

Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING JANUARY 14, 2019

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SUBJECT 2019 CULTURE & HERITAGE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of the 2019 Culture & Heritage Grant (Operating and Projects funding) recommendations to provide support to non-profit culture and heritage organizations.

Recommendation

That Council approve the 2019 Culture & Heritage Grant (Operating and Projects funding) recommendations of \$338,887 as follows:

2019 Culture & Heritage Operating Grant Recommendations

Applicant Name	Rec.
A Capella Plus Choral Society	\$2,550
Crimson Coast Dance Society **	\$23,200
Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society	\$3,900
Heart of the Island Chorus Society	\$2,400
Hub City Cinema Society	\$6,500
Island Bel Canto Singers	\$1,500
Island Consort Society	\$1,175
L'association des Francophones de Nanaimo	\$19,000
Malaspina Choir Society	\$2,500
Mid Island Metis Nation	\$9,900
Nanaimo African Heritage Society	\$3,792
Nanaimo Arts Council	\$22,000
Nanaimo Blues Society	\$12,050
Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra	\$4,150
Nanaimo Concert Band Society	\$6,950
Nanaimo Conservatory of Music **	\$18,400
Nanaimo International Jazz Festival Association	\$9,950
Nanaimo Literacy Association	\$3,100
Nanaimo Tidesmen	\$2,350

Pacific Coast Stage Company	\$7,100
Pacific Institute of Bagpiping and Celtic Music Society	\$2,450
TheatreOne **	\$42,450
Vancouver Island Symphony **	\$89,244
Western Edge Theatre **	\$13,850
Wordstorm Society of the Arts	\$2,719

*** Recommended for three-year funding*

2019 Culture & Heritage Project Grant Recommendations

Applicant Name	Project Name	Rec.
Crimson Coast Dance Society	Mixed Ability Dance Jams	\$2,200
Federation of BC Writers	Spring Writes 2019	\$3,000
Literacy Central Vancouver Island	VI Children's Book Festival	\$3,000
Literacy Central Vancouver Island	Literary Cabaret	\$2,800
Mid Island Youth & Community Development Cooperative	FOOD ART FUN	\$1,222
Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society	Island Fantasy Ballroom Dance Competition	\$4,600
Nanaimo Blues Society	Summertime Blues Pre-Event	\$2,250
Nanaimo Sings! Choral Festival Society	Say "Hello" to Spring with a Vocal Tune-Up	\$1,200
Opera Nanaimo	Madama Butterfly	\$2,800
Pacific Institute of Bagpiping and Celtic Music	Pacific Gael Youth Band	\$2,000
St. Andrew's United Church	Merry Andrew Players	\$635

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo's Culture & Heritage Grants (Project and Operating) help to underpin the activities of professional and community-based arts, culture and heritage organizations that play a significant role in contributing to the culture profile and economic vitality of Nanaimo.

For 2019, a total of 15 eligible Project Grant applications and 25 eligible Operating Grant applications were received prior to the deadline of 2018-OCT-15 (Attachment A). The total amount of funding requested is \$475,817. The total available budget for allocation in 2019 is \$340,015.

Staff reviewed all applications based on program eligibility and assessment criteria (Attachment B) and provided funding recommendations for the 2019 Culture & Heritage Grants (Project and Operating).

At the 2018-DEC-12 Special Council Meeting, Council received the 2019 Culture & Heritage Grant Recommendation report for information.

Eligibility for Three-Year Operating Funding

Three-year funding is available to established not-for-profit professional culture and heritage organizations that have been in existence for at least four (4) years. In order to be eligible, the organization must employ professional artists, pay industry standard artist fees and have paid administrative staff. Applicants must have received at least one annual grant through the City of Nanaimo's Culture & Heritage Funding Program. The organization must have an ongoing arts, culture and heritage mandate (irrespective of this funding program); be recognized for excellence in their artistic discipline; provide annual programming to the community; demonstrate long-range financial stability on a year-round basis, be able to articulate long-term artistic visioning and planning; and receive operating funding from the provincial and / or federal level.

A stable and predictable funding environment enables professional groups to better plan for their organizational development and secure their future programming needs. Five organizations have applied for three-year funding (2019/2020/2021) and staff recommend that they be approved:

1. Crimson Coast Dance Society
2. Nanaimo Conservatory of Music
3. TheatreOne
4. Vancouver Island Symphony
5. Western Edge Theatre

These requests represent approximately 50% to 57% of the overall annual Culture & Heritage Grant program budget over the next three years, starting in 2019.

OPTIONS

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- **Budget Implication:** The recommendations do not exceed the total available budget of \$340,015.
 - **Policy Implication:** The Culture & Heritage Grant Program implements the goals of the *2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo*.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** Community Building Partnerships: The City of Nanaimo wants to work with the arts, culture and heritage sector in providing cultural experiences for residents and visitor that enhance the quality of life and create community. As part of the creative sector, arts, culture and heritage organizations contribute \$93 million in direct economic benefit to the community. Through collaboration with the arts, culture and heritage sector, we promote and celebrate Nanaimo's uniqueness and cultural vitality to residents and visitors.
2. That Council provide an alternate direction.
- **Process Implication:** This would delay the process, and affect the organizations' operations and upcoming projects.

SUMMARY POINTS

- A total of 15 eligible Project Grant applications and 25 eligible Operating Grant applications were received prior to the deadline of 2018-OCT-15 (Attachment A).
- The total amount of funding requested is \$475,817. The total available budget for allocation in 2019 is \$340,015. Staff are recommending \$338,887 be allocated.
- Five organizations have applied for three-year funding (2019/2020/2021). Criteria for three-year funding is attached (Attachment C).

ATTACHMENT A: 2019 Culture & Heritage Grants – Applications Received (Project/Operating)
ATTACHMENT B: 2019 Culture & Heritage Grants – Guidelines and Criteria
ATTACHMENT C: 2019 Culture & Heritage Grants – Three-Year Funding Criteria

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