



## COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2024 Cultural Grants (Projects, Advance, Multiyear)

### Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve the first intake of Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) grants totaling \$500,000 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 63 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 Cultural Operating Funding - Institution (COFI) grants totaling \$970,020 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 5 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 grants on the Cultural Operating Funding - Annual (COFA) grants totaling \$798,490 from the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 63 cultural organizations listed in Section C of Appendix A for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "Recomm." Column.
- D. THAT Council approve Cultural Operating Funding - Multiyear (COFM) grants of \$1,082,200 each year of the three year cycle (2024, 2025, 2026) from the Annual Cultural Grants Operating budget for a total of \$3,246,600 for the three years to the 26 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, B, C and D require two-thirds 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 \$3,350,710 in grants to 157 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 Reconciliation Framework, and UNDRIP Strategy
- The City's Equity Framework, and Accessibility Strategy

### **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 17, 2023 (RTS 15452), Council approved \$4,343,840 cultural grants to 208 organizations which included project grants, 'advance' payments on operating grants, and multiyear grants to advance goals of *Culture|Shift* and enable the community to deliver critical cultural programs and services.

On July 25, 2023 (RTS 15658), Council approved the 2024 Arts and Culture Grants Program Framework including the policy, programs, adjudication process, budget, and accountability requirements to support ongoing and emerging needs in the local arts and culture sector. At this time, Council also directed staff to report back with a scan of granting practices in comparable cities and consideration of a number of potential improvements.

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

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

## 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 arts and culture plan *Culture|Shift*, and the 2024 Cultural Grants Framework. 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.

## Discussion

Recommendations in this report are the first of a series of annual cultural grant recommendations presented to Council. The balance of recommendations will be brought to Council in Q2 and Q4.

Since the adoption of the 2024 Cultural Grants Framework, staff have worked towards implementing Council-directed priorities. These include the following: the inclusion of a Respectful Communications clause in the grant agreement and criteria in 2023; increasing efficiencies in the application process with the launch of a multiyear program in 2023 with 55 groups, and an addition of 23 groups in 2024; ensuring community input into the assessment process through participation of artists and cultural leaders in the review and providing feedback on the programs; and ensuring investment in a diversity of activities in neighbourhoods and communities throughout the city.

Further work is underway in partnership with community to develop opportunities for large-scale cultural events. Staff will bring forward a report-back on a new Destinations/Special Events fund and program early in the second quarter of this year. An annual grants impact report is also forthcoming which will provide an overview of the breadth of activity across the city and impact of the City's investment in the community through grants. Pursuant to Council's direction in July 2023, research is underway to provide comparative data for the City to learn how its granting policy, programs and processes compare to other cities in Canada. Council will receive a report on this in the summer.

## Grant Recommendations

*A: Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) Grants - \$500,000 to 63 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 that take place in neighbourhoods across the City. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available (reduced from the

previous maximum amount of \$20,000) with two intakes each year.

CASC is open to non-profit organizations (NPOs) offering arts and culture programming, and advances the goals of *Culture|Shift* by increasing the representation of equity-deserving artists and groups to civic cultural funding. 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.

Like many cultural grant programs, CASC is assessed by committees comprised of peer community members and staff. Peer members bring a wide range of lived and professional experience in multiple disciplines from various communities, and provide intersectional, artistic and administrative perspectives and expertise to the process. This expertise augments the knowledge and experience of staff. Peer Assessment for Cultural Grants and Awards: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/grant-application-and-assessment-process.aspx>

Committee members for this intake of CASC, the first of 2024, were Barbara Adler, Selina Crammond, Allison Dunne, Paul de Guzman, Tin Gamboa and Marlene Yuen. 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 for a grant. 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.

This intake of CASC, the first of 2024, resulted in:

- 107 applications assessed, total request amount of \$1,375,039 - a 27% increase in the number of applications over the same intake in 2023
- 63 projects recommended spanning 15 neighbourhoods and local First Nation lands, representing a success rate of 59%, with grant amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$13,500
- 26 applications from organizations new to CASC (73% increase in new applicants compared to the previous intake) with 11 (42%) recommended for funding
- 15 applications sponsoring artists/collectives, with 9 (60%) recommended for funding
- The largest number of eligible applications submitted were for music (17%), multidisciplinary (14%), and theatre (13%) projects.

The following are examples of the impacts projects will have in communities throughout the city:

- An artist in residence program in Chinatown's Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden will support a senior Indigenous artist, a local Filipina artist, through workshops and mentorship with DTES-Indigenous and Chinese Canadian artist communities. This will culminate in a public exhibition at the 2024 Mid-Autumn Moon Festival - one of Vancouver's top tourist attractions.

- An intergenerational canoe carving project in traditional xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh, and səlilwətaʔ lands and neighbourhoods across Vancouver, will involve language preservation, knowledge transmission, and artistic engagement with young participants. It will lead to the creation of a Coast Salish-style canoe and produce a bilingual booklet in English and Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim.
- Black Music Month Vancouver '24 this June, produced by this Black-led organization will highlight and support Black & BIPOC artists and artisans, and provide residents in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood with a month-long series of events and activities.
- A series of free, public gamelan workshops and performances in Kitsilano hosted over five months by a first-time grant applicant who delivers arts-based community engagement in the Vancouver Park Board's Hadden Park fieldhouse residency.
- The 5th annual festival of Middle Eastern/North African films presented at the Vancouver International Film Centre will present and support filmmakers who identify with the Middle East and its diaspora, and provide opportunities for the public to engage with them through screenings, workshops, and Q&As.

Approval of these grants will support hundreds of artists from equity-deserving communities and many creative projects, festivals and celebrations that make Vancouver vibrant place to live.

Detailed program information, including assessment criteria and weighting of scores:

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/casc-grant-information-guide.pdf>

*B and C – B) Cultural Operating Funding – Institutions (COFI) first instalments 970,020 to 5 organizations, and C) Cultural Operating Funding – Annual (COFA) advance grants \$798,490 to 63 organizations (Appendix A)*

Operating grants advance *Culture|Shift* goal of arts and culture at the centre of city-building; they elevate the role of arts and culture, and increase 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.

The City 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 has not yet been 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 process in February, and are based on the following criteria:

- Evidence of continued organizational activity in 2023 and projected in to 2024;
- Evidence of financial viability in 2023 and projected into 2024; and,

- No evidence of concerns around financial, program, operational, or community impact, 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 \$970,020 and 63 advance grants totaling \$798,490 to the cultural organizations listed in sections B and C of Appendix A.

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

#### *D – Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) \$1,082,200 to 26 organizations*

This program launched in 2023 to implement a *Culture|Shift* action and Council priority to streamline grant application processes and lower barriers. In line with other public funders, the program provides a consistent level of core funding over a three-year period, and reduces administration to enable groups to focus on the impactful delivery of professional cultural programming and services to the community.

Groups that have been well-assessed in the Cultural Operating Funding - Annual (COFA) program and criteria, as well as the following program criteria, are invited into the program:

- 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.

Grantees make streamlined applications, which include a report back on the previous grant. All grants are subject to Council approval of the annual operating budget and staff review against specific criteria. The first multiyear cohort was approved for three-year funding in January 2023 (2023-2025) where 55 cultural groups received the first year of funding.

To continue to streamline grants processes for the community, staff are recommending a second cohort of 26 groups to receive funding for a three-year period (2024-2026). Staff recommend approval of the total three years of funding, \$3,246,600, and the release of the first year (2024) payment of \$1,082,200.

Program Information is attached to this report.

**Financial Implications**

The source of funding for these recommendations are the 2024 Cultural Grants Operating Budget as summarized in Table 1.

*Table 1 – 2024 Cultural Grants Budget (Operating)*

<b>Rec</b>	<b>Program Grants Stream</b>	<b>2023 Budget<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>	<b>Rec. in this Report</b>	<b>Balance</b>
A	Projects (CASC)	\$1,020,000*		\$500,000	\$520,000
	Cultural Learning/Sharing	\$200,420			\$240,420
B	Operating – Institutions	\$3,880,080		\$970,020	\$2,910,060
C	Operating – Annual	\$2,033,725*		\$798,490	\$1,235,235
	Operating – Multiyear (cohort 1)	\$1,670,700	\$1,670,700		\$0
D	Operating – Multiyear (cohort 2)	\$1,082,200		\$1,082,200	\$0
	Theatre Rental	\$2,953,731*	\$1,830,195		\$1,122,398
	Individual Artists Fund	\$60,000			\$60,000
	Indigenous	\$280,000			\$280,000
	Equity & Accessibility	\$340,264*			\$340,264
	Affordable Spaces	\$314,116*			\$314,116
	Destination/Special Events Fund (NEW)	\$150,000*			\$150,000
	<b>Total Operating Grants</b>	<b>\$13,985,236</b>	<b>\$3,500,895</b>	<b>\$3,350,710</b>	<b>\$7,133,631</b>

<sup>^</sup> the budget allocation is preliminary in advance of the community peer assessment.

