

DISCUSSION

Since the deadline for the 2022 Cultural Grants Program cycle, the City received three supplemental grant applications. Two of these applicants were successful. Following is a summary of the two approved supplemental grant applications:

Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association

The Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association has applied for Project funding for their upcoming National Indigenous Peoples' Day event. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding full funding of \$10,000 to support this initiative.

Semiahmoo Potters Society

Semiahmoo Potters Society has applied for Project funding to provide hands-on demonstration sessions and hold open houses and gallery shows to welcome the community to the new pottery space being developed at Crescent Park. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding full eligible funding of \$4,000 to support this initiative.

Approval of Grant Appeals

As part of the Program's guidelines, appeals from organizations will be considered within ten (10) business days of the date that they receive notification from the City that they have been denied funding and where significant new information is presented that was not available during the original review process. Those unsuccessful in their appeal will be offered individual feedback and encouraged to reapply in compliance with the Program guidelines and/or apply again in 2023.

Three organizations appealed in early February upon notification of their 2022 grant application being unsuccessful. One organization appealed to the satisfaction of the Program and requirements outlined by the evaluation committee. Following is a summary of the programming from the approved appellant:

Close Look United Foundation

Close Look United Foundation has applied for Project funding for their upcoming Youth Arts Event. The Evaluation Committee recommends partial funding of \$5,000 to support this initiative.

2022 Supplemental Cultural Grants Evaluation Process

An Evaluation Committee composed of staff representing Parks, Recreation & Culture Department , Finance Department and a community representative from the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee, reviewed each of the applications, applying a point rating system to the following criteria:

- Artistic merit of the initiative for which grant funding is requested;
- Community impact of the initiative; and
- Organizational health of the applicant organization and feasibility of the initiative (including Covid-19 contingency plan)

Based on its evaluation, the Committee recommends that Council approve three supplemental grants, including the one grant appeal, totaling \$19,000.

Status of Cultural Grant Funding

Following is a summary of the 2022 Program funding allocation to date:

2022 Cultural Grants Budget	\$500,000
2022 Available funding*	\$623,296
Grant funding allocated as of January 2022 (CR No. R016; 2022)	\$499,379 (includes theatre rental subsidy)
Proposed Supplemental funding from this report	\$19,000
Unallocated balance	\$104,917

*Available funding includes the approved annual grant budget and unallocated funding carried forward from previous years.

Appendix “II” attached to this report provides information on the status of funding related to the Cultural Grants Program, based on the assumption that Council will approve the recommendation outlined in this report. The balance of available funds (\$104,917) will be retained for future supplemental grant opportunities.

FUNDING

Distribution of Grant Funding

In accordance with the Program Guidelines, for grants \$1,500 or greater, 80% of each approved grant will be distributed to the respective group upon Council approval of this report. The remaining 20% will be distributed upon completion of the project. For grants under \$1,500, the full grant amount will be distributed upon Council approval of this report. All grant recipients are required to submit a final report demonstrating the activity for which the grant was awarded has been duly completed. For returning applicants, Cultural Grant funding is dependent upon the applicant submitting outstanding final reports from 2021 demonstrating they met the terms and conditions of the funding awarded.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The work of the Cultural Grants Program supports the objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this work relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 Theme of Education and Culture. Specifically, this project supports the following Desired Outcomes (“DO”) and Strategic Direction (“SD”):

- DO7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey’s citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community livability and civic pride;
- DO9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events;
- DO12: Surrey nurtures a unique participatory community-based arts scene; and
- SD8: Support the growth of a diverse arts sector through the development of Surrey’s cultural corridor.

CONCLUSION

The Surrey Cultural Grants Program continues to be received very positively by the local arts and cultural sectors. As outlined in the Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Plan 2018-2027, the Program benefits the community by strengthening the organizational capacity of new and existing cultural groups and supporting the development of a wide variety of art projects, cultural programs and services in the City.

Based on the above discussion, staff recommend that Council approve three supplemental Cultural Grants as documented in Appendix "II" attached to this report.

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APPENDIX “I”

Surrey Cultural Grants Program Guidelines

The Cultural Grants Program is intended to support a wide range of arts and cultural activity in Surrey including artistic practices (music, dance, theatre, literary, visual, media, inter-disciplinary, community-based and Indigenous arts); and cultural celebrations and events that reflect Surrey’s diverse heritage and community.

The vision of the Cultural Grants Program (the “Program”) is to support and enhance Surrey’s arts and cultural sector through:

- Building organizational capability and sustainability in each of existing and new local cultural organizations;
- Investing in community-based cultural activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of arts and heritage; and
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships.

General guidelines for the Program include:

- Grants will be awarded annually for Cultural Celebrations, Projects or Operating Support;
- Grants will be awarded based on the number of eligible applicants and available funding in each year;
- Up to twenty percent (20%) of available grant funding for the Program may be retained by the City as a contingency for extemporaneous grants and as a contingency; and
- City cultural investment strategies as contained in City planning documents will be considered in awarding grants.

The following will not be funded through the Program:

- Educational institutions.
- Student projects.
- Individuals.
- Religious, political, and business groups.
- For-profit organizations.
- Activities prior to the date of receipt of the grant application by the City.
- Fundraisers and banquets.
- Travel.
- Deficit reduction.
- Capital projects (equipment, new buildings, facility upgrades).
- Ongoing core operations.
- Projects that, in the opinion of the City, may be contrary to the public interest to approve for financial assistance.
- Activities that principally take place outside the City of Surrey.
- Bursaries, scholarships, or contests.

Grants may be awarded in each of the following three (3) categories :

Cultural Celebrations Grants

Under this category, grants will be provided to eligible groups to support the organizations' initiative to provide audiences with an original artistic experience as part of a larger event.

Costs funded in this category may include any of the following:

- Artist fees payable to eligible artists.
- Supplies, materials and services necessary for the artist's performance.
- Liability insurance or WorkSafe BC Coverage specifically to protect the artist.

Funding Levels:

- Registered not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 not to exceed 50% of eligible costs.
- Non-registered not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 not to exceed 50% of eligible costs.

Cultural Celebrations Grants Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible under this category, the applicant must be:

1. A not-for-profit organization (registered or non-registered).
2. Based in the City of Surrey. Non-resident organizations may be considered for projects that occur within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents, with priority given to projects that employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists for the project, where there is no comparable organization based in Surrey, and where the project does not duplicate another that can be provided by another organization already offered in Surrey.
3. Requesting a grant to support hiring an artist or artistic group to provