



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2025 Cultural Grants (Projects, Advance, Multiyear, Cultural Spaces)

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve the first intake of Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) grants totaling \$489,700 from the 2025 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 60 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 \$960,520 from the 2025 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 5 cultural organizations listed in Section B of Appendix A 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 \$578,170 from the 2025 Cultural Grants Operating Budget to the 38 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 \$611,000 each year for three years (2025, 2026, 2027) from the Annual Cultural Grants Operating Budget for a total of \$1,833,000 to the 24 cultural organizations listed in Section D of Appendix A for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "Recomm." Column.
- E. THAT Council approve a maximum allocation of \$100,000 per year for the 2025 and 2026 Critical Assistance Grants, from the respective 2025 and 2026 annual Cultural Capital Grants budgets, and disbursed to organizations that meet the

criteria outlined in this report and specified in Appendix C, as approved by the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate), with individual grants not exceeding \$25,000.

- F. 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).
- G. THAT pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A and any organization meeting the criteria in Appendix C 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 E require at least 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report recommends a total of \$2,639,390 in grants to 127 cultural organizations to support the delivery of critical programs and services for artists, the cultural community, and the public. This report also recommends approval of the Critical Assistance Grant program for 2025 and 2026, which will allow staff to administer and disburse funding to organizations with urgent building and life-safety upgrade projects using a set of binding and objective criteria.

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

- *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023-2026*
- *Culture|Shift*, the City's 10-year culture plan, including the *Vancouver Music Strategy* and *Making Space for Arts and Culture*
- The City's *Equity Framework* and *Accessibility Strategy*
- The City's *Reconciliation Framework* and *UNDRIP Action Plan 2024-2028*

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

- October 18, 2016, Council approved the creation of Critical Assistance Grants with a budget of \$100,000 for cultural spaces for urgent facility repairs (RTS 11583).
- July 25, 2023: Council approved the *2024 Arts and Culture Grants Program Framework* which outlines the policy, programs, adjudication process, and accountability requirements to support ongoing and emerging needs in the local arts and culture sector.
- October 22, 2024: Council received *The Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review* for information, and directed staff to deliver an annual report back to council to accompany the ACCS Annual Grant Impact Report.

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 organizations to support operations, projects, capital projects and planning, access to the civic theatres, and capacity building, to advance City arts and culture priorities. The distribution and impact of cultural grant streams and other grants are reported through the [ACCS Annual Grant Impact Report](#).

This report includes the first of a series of 2025 annual cultural grant recommendations presented to Council. The grant streams addressed in this report include:

- Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (support for cultural projects)
- Cultural Operating Funding – Institution, Annual, Multiyear
- Cultural Spaces – Critical Assistance Grants

Discussion

Since the adoption of the 2024 Cultural Grants Framework, staff have worked towards implementing Council-directed priorities including increasing multiyear funding, ensuring community input in grant evaluation and providing program feedback, and ensuring support for a diversity of activities in neighbourhoods throughout the city.

These priorities have been incorporated in the grant process and recommendations addressed in this report. A full list of all applicants and recommended grantees is included in Appendix A, with grant metrics in Appendix B.

Grant Recommendations

Recommendation A: Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) Grants – \$489,700 to 60 organizations

Communities and Artists Shifting Culture (CASC) offers project-based grants for Vancouver's arts and culture sector, funding many recurring arts-based events and activities that comprise Vancouver's rich cultural fabric, and providing the opportunity for new groups to receive support. Grants support artistic creation/production, festivals, celebrations and parades, and community-engaged arts practice, including projects from all artistic disciplines taking place across the City. Grants up to \$15,000 are available with two intakes each year.

CASC is open to non-profit organizations 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 non-profit organizations. Approval of these grants would support hundreds of

artists from equity-deserving communities and many projects, festivals and celebrations that make Vancouver a vibrant place to live.

Like many cultural grant programs, CASC is assessed by committees comprised of peers from the cultural community and staff, bringing a wide range of lived and professional experience across multiple disciplines from various communities to augment the knowledge of staff. Peer assessors for this intake were Luis Alvarez, Jasper Berehulke, Alyssa Favero, Nara Monteiro, Walter Quan, and Anya Rawla. All committee members completed conflict of interest forms and removed themselves from discussion and decision-making if conflicts were declared. Staff recognize the thoughtful consideration of community assessors throughout the process.

Requested amounts consistently exceed available funding. Committees recommend projects that meet or exceed the following program: 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.

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

Recommendations B and C: B) Cultural Operating Funding – Institution (COFI) first installments \$960,520 to 5 organizations, and C) Cultural Operating Funding – Annual (COFA) advance grants \$578,170 to 38 organizations

Operating grants advance the *Culture|Shift* goal of arts and culture at the centre of city-building, providing investment to ensure cultural and economic vibrancy. Funding supports 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.

The City implemented the advance grants policy in 1998 to support a healthy cultural sector by meeting the cash flow needs of grantees at a time when operating support from other public funders has not yet been awarded. Advance grants provide 40% of the previous year's grant to operating grantees and the first quarterly grant instalment to major institutions, with the balance of the grants to be approved in the April cultural grants report.

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 2024 and projected into 2025.
- Evidence of financial viability in 2024 and projected into 2025.
- No concerns around financial, program, operational, or community impact, or non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations or the Cultural Grant Agreement.

Staff recommend 5 first installment grants totaling \$960,520 and 38 advance grants totaling \$578,170 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>

Recommendation D – Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) \$611,000 to 24 organizations

This program launched in 2023 to implement the *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 for non-profits, enabling 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 meet the following criteria, have been invited into the program:

- Has received Cultural Operating Funding for at least one year.
- Has made explicit commitments to equity, diversity, and inclusion through its mission, and/or have demonstrated commitments through its leadership, operations, and programs.
- Has a track record of delivering consistent ongoing programs in support of its mission.
- Has demonstrated strong financial management.
- Has a history of providing a healthy/respectful workplace.
- Has growing administrative capacity and would benefit from fewer grant applications.

Grantees submit 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.

In 2023, 55 cultural groups were invited into the multiyear program, with an additional 26 cultural groups invited in 2024 (included in Appendix A). To continue to streamline grants processes, this year staff are recommending a third cohort of 24 groups to receive funding for a three-year period (2025-2027). Staff recommend approval of the total three years of funding, \$1,833,000, and the release of the first year (2025) payment of \$611,000.

Recommendation E – Critical Assistance Grants

On October 18, 2016, Council approved the creation of the Critical Assistance Grant stream with a budget of \$100,000 for urgent cultural space capital needs (RTS 11583). The program provides grants of up to \$25,000 to support urgent building life-safety upgrades, unforeseen facility emergency situations, and other critical time-sensitive support for cultural spaces such as building systems replacement and repairs, or life-safety capital infrastructure projects.

The Critical Assistance Grant is made available throughout the year as a rolling intake to support urgent projects that cannot wait until the annual Cultural Spaces grant deadlines. Grants of up to a maximum of \$25,000 are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, within an annual budget of \$100,000. While the *Vancouver Charter* does not permit Council to delegate its grant-making authority to staff, staff recommend Council to approve the set of binding and objective criteria outlined in Appendix C and allow staff to administer the grant program, without delegating grant-making authority. Staff will evaluate applications using the criteria, and the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their delegate) will review staff's evaluations and approve disbursement of grants.