\*Includes a portion of the budgetary 2% increase

**Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with the report’s recommendations.

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**APPENDIX A  
GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) Grants</b>				
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
1	African Descent Society British Columbia	BHM-African Heritage Month – Event Series 2024	15,000	8,500
2	AIRS Program Society	AIRS Mentorship Program	15,000	9,000
3	Artists for Conservation International Foundation	2024 Artists for Conservation Festival	15,000	7,500
4	Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop Society (ACWW)	LiterASIAN Festival 2024	15,000	9,000
5	Asian-Canadian Special Events Association	2024 LunarFest and The Lantern City	15,000	5,000
6	BARKING SPHINX PERFORMANCE SOCIETY	Barking Sphinx: Improvised Music Meetings (IMM) 2024	14,500	8,000
7	BC Philharmonic Society	Spring Backs to Earth	15,000	0
8	BECOMING-CHIMERA ARTS SOCIETY	Chinatown Arts and Culture Community Collaboration Space	12,000	4,800
9	Blackout Art Society	The City of Tales	15,000	5,600
10	The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	SHINE Intercultural Event 2024	10,000	6,400
11	Canadian Haitian Cultural Association of British Columbia (CHCA-BC)	Creative Kids for A Better Future	7,500	0
12	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival	15,000	0
13	Canoe Cultures Society	Knowing and Sharing Part 1	15,000	13,500
14	Capture Photography Festival Society	Expanding accessibility at Capture Photography Festival	15,000	0
15	Chapel Sound Art Foundation	Resonance: Empowering Diverse Voices through Music Production skills	11,250	6,400
16	Chinatown Celebration Society	Activate Chinatown Together with Arts and Culture	15,000	12,000
17	Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia	Chinese Canadian Museum (CCM) School Room Video Podcast Project	15,000	0
18	Cinevolution Media Arts Society	BIPOC Credits Podcast and Community Initiatives	15,500	0
19	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Welcoming Pole Project	15,000	7,200
20	Company 605 Dance Society	Here For Now vol. 4	9,000	0
21	Corporeal Imago Performing Arts Society	Collaborative creative initiative with CircusWest and Training Society of Vancouver	15,000	10,000



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22	Dance//Novella Arts Society	"Night is the mother" presented at Discover Dance!	5,000	0
23	Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association	Granville Block Party 2024	15,000	0
24	The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver	2024 Artist in Residence Program	15,000	12,000
25	Fade To Black Entertainment Society	Black Music Month Vancouver '24	15,000	5,000
26	FakeKnot Arts Society	Croquis - Research and Development	6,000	3,200
27	FESTIVAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MUSIC AND DANCE SOCIETY	AHFOMAD Festival 2024	15,000	0
28	Future Arts Network Society	BIPOC Artist Residency Space & Group Exhibition	15,000	0
29	Future Leisure Performance Society	Yearlong residency for equity seeking emerging collective.	8,000	0
30	Gender Equity in Media Society Vancouver	19th Annual Gender Equity in Media Festival, March 8-12, 2024	15,000	11,000
31	Go SuperNova	Black Culture Celebration Juneteenth	15,000	0
32	GREAT LAKES NETWORKING SOCIETY OF BC	Mashujaa Achievement Celebration (MAC'24)	15,000	0
33	Greater Vancouver Youth for Christ	Dwell	8,000	0
34	The Hellenic Canadian Congress of BC	Greek Day on Broadway	15,000	0
35	Highs & Lows Choral Society	Helping Songs Grow in Community	14,250	11,400
36	Hope in Shadows Society	Voices of the Street 14th Annual Publication and Public Presentation	15,000	10,500
37	Inverso Productions Society	Intergenerational workshops and dance performances in care homes	9,000	0
38	Italian Cultural Centre Society	They, They and It: Reflections on Trans Identity	15,000	0
39	Kickstart Disability Arts and Culture	Something Stranger: Development & In-Progress Showing	15,000	10,000
40	Kinesis Dance Society	Bright Shadow	10,000	0
41	Kitsilano Showboat Society	Kitsilano Showboat	15,000	0
42	L'Alliance Française de Vancouver	La Fête de la Musique 2024	7,000	0

