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SUBJECT 2020 CULTURE & HERITAGE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of the 2020 Culture & Heritage Grant (Operating and Projects funding) recommendations to support to non-profit culture and heritage organizations.

Recommendation

That the Finance & Audit Committee recommends that Council approve the 2020 Culture & Heritage Grant funding (Operating and Projects) recommendations of \$350,092 as follows:

2020 Culture & Heritage Operating Grant Recommendations

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
A Capella Plus Choral Society	\$3,250
Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society	\$4,500
Heart of the Island Chorus Society	\$2,300
Hub City Cinema Society	\$10,500
Island Bel Canto Singers	\$1,500
Island Consort Society	\$1,750
L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo	\$21,000
Malaspina Choral Society	\$3,500
Mid Island Metis Nation Association	\$11,000
Nanaimo Chamber Orchestra	\$4,512
Nanaimo Chinese Cultural Society	\$3,350
Nanaimo Concert Band Society	\$7,750
Nanaimo International Jazz Festival Association	\$20,000
Nanaimo Tidesmen (BC Chapter of SPEBSQSA)	\$2,375
Opera Nanaimo	\$1,000
Pacific Coast Stage Company	\$6,000
Pacific Institute of Bagpiping and Celtic Music	\$3,250
Wordstorm Society of the Arts	\$2,750
Crimson Coast Dance Society **	\$23,200
Nanaimo Conservatory of Music **	\$18,400
TheatreOne **	\$42,450
Vancouver Island Symphony **	\$89,244
Western Edge Theatre **	\$13,850

** Recommended for continued three-year funding (2019 / 2020 / 2021)

2020 Culture & Heritage Project Grant Recommendations

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
Brechin United Church – Mission and Outreach Team	Reconciliation Workshop – Building Bridges and Paddling Together	\$800
Crimson Coast Dance Society	Leadership Development	\$611
Crimson Coast Dance Society	Mixed Ability Dance Jams	\$1,800
Crimson Coast Dance Society	Qwuyulush Nuwilum Xwa’alum Sumshàthut	\$3,750
Federation of BC Writers	Youth & Elder Journaling Workshops at Salish Lelum	\$500
Harbour City Jazz Society	JazzFest 2020	\$2,250
Mid Island Community Band Society	MICoba “Massed Bands” Project	\$500
Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society	Island Fantasy ball	\$5,363
Nanaimo Blues Society	Summertime Blues	\$20,000
Nanaimo Sings! Choral Festival Society	Sing With Your Ears – A listening workshop for singers	\$537
Pacific Institute of Bagpiping and Celtic Music Society	Pacific Gael Youth Band	\$1,500
South End Community Association	South End Day	\$4,750
Vancouver Island Danish Canadian Club	2020 Federation of Danish Associations in Canada (Conference & AGM)	\$3,000
Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Society	Vancouver Island Short Film Festival	\$6,200
Wordstorm Society of the Arts	Wordstorm Website Redesign	\$1,100

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 2020, a total of 17 eligible Project Grant applications and 24 eligible Operating Grant applications (including those groups with three-year funding commitments) were received prior to the deadline of 2019-OCT-15 (Attachment A). Groups were invited to apply for up to 25% of their overall project or operating budget. The total amount of funding requested is \$524,528.15. The total available budget for allocation in 2020 is \$350,092.

Staff reviewed all applications based on program eligibility and assessment criteria (Attachment B) and provided funding recommendations for the 2020 Culture & Heritage Grants (Project and Operating).

In 2019, five organizations were granted three-year funding (2019/2020/2021) and Staff recommend that these groups be included in the approval of 2020 funding:

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

Criteria for three-year funding is attached (Attachment C).

OPTIONS

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- The advantages of this option: Implements goals of the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo.
- The disadvantages of this option: No funds available for other 2020 applications.
- Financial Implication: All cultural operating and project funding would be committed for 2020.

2. That the Finance & Audit Committee provide an alternate direction.

- The advantages of this option: None.
- The disadvantages of this option: Would delay process and affect organizations’ operations and upcoming projects.
- Financial Implication: None.

SUMMARY POINTS

- A total of 17 eligible Project Grant applications and 24 eligible Operating Grant applications were received prior to the deadline of 2019-OCT-15 (Attachment A).
- The total amount of funding requested is \$524,528.15. Groups were invited to apply for up to 25% of their overall project or operating budget. The total amount of funding requested is \$524,528.15. The total available budget for allocation in 2020 is \$350,092.
- Five organizations were granted three-year funding (2019/2020/2021) in 2019, and Staff recommend that these groups be included in the approval of 2020 funding. Criteria for three-year funding is attached (Attachment C).

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – 2020 Culture & Heritage Grants – Applications Received (Project/Operating)

ATTACHMENT B – 2020 Culture & Heritage Grants – Guidelines and Criteria

ATTACHMENT C – 2020 Culture & Heritage Grants – Three-Year Funding Criteria

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