Staff seek approval for allocation of \$100,000 per year from the 2025 and 2026 Cultural Capital Grants Budget for the Critical Assistance Grant stream as per criteria outlined in Appendix C. Staff will report out on grants disbursed annually, and will return to Council in 2027 for future funding approval subject to Cultural Capital Grants Budget within the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Financial Implications

The source of funding for these recommendations are the 2025 Cultural Grants Operating and Capital Budget, as summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 – 2025 Cultural Grants Budget (Operating & Capital)

Rec	Grants Stream	2025 Budget [^]	Previously Approved	Rec. in this Report	Balance
A	Projects (CASC)	\$1,100,293*		\$489,700	\$610,593
	Cultural Learning/Sharing	\$210,000			\$210,000
B	Operating – Institution	\$3,842,080		\$960,520	\$2,881,560
C	Operating – Annual	\$1,475,425		\$578,170	\$897,255
	Operating – Multiyear (cohort 1)	\$1,670,700	\$1,670,700		\$0
	Operating – Multiyear (cohort 2)	\$1,082,200	\$1,082,200		\$0
D	Operating – Multiyear (cohort 3)	\$611,000		\$611,000	\$0
	Theatre Rental	\$3,018,713	\$1,866,975		\$1,151,738
	Individual Artists Fund	\$60,000			\$60,000
	Indigenous	\$355,000			\$355,000
	Equity & Accessibility	\$425,000			\$425,000
	Affordable Spaces	\$335,000			\$335,000
	Emerging Priorities	\$150,000			\$150,000
	Total Operating Grants	\$14,335,411	\$4,619,875	\$2,639,390	\$7,076,146
E	Critical Assistance Grants	\$100,000		\$100,000	
	Total Capital Grants			\$100,000	
	TOTAL – All Grants			\$2,739,390	

[^] the budget allocation is preliminary in advance of the community peer assessment.

* Includes a \$42,500 reallocation for a 2023 grant

Legal Implications

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

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**APPENDIX A
GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

A Communities and Artists Shifting Culture Grant				
	Applicant	Project	Grant Request	Recomm
1	African Descent Society British Columbia	BHM-African Heritage Month – Event Series 2025	15,000	0
2	All Bodies Dance Society	Portraits and Landscapes: an inclusive, intergenerational video dance project	13,500	13,500
3	Artists for Conservation International Foundation	2025 Artists for Conservation Festival	15,000	0
4	Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop Society	LiterASIAN Festival	15,000	11,000
5	Asian-Canadian Special Events Association	2025 LunarFest and The Lantern City	15,000	5,000
6	Baza Dance Society^	20th Anniversary Celebration of Sunday Afternoon Salsa at Robson Square	7,950	0
7	BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum	Open the Door to Indigenous Sport	15,000	0
8	Becoming-Chimera Arts Society	Interplay_2025 Annual Festival	15,000	7,000
9	Belle Spirale Dance Projects Society^	Uni-Verse: New Dance Double Bill	10,000	8,000
10	BLACKOUT ART SOCIETY	The Frontliners	12,500	10,000
11	Bug's Backyard Theatre Society^	Bug's Backyard Theatre Society Presents: Carrie the Musical	4,000	0
12	Chapel Sound Art Foundation^^	Neptune7: Holistic Sonic Sessions	10,000	5,000
13	Chinatown Today Society	Chinatown Stories Volume 6	10,000	9,150
14	Chinatown Together Arts and Culture Society^	Activate Chinatown with Arts and Culture	15,000	13,000
15	Company 605 Dance Society^^	Boombox 2025 - Spring Season	9,000	7,000
16	Comunidad Mexicana en Vancouver Services Society*	Dia de Campo 2025	5,700	2,500
17	Connection Salon Artists Collective Society^	Celebrating Mad Arts	14,080	4,000
18	Currently Arts Society	Design Your Own Sounds: An Instrument Building Learning Series	15,000	12,000