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	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
43	Little Mountain Lion Productions Association	Stories Written by Kids - James Cook Elementary	11,360	5,600
44	Love Intersections Society	Honouring Queer and Trans Lives Through Drag Storytime	12,000	7,500
45	MakeWay Charitable Society	TROUBLEMAKERS 8.0 Intergenerational Film Project	12,000	8,000
46	Medusa Theatre Society	World Premiere of Parifam by Aki Yaghoubi at The Cultch	15,000	5,600
47	MENA Film Festival Society	MENA 5	15,000	12,000
48	Mitch and Murray Productions Theatre Society	An Intervention and Suicide Club: Round 8	9,000	0
49	Multicultural Artists Alliance Society of Canada	Vancouver Multicultural Arts and Music Festival and Exhibition	15,000	0
50	Müzewest Concerts Society	Nos Voix - Presenting new music by Indigenous composers and performers	10,000	0
51	New Performance Works Society	opaqueREFUSALS Creative Residency	15,500	7,200
52	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	2024 Nisga'a Hoobiyee New Year Cultural First Nations Celebrations	15,000	13,500
53	OCW Arts & Publishing Foundation	Vancouver Art Book Fair 2024	15,000	7,500
54	On The Cutting Edge Productions Society	The Prop House: A Collection of Over One Million Objects	14,000	10,000
55	Or Festival Theatre Society	Or Festival	15,000	8,000
56	Outsiders and Others Art Society	Kim O'Brien: Entangled	9,000	5,000
57	Poetry Canada Society	Phyllis Webb Memorial Reading	3,500	3,000
58	Poets Corner Reading Series Society	Poets Corner Reading Series	14,450	0
59	Port Moody Ecological Society (for Coast Salish artist-lead event)	Coast Salish Blessing on səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) nation for Ceremony on National Indigenous Peoples Day	15,000	13,500
60	Pride in Art Society	Queer Printmakers Symposium	13,800	9,000
61	Publik Secrets Art Society	Radical Traditions: a gamelan workshop series & performance	8,376	8,000
62	Raven Theatre Performance Society	On Native Land - New Indigenous Musical Development	15,000	10,000
63	Red Fox Healthy Living Society	Creative Community Resilience	15,000	0

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	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recomm</b>
64	Roedde House Preservation Society	Roedde House Museum and VICO present- Music of the World	3,500	0
65	Rungh Cultural Society	Local Colour Protests against Van Art Gallery 1990s-2020s	15,000	0
66	Sacred Ties Foundation	Ancestral Food Ways	15,000	0
67	Sandstone Creative Arts Society	Sandstone Studios Series II	12,500	4,000
68	Sky Theatre Group	A Smoke Behind the Rope	15,000	0
69	Solid State Community Society	Voices of self-love	11,250	10,000
70	South Asian Arts Society	Monsoon Festival of Performing Arts	15,000	5,000
71	Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Society	"Nepo Baby", an intercultural short film	15,000	0
72	The Standing Wave Society	"Presence"	13,000	0
73	TAFF ART SOCIETY	Three Acts of a Woman	15,000	0
74	Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society	2024 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival	12,000	4,000
75	Terminal City Glass Co-op	Learning Fire Project Expansion and Outreach Program	15,000	9,000
76	The Beaumont Studios Artist Society	The Beaumont Workshops & Classes	15,000	0
77	The Biting School Society	Fractured Hearts: An Exploration of Love, Loss, and Waiting	13,635	6,800
78	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver	The Session: A Music Community Gathering	15,000	0
79	The James Black Gallery Association	solidifying identity and relationships	15,000	0
80	The Response Dance Society	Premiere of contemporary dance and theatre piece, Family Room	15,000	6,400
81	Run N Gun Filmmakers Society	Run N Gun Film Festival 2024	7,500	5,000
82	The Search Party Theatre Company Society	Vanya	10,000	0
83	The Society of We Are Canadians Too	LNY Splash!	15,000	0
84	THE VANCOUVER IMPROV CENTRE SOCIETY	The Improv Centre's New Education Programs	15,000	0
85	The Writers' Exchange Society	The Writers' Exchange Kids Chapbooks	3,000	2,500
86	Theatre Under the Stars Musical Society	Theatre Under The Stars BIPOC Creative Fellowship Program 2024	10,000	0

