presentation, education, and administration for artists, cultural producers and organizations.	50,000	40,000
4	BC Chinese Music Association	Chinese music rehearsal, training and administration space subsidized for musicians and cultural organizations.	15,000	5,000
5	British Columbia Alliance for Arts and Culture Society [^]	BC Alliance for Arts & Culture operates a two-storey, 3,151 sq ft space with offices and cubicle workspaces with shared amenities.	18,000	0
6	Burrard Arts Foundation	Burrard Arts Foundation operates a gallery of 3,400 sq ft of production/exhibition space.	50,000	0
7	Dumb Instrument Dance Society	Operates "Morrow," a performing arts studio and cultural hub, which prioritizes access for BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S+ and artists of mixed physical abilities.	25,000	20,000
8	Duplex Artists' Society*	Exhibition and production studio space, providing access to affordable studio space for the development of emerging and early career artists.	25,000	16,250
9	Future Leisure Performance Society	Operates "Gold Saucer," subsidized rehearsal space for dance/theatre artists in the crosstown neighbourhood, geared toward young, emerging, low-income artists.	25,000	5,000
10	Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	Operating support for Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	19,900	0
11	Kokoro Dance Theatre Society [^]	Operates the City-owned "KW Studios," including the 1,051 sq. ft. KW Atrium Studio and the 3,802 sq. ft. KW Production Studio space in the downtown eastside.	50,000	30,000
12	Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association dba Little Mountain Gallery	Continuation of affordable presentation space for independent artists and producers with a focus on the local comedy community.	36,282	19,086
13	Malaspina Printmakers Society [^]	Providing specifically equipped studio space on a sliding scale to artists in print media and sculpture downtown and on Granville Island	50,000	10,000

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	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
14	Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Society	"Q7" is a 10,000 plus sq ft. facility with dance studios, office space, storage, and other facilities, as well as common areas for students, educators, staff and artists.	50,000	10,000
15	Red Gate Arts Society	Affordable production and performance/exhibition space for artists and musicians, focused on music, visual art, film/video, and literary works.	43,500	25,000
16	St. James Community Square Society [^]	A performance hall with outdoor performance, rehearsal and training space for music, dance, festivals and community events, used by artists, teachers and community members	50,000	10,000
17	THE ARCHIVE PRINTMAKING STUDIO SOCIETY	Affordable working art spaces for artists in Strathcona.	15,000	5,000
18	The Beaumont Studios Artist Society	A multi-functional arts and culture space including 42 multi-artist studios, two multidisciplinary galleries and event space for use by artists, designers and creative entrepreneurs.	50,000	32,500
19	The Green Thumb Players Society	Rehearsal space in Joyce-Collingwood that is available to rent by arts companies, community organizations, artists, and individuals.	33,000	0
20	Unicorn Support Services Society	"Left of Main," in Chinatown, for creation and development, rehearsal, live and virtual performances, exhibitions and programming events related to arts and culture.	20,000	10,000
21	Vancouver Creative Space Society	"Progress Lab 1422" includes a large studio and a workshop studio for use by its 7 theatre and dance home companies, and the local performing arts community.	50,000	32,500
22	Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale/Biennale Internationale de la Sculpture de Vancouver	Approximately 2,000 sq ft of office space for cultural non-profits in Mount Pleasant.	50,000	0
23	VDC Dance Centre Society	VDC Dance Centre Society operates a facility featuring 6 dance studios and a boardroom, with accessible amenities for all users located in downtown Vancouver.	50,000	5,000
		Total	875,682	307,836
	[^] denotes current or future City-owned/controlled facility			

Critical Assistance Grants (reporting out staff approval process)				
	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Paid
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	Permit Fee Assistance for 825 Pacific tenant improvement	8,375	8,375
2	Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret Society [^]	Fire Safety, Electrical and security upgrades	14,980	14,900
3	Scottish Cultural Centre Society	Wheelchair lift replacement	25,000	20,000
4	Vancouver Police Historical Society [^]	Urgent security upgrades	10,909	10,900
5	Wongs' Benevolent Association	Roof leak repair	25,000	25,000
		Total	84,264	79,175
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APPENDIX C

Recommendation C: Infrastructure Grants (Chinatown Cultural Partnership Program)				
	Organization	Project Description	2023 Grant Request	2023 Grant Recomm.
1	221A Artist Housing Society	Planning - Planning and schematics for the rehabilitation of a heritage building in Chinatown to create a mixed-use cultural hub.	250,000	250,000
2	Chinatown Celebration Society	Planning - develop a co-share art & culture space for programming and collaborative placekeeping.	60,000	0
3	Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia	Capital - convert the oldest most historic building in Vancouver Chinatown into a fully operable provincial museum honouring Chinese Canadian culture and living heritage in Vancouver.	250,000	250,000
4	Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver	Capital - upgrade basic infrastructure and equipment including heating / cooling units and fire alarm system.	75,000	0
5	Wongs' Benevolent Association	Capital - improvements to make heritage asset in Chinatown safe and available for cultural groups and legacy businesses, and to prepare the space for uses that celebrate Chinese-Canadian histories and living culture.	250,000	250,000
		Total	885,000	750,000