19	Dance West Network Society^^	Isaac Gasangwa aka Izo Dreamchaser, UNITY RHYTHMS	15,000	12,000
20	Dance//Novella Arts Society	Emerging Artists Choreographic Exploration and Performance	5,000	0
21	Death Rides a Unicorn Society^	Death Rides a Unicorn 2025 Events	10,000	0
22	Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association	Granville Block Party 2025	10,000	0
23	Dundarave Print Workshop	Printmaking classes and artist presentations for Indigenous students	14,580	0
24	Fade To Black Entertainment Society	Black Music Month '25	15,000	5,000
25	FakeKnot Arts Society	MY HOUSE by FakeKnot - Research and Creation	7,000	7,000
26	Folk Star Arts Academy Society	Folk Lore Festival	10,000	0
27	Friends of the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum	2025 Indigenous Repartition Project and Cultural Programming	10,000	0
28	Future Arts Network Society	BIPOC Artist Residency Space & Group Exhibition at BCA 2025	15,000	5,000
29	Future Leisure Performance Society	uncurated residency program	3,800	2,850
30	Gallery Gachet Society^^	We Seekers: Sensing Otherwise (Contemporary Art Podcast Series)	10,000	7,000
31	Gender Equity In Media Society Vancouver	20th Annual Gender Equity in Media Festival, March 5-9, 2025	15,000	12,000
32	Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	Black History (MAC Beyond February 2025)	15,000	4,500
33	Highs & Lows Choral Society	Planting Music Seeds in the Community	13,500	12,000
34	Hope in Shadows Society (dba Megaphone)	Voices of the Street 15th Annual Publication and Public Presentation	10,000	5,000
35	Indian Classical Music Society of Vancouver^	Indo Canadian Music Society of Vancouver (ICMSV): Spring Season 2025	7,450	3,800
36	Inverso Productions Society	Research and Creation with Claudia Moore	8,000	0
37	Kinesis Dance Society	Artemis' Embrace - IDD2025	7,000	2,500
38	Kitsilano Showboat Society	2025 Season	15,000	0
39	Leaky Heaven Performance Society	CHASE	15,000	0

40	The Little Chamber Music Series That Could Society	Songs for Light + Dark	7,500	7,500
41	Makeway Charitable Society (Reel Youth)	TROUBLEMAKERS 9.0 Intergenerational Film Project	12,000	8,000
42	Mena Film Festival Society	2025 MENA Film Festival	15,000	15,000
43	Mitch and Murray Productions Theatre Society	Vancouver premiere of the play HEROES OF THE FOURTH TURNING.	10,000	0
44	Muzewest Concerts Society	Muzewest's 2024-2025 Season Finale concert & commissioning project	8,500	0
45	New Performance Works Society^^	'gently divine, violently disorienting' Research and Creation Residency	11,425	0
46	Newworld Theatre Society^^	Blood Wedding: A Trans Fantasia Script, Music & Design Workshop	15,000	13,000
47	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	Nisga'a Hoobiyee New Year Cultural First Nations Celebrations 2025	15,000	10,000
48	Opera Unbound	The Fox—A New Chamber Opera	15,000	0
49	Or Festival Theatre Society	Or Festival	15,000	0
50	Other Sights for Artists' Projects Association	Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh artist residencies at FLEET	15,000	15,000
51	PAINTER8 Arts Society^	The Glass City	10,000	0
52	Poetry Canada Society	Phyllis Webb Memorial Reading	5,000	0
53	Popcorn Galaxies Theatre Society^ ^^	Gloria Fukomachi - Grant Writing 101	15,000	15,000
54	Pride in Art Society^^	Unapologetically Opulent: Queer Printmakers Symposium 2025	15,000	8,000
55	Promethean Theatre Company	Romeo & Juliet: 1907	15,000	0
56	Public Disco Society^	2025 Public Disco Outdoor Music Series	15,000	5,000
57	Publik Secrets Art Society	Gamelan concert series	9,150	9,150
58	Radix Theatre Society^^	Glimpses (working title)	15,000	0
59	Rhythm of Life Society^	Drumming for Well-Being Program	15,000	0
60	Rumble Productions Society^^	Nod by Paige Louter: New Play Development	9,480	0
61	Run N Gun Filmmakers Society	Run N Gun Film Festival 2025	7,500	5,000
62	Sad Magazine Publishing Society	SAD Magazine 2025 Operations	15,000	5,000