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87	Time Will Tell Arts Society	Kutcheri: South Indian Music Concert Series	10,300	6,400
88	Upstart & Crow Literary Arts Society	Upstart & Crow Writers Residency	8,000	4,000
89	Van Vogue Jam Arts Society	Van Vogue Jam Arts Society	10,100	9,000
90	Vancouver Adapted Music Society	Strong Sessions Concert and Recordings	15,000	10,000
91	Vancouver Arts Colloquium Society	Weaving Our Way (WOW) Multimedia Exhibition	9,000	0
92	Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre	Sumiko in The Nature of Reality	15,000	7,600
93	Vancouver Cantonese Opera	The Prop Master's Dream	15,000	13,500
94	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival - Access and Inclusion Initiatives	15,000	4,000
95	Vancouver Comic Arts Association	Vancouver Comic Arts Festival Community Programming and Engagement	15,000	10,500
96	Vancouver Creative Space Society	"Spotlight" Open-house limited series.	10,000	0
97	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre	The Parallel Project 2024	15,000	8,000
98	Vancouver Improvised Arts Society	West Coast String Summit - Concerts, workshops, artist talks, and micro-residency	8,000	7,200
99	Vancouver Street Dance Association	Vancouver Street Dance Festival	15,000	11,000
100	Vancouver Tap Dance Society	Shake The Earth	15,000	8,000
101	Vancouver Visual Art Foundation	The Truth in Truth and Reconciliation: Art and Board Game	13,768	0
102	Vines Art Festival Society	"Long Live Kings Free Online Video Series"	15,000	10,000
103	VIVA Alliance Society	The 2nd Annual VIVA Exhibition	15,000	7,500
104	Voirelia Hub Society	Future Renaissance	9,000	0
105	Western Gold Theatre Society	On Our Feet! Staged Reading Series (OOF!), live and virtual.	15,000	8,000
106	What Lab Society of Arts	It's Not a Stage 2024	14,000	10,000
107	Yarilo Contemporary Music Society	Creating in Dangerous Times	6,500	3,200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,375,039</b>	<b>500,000</b>

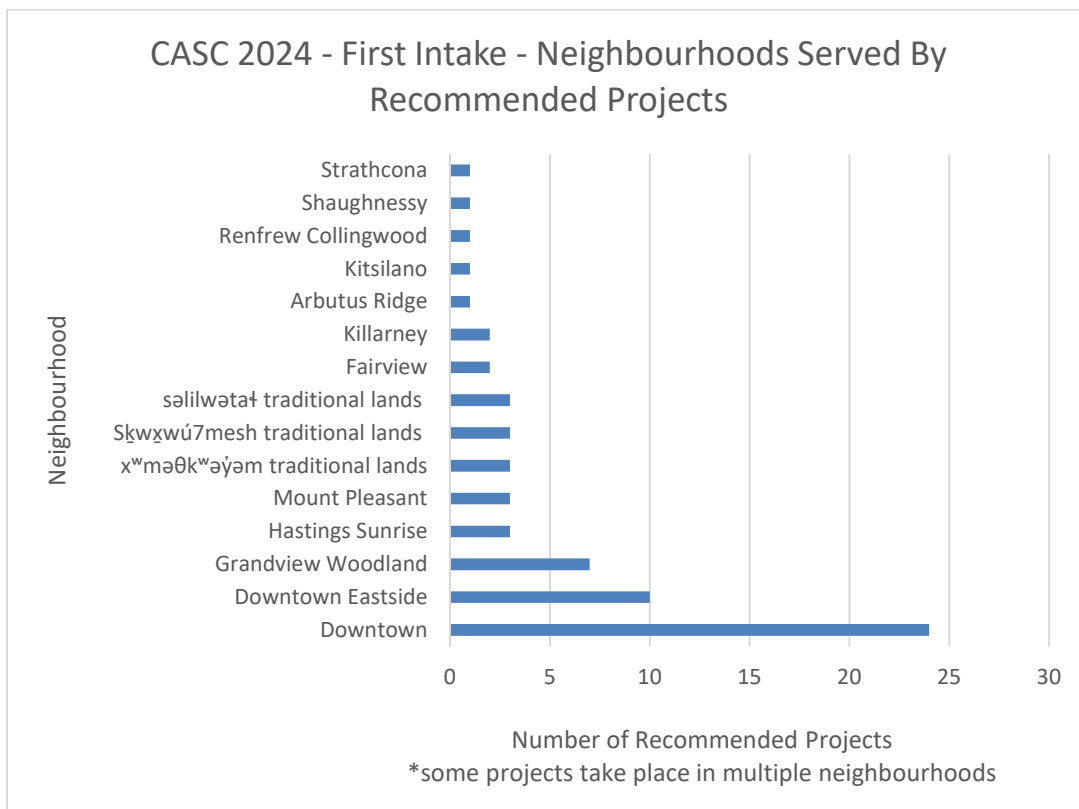
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- 15 applications from sponsored individual artists/collectives, with 9 (60%) recommended for funding
- The majority of eligible applications submitted were for music (17%), multidisciplinary (14%), and theatre (13%) projects.