63	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Mentorship for Queer and Racialized Filmmakers in Vancouver	15,000	0
64	Solid State Community Society^^	Memories for the Soul: Photography as tool for weaving memories	11,250	11,250
65	Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society	2025 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival	15,000	5,000
66	Temporary Frames Arts Society^	Tapping into the Imaginal Field	14,300	0
67	Terminal City Glass Co-op	Terminal City Glass Co-op Learning Fire Regalia Glass Beadmaking Class	6,450	0
68	The Biting School Society	Offending the Audience	12,000	5,000
69	The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	SHINE Intercultural Community Event	10,000	7,000
70	The Community Arts Council of Vancouver^^	Neurodivergent Artists Community Project	11,250	0
71	The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver	2025 Artist-in-Residence Program	15,000	10,000
72	The James Black Gallery Association	Inverted Pyramid: Shift Series	14,000	11,000
73	The Or Gallery Society^^	Host Nation - Indigenous Artist Summit + Speaker Series	15,000	15,000
74	The Response Dance Society	New Contemporary Dance Exploring Internal Dialogues, Blending Acrobatics and Theatre	15,000	0
75	The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society - Vancouver Branch^	75th Anniversary Scottish Country Dancing in Stanley Park	3,000	3,000
76	The Search Party Theatre Company Society	Dance Nation 2025	15,000	7,500
77	The Society of We Are Canadians Too	2025 LNY Splash!	5,000	0
78	The Standing Wave Society	30th Anniversary Gala Concert	15,000	7,500
79	The Writers' Exchange Society	The Writers' Exchange Kids Chapbooks	6,000	5,000
80	Time Will Tell Arts Society^^	Vugome: Into the Sound of the Drum	10,000	8,000
81	Touchstone Theatre Society^^	Beauty and The Beast: My Life by Niall McNeil.	12,000	12,000

82	Turkish-Canadian Society	Turkish-Canadian Society Turkish Choir Ensemble Vancouver Concert 2025	15,000	0
83	Upstart & Crow Literary Arts Society	The Upstart & Crow Literary Arts Society Writer in Residence	5,000	5,000
84	Van Vogue Jam Arts Society	VVJ Weekly Community Classes	12,000	10,000
85	Vancouver Adapted Music Society	Strong X Concert Series and Recordings	15,000	0
86	Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre^^	AGM: A Gigantic Mess	15,000	0
87	Vancouver Bach Choir	Vancouver Bach Choir's Sarabande presents Free Community Concert	5,000	0
88	Vancouver Chamber Music Society	VCMS Concert & Talk Series 2025 (Vancouver)	8,000	0
89	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival - Young and Emerging Artists Project	15,000	6,000
90	Vancouver Chinese Instrumental Music Society	Jasmine Jazz New Work at the Chinese Classical Garden	5,500	5,000
91	Vancouver International Burlesque Festival Society	Vancouver International Burlesque Festival 2025	15,000	0
92	Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art^^	Umbrage: Exhibition and Intercommunity Storytelling Events	14,874	9,000
93	Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival Society	VIMFF "New Voices" Filmmaking Initiative	15,000	8,000
94	Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra	VMO Chamber Series Concert	7,500	0
95	Vancouver Short Film Festival^	15th Annual Vancouver Short Film Festival	7,500	0
96	Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation^^	Rooting Moberly Medicine Garden & Fieldhouse in Right Relations	15,000	7,500
97	Vancouver Visual Art Foundation	Tides of Transformation	14,200	0
98	Voirelia Hub Society	Future Renaissance	12,180	0
99	Western Gold Theatre Society	On Our Feet!(OOF!) Staged Reading Series	15,000	8,000
100	What Lab Society of Arts	It's Not a Stage 2025	14,000	10,500
101	Yarilo Contemporary Music Society	The Tale of Esther in the World Today	15,000	12,000
	TOTAL		1,194,619	489,700