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 applicants
- Lack of key information to understand artistic and community impact
- Insufficient alignment of project with program goals and criteria
- Application not competitive due to lack of project information provided
- Limited information on financial and human resources to ensure the successful realization of the project



<b>B Cultural Operating - Institutions Grant (COFI)</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>Q1 Recomm</b>
1	A.S.T.C. Science World Society	150,000	26,250
2	H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society	494,400	123,600
3	The Vancouver Art Gallery Association	2,122,680	530,670
4	The Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	400,000	100,000
5	Vancouver Museum Society	758,000	189,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925,080</b>	<b>970,020</b>

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>Advance Recomm</b>
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	100,000	13,000
2	Axis Theatre Society	50,000	13,000
3	Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	100,000	24,000
4	Boca Del Lupo Theatre	42,000	16,800
5	British Columbia Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	45,000	16,400
6	Carousel Theatre Society	40,000	12,800
7	City Opera of Vancouver Society	20,000	6,000
8	Craft Council of British Columbia	25,000	5,400
9	Eastside Arts Society	30,000	5,200
10	EDAM Performing Arts Society	25,000	10,000
11	Electric Company Theatre Society	35,000	14,000
12	Fight With a Stick Hybrid Performance Society	11,000	4,400
13	Hard Rubber New Music Society	15,000	6,000
14	Joe Ink Performance Society	15,000	4,320
15	Karen Jamieson Dance Society	17,000	6,000
16	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Society	28,980	10,080
17	LIVE Biennial of Performance Art Society	20,000	7,200
18	Malaspina Printmakers Society	50,000	10,000
19	Movement Enterprises Society	15,000	4,410
20	Music in the Morning Concert Society	20,000	6,840
21	New Forms Media Society	10,000	4,000
22	New Performance Works Society	30,000	8,000
23	Pacific Ballet British Columbia Society	175,000	40,000
24	Projectile Publishing Society	20,000	5,200
25	PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Society	100,000	32,000
26	Radix Theatre Society	10,000	3,000
27	Realwheels Society	30,000	10,000
28	Redshift Music Society	15,300	6,120
29	Reel to Real: A Celebration of Moving Images for Youth Society	20,000	7,200
30	Secret Lantern Society	35,000	5,280
31	Seismic Shift Arts Society	24,150	8,400
32	Snichim Foundation Society	17,500	7,000