*Denotes grants with conditions

^New applicants

^^Sponsored applications for individual artists/collectives

Highlights of the first 2025 CASC intake:

- 101 applications assessed, total request amount of \$1,194,619
- 60 projects recommended for support which span 17 neighbourhoods, representing a success rate of 59%, with grant amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000
- 14 applications from new organizations with seven (50%) recommended for funding
- 18 applications sponsoring artists/collectives, with 13 (72%) recommended for funding
- The largest types of artistic practice recommended for support this intake are for music (15%), multidisciplinary (14%), and theatre (12%) 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

The following are examples of recommended projects impacting communities throughout the city:

- An intergenerational community-engaged dance project leading to the creation of a series of new dance films made by artists with and without disabilities
- Local Nations' artists will each have multiple-month residencies at a new mobile studio
- An arts summit and speaker series led by and for Indigenous artists
- A community-engaged project and publication which will tell the diverse stories of IBPOC communities in and around Vancouver's Chinatown through multidisciplinary art and prose.
- A research and creation phase for a new work which follows a group of queer and trans artists navigating the perils of working in institutionalized theatre
- A photography workshop for Latinx women exploring memory, embodiment and immigration
- A new interdisciplinary theatre project created and directed by a local accomplished artist with Down Syndrome



B Cultural Operating Funding - Institution (COFI)			
	Major Institutions	2025 Grant Request	2025 Q1 Recomm
1	A.S.T.C. Science World Society	150,000	23,625
2	H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society	519,600	116,725
3	The Vancouver Art Gallery Association	2,122,680	530,670
4	The Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	575,000	100,000
5	Vancouver Museum Society	758,000	189,500
	TOTAL	4,125,280	960,520

C Cultural Operating Funding - Annual (COFA)			
	Applicant	2025 Grant Request	2025 Advance Recomm
1	221A Artist Run Centre Society	100,000	20,000
2	Axis Theatre Society	50,000	13,000
3	Bard on the Beach Theatre Society	85,000	24,000
4	Carousel Theatre Society	45,000	12,800
5	City Opera of Vancouver Society	20,000	6,000
6	Craft Council of British Columbia	22,150	4,860
7	Eastside Arts Society	30,000	5,200
8	Electric Company Theatre Society	35,000	14,000
9	Fight With a Stick Hybrid Performance Society	11,000	4,400

10	Joe Ink Performance Society	15,000	4,720
11	Kidd Pivot Performing Arts Society	31,500	10,080
12	Live Biennial of Performance Art Society	20,000	7,200
13	Movement Enterprises Society dba Small Stage	12,000	3,970
14	Music in the Morning Concert Society	20,000	6,440
15	New Forms Media Society	10,000	4,000
16	New Performance Works Society	30,000	8,000
17	Pacific Ballet British Columbia Society	200,000	40,000
18	Projectile Publishing Society dba Fillip	20,000	4,680
19	PuSH International Performing Arts Festival Society	100,000	32,000
20	Snichim Foundation Society	17,500	7,000
21	Sub-Terrain Literary Collective Society	12,000	3,920
22	The Art Starts in Schools Society	52,775	11,400
23	The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	194,500	57,800
24	The Coastal Jazz and Blues Society	92,000	36,800
25	The Firehall Theatre Society	90,000	30,000
26	The Geist Foundation	15,000	5,400
27	The Green Thumb Players Society	75,000	24,000
28	The Mascall Dance Society	25,000	6,000
29	The Vancouver Cantata Society	15,300	6,120
30	The Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society	100,000	24,000
31	Touchstone Theatre Society	35,000	12,600
32	Vancouver Access Artist Run Centre dba Access Gallery	37,500	9,400
33	Vancouver Chamber Choir	25,000	8,000
34	Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society	40,000	16,000
35	Vancouver Opera Association	100,000	22,000
36	Vancouver Symphony Society	58,000	23,200
37	Vancouver West Side Theatre Society	40,000	13,180
38	VDC Dance Centre Society	100,000	36,000
	TOTAL	1,981,225	578,170