<b>C Cultural Operating - Annual Grant (COFA)</b>			
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>Advance Recomm</b>
33	Still Moon Arts Society	25,000	6,000
34	Sub-Terrain Literary Collective Society	12,000	4,320
35	The Art Starts In Schools Society	52,775	11,400
36	The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	200,000	60,800
37	The Chop Theatre Society	16,000	4,800
38	The Coastal Jazz and Blues Society	92,000	36,800
39	The Dancing on the Edge Festival Society	25,000	10,000
40	The Firehall Theatre Society	80,000	30,000
41	The Geist Foundation	15,000	5,400
42	The Green Thumb Players Society	75,000	24,000
43	The Mascall Dance Society	25,000	6,000
44	The Only Animal Theatre Society	17,100	5,700
45	The Or Gallery Society	40,000	13,600
46	The Vancouver Book and Magazine Fair	30,000	6,000
47	The Vancouver Cantata Society	25,000	6,600
48	Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society	75,000	16,000
49	Theatre Replacement Society	45,000	12,000
50	Touchstone Theatre Society	40,000	12,600
51	UNIT/PITT Society for Art and Critical Awareness	40,000	6,800
52	Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre	30,000	9,400
53	Vancouver Chamber Choir	25,000	8,000
54	Vancouver Choral Arts Society	40,000	9,400
55	The Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society	100,000	24,000
56	Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society	20,000	6,800
57	Vancouver Jewish Film Centre Society	9,000	3,600
58	Vancouver New Music Society	33,120	11,520
59	Vancouver Opera Association	100,000	22,000
60	Vancouver Society for Early Music	52,250	20,900
61	Vancouver Symphony Society	60,000	24,000
62	Vancouver West Side Theatre Society	40,000	12,000
63	VDC Dance Centre Society	110,000	36,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,740,175</b>	<b>798,490</b>

<b>D Cultural Operating - Multi-Year Grant (COFM) – Cohort 2 (2024, 2025, 2026)</b>					
	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Total Grant Recomm (2024-2026)</b>	<b>2024 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2025 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2026 Grant Recomm</b>
1	Bill Reid Foundation	120,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
2	CAG Contemporary Art Gallery Society of British Columbia	225,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
3	Canadian Music Centre/Centre De Musique Canadienne	100,500	33,500	33,500	33,500
4	Centre culturel francophone de Vancouver	66,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
5	Chor Leoni Men's Choir	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
6	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	108,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
7	Danstabat Performance Society (Tara Cheyene Performance)	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
8	First Pacific Theatre Society	63,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
9	Greater Vancouver International Film Festival Society	225,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
10	ITSAZOO Productions Society	39,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
11	Music on Main Society	150,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
12	musica intima society	69,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
13	New Orchestra Workshop Society	84,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
14	Out Innerspace Dance Theatre and Film Society	78,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
15	Pacific Cinematheque Pacifique	135,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
16	Pink Ink Theatre Productions Association	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
17	Rice and Beans Theatre Society	69,600	23,200	23,200	23,200
18	The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia	69,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
19	The Plastic Orchid Factory Society	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
20	The Vancouver East Cultural Centre	466,500	155,500	155,500	155,500
21	The Vancouver International Writers Festival Society	195,000	65,000	65,000	65,000



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	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Total Grant Recomm (2024-2026)</b>	<b>2024 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2025 Grant Recomm</b>	<b>2026 Grant Recomm</b>
22	The Western Front Society	138,000	46,000	46,000	46,000
23	Turning Point Ensemble	93,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
24	Up In The Air Theatre Society	51,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
25	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	402,000	134,000	134,000	134,000
26	WESTERN THEATRE CONSPIRACY ARTS SOCIETY	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,246,600</b>	<b>1,082,200</b>	<b>1,082,200</b>	<b>1,082,200</b>

<b>Previously Approved - Cultural Operating - Multi-Year Grant (COFM) – Cohort 1 (2023, 2024, 2025)</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

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	<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>
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
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

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	<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>
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

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	<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>
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>

**APPENDIX B  
GRANT METRICS**

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b># Grants Requested</b>	<b>\$ Total Requested</b>	<b># Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$ Grants Requested</b>	<b>\$ Grants Recomm.</b>	<b>%</b>
CASC 1 <sup>st</sup> intake	107	\$1,375,039	63	59	\$824,321	\$500,000	60
Cultural Operating Funding – Institutions (COFI)	5	\$3,925,080	5	100	\$970,020	\$970,020	100
Cultural Operating Funding - Annual (COFA)	63	\$2,740,175	63	100	\$798,490	\$798,490	100
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) 2 <sup>nd</sup> cohort	26	\$1,082,200	26	100	\$1,082,200	\$1,082,200	100
<i>Previously-approved</i>							
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) 1 <sup>st</sup> cohort	55	\$1,670,700	55	100	\$1,670,700	\$1,670,700	100
<b>Totals</b>							

Demand for CASC from first intake in 2023 to 2024

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CASC 1 <sup>st</sup> intake 2023	84	59	70	\$1,160,033	\$470,000	41
CASC 1 <sup>st</sup> intake 2024	107	63	59	\$1,375,039	\$500,000	36
Increase from 2023 to 2024	27%	7%		18.5%		