**Denotes conditions on grant*

D Cultural Operating Funding - Multiyear (COFM) - Cohort 3 (2025, 2026, 2027)

	Applicant	Total Grant Recomm (2025-2027)	2025 Grant Recomm	2026 Grant Recomm	2027 Grant Recomm
1	Boca del Lupo Theatre Society	126,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
2	British Columbia Alliance for Arts and Culture Society	123,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
3	EDAM Performing Arts Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000

4	Hard Rubber New Music Society	45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
5	Karen Jamieson Dance Society	48,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
6	Malaspina Printmakers Society	112,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
7	Radix Theatre Society	30,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
8	Realwheels Society	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9	Reel to Real: A Celebration of Moving Images for Youth Society*	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
10	Secret Lantern Society	45,600	15,200	15,200	15,200
11	Seismic Shift Arts Society	63,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
12	Still Moon Arts Society	60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
13	The Chop Theatre Society	42,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
14	The Dancing on the Edge Festival Society	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
15	The Only Animal Theatre Society	51,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
16	The Or Gallery Society	111,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
17	The Vancouver Book and Magazine Fair	54,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
18	Theatre Replacement Society	120,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
19	UNIT/PITT Society for Art and Critical Awareness	90,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
20	Vancouver Choral Arts Society	82,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
21	Vancouver Independent Music Centre Society	51,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
22	Vancouver Jewish Film Centre Society	27,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
23	Vancouver New Music Society	94,650	31,550	31,550	31,550
24	Vancouver Society for Early Music	156,750	52,250	52,250	52,250
	TOTAL	1,833,000	611,000	611,000	611,000

* Denotes condition on grant

D Previously Approved - Cultural Operating Funding - Multiyear (COFM) - Cohort 2 (2024, 2025, 2026)

	Applicant	Total Grant Recomm (2024-2026)	2024 Grant Recomm	2025 Grant Recomm	2026 Grant Recomm
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 Choral Society	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
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
	TOTAL	3,246,600	1,082,200	1,082,200	1,082,200

**D Previously Approved - Cultural Operating Funding - Multiyear (COFM)
– Cohort 1 (2023, 2024, 2025)**

	Applicant	Total Grant Recomm (2023-2025)	2023 Grant Recomm	2024 Grant Recomm	2025 Grant Recomm
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 Co-operative 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	Latincoover 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
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
	TOTAL	5,012,100	1,670,700	1,670,700	1,670,700

APPENDIX B
GRANT METRICS

Grant Program	# of Applicants	# Grants Recomm.	%	\$ Grants Recomm.
CASC 1 st intake	101	60	59	\$489,700
Cultural Operating Funding – Institution (COFI)	5	5	100	\$960,520
Cultural Operating Funding – Annual (COFA)	38	38	100	\$578,170
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) Cohort 3	24	24	100	\$611,000
TOTAL	168	127		\$2,639,390
Previously Approved				
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) Cohort 1	55	55	100	\$1,670,700
Cultural Operating Funding – Multiyear (COFM) Cohort 2	26	26	100	\$1,082,200

APPENDIX C

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Program description: Grants up to \$25,000 to support urgent building life-safety upgrades, and other critical time-sensitive support for cultural spaces including unforeseen and urgent building systems replacement and repairs, building code consultation, permit fee assistance, and/or life-safety capital infrastructure projects, such as fire/flood damage remediation, compromised security perimeters, post-disaster emergency cleaning.

Staff will evaluate applications using the following eligibility criteria, and the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their delegate) will review Staff's evaluations and approve disbursement of grants.

ORGANIZATIONAL ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a Critical Assistance Grant, the grant applicant must:

1. Be a registered Vancouver-based non-profit society or co-operative in good standing with BC Registry Services, a charitable organization, *xʷməθkʷəyəm*, *Sḵwxwú7mesh* or *səlilwətał* First Nations Band Council, with an independent and active governing body composed of volunteers (e.g. board of directors or council);
2. Have a clear arts and culture focus outlined in the organization's vision, mission and mandate;
3. Have been operating as a formal organization for at least one full year and able to provide independently prepared financial statements signed by the governing body for the most recently completed fiscal year, including a balance sheet, income/expense statement and notes that sufficiently explain the organization's financial position;
4. Be committed to a respectful, equitable and accommodating workplace as demonstrated through human resources values, principles, practices, or policies;
5. Provide equitable access to a diverse public in practice and policy with Equity and Accessibility Planning Initiatives to address physical, cognitive, financial, linguistic, cultural, social, and geographic barriers to participation for audiences and key contributors. See [Cultural Spaces Capital Grants Information Guide](#) for details on Equity and Accessibility Planning Initiatives; and
6. Be in good standing with any previous or current grant from the City of Vancouver.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a Critical Assistance Grant, the grant applicant's project must:

1. Demonstrate sufficient urgency (i.e. the project cannot wait until the next designated intake of the annual Cultural Spaces Grant program); and
2. Be for at least one of the following:
 - a. Unforeseen facility repairs, replacement, or clean up resulting from (i) loss or failure of existing infrastructure; or (ii) urgent life or safety requirements, which may include water or fire damage, vandalism, post-disaster emergency cleaning, or replacement of building systems;
 - b. Facility repair that if left unaddressed could lead to further major system or structural failure; or

- c. A development or building permit or a building code consultant to address time-sensitive by-law, permitting, building code, or licensing requirements, or urgent building alterations to support legal, safe and functional cultural facility use.

Post-project funding support will be made available for projects that meet the above eligibility criteria and require immediate attention, whereby waiting for grant funds disbursement prior to proceeding on eligible work may risk life, safety, facility integrity, further facility damages, or critical facility operations or programming.

INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS:

Grant funding will not be available for:

1. Organizations that do not have arts and cultural mandates or whose activities do not meet the Cultural Spaces Program priorities and Eligibility criteria as outlined within the [Cultural Spaces Capital Grants Information Guide](#), or do not align with the Council-approved [Making Space for Arts and Culture](#) directions of reconciliation and decolonization; cultural equity and accessibility; and securing affordable, accessible, and safe cultural spaces;
2. Organizations with three (3) or more open Capital grants for incomplete projects;
3. Projects or activities that would normally be covered by the landlord under lease agreements;
4. Expenses for which Cultural Spaces grant funding has already been approved/received;
5. Projects that are not urgent and can be funded through the regular annual Cultural Spaces Grant intake;
6. Legal costs
7. Equipment repair or replacement, including equipment that is presentation or exhibition-related, non-integral portable or temporary lighting, audio, visual, power systems and equipment, heaters, tents, pottery wheels, computer or communication systems, furniture, or appliances;
8. Projects that are considered regular or routine repair and maintenance or part of ongoing, day-to-day operations;
9. Residential housing or home-based businesses;
10. Strategic planning, capital campaigns, fundraising or marketing activities;
11. Programming delivered by the organization including artistic research or creation; or
12. Operations or administrative activities such as day-to-day staffing costs, moving expenses, tools, non-space related training, computer software, food and beverages (unless as part of community engagement for space planning project)

ELIGIBLE GRANT AMOUNTS

1. Grants of up to a maximum of \$25,000 are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, within an annual budget of \$100,000 from the Cultural Spaces Grants Capital budget, until funds are exhausted.
2. Eligible costs must adhere to project eligibility criteria and be clearly itemized within required submitted project quotes and/or receipts, and project budgets.
3. Provided the grant budget remains available, if an eligible organization submits a funding request that includes both eligible and ineligible activities, the City will fund only the eligible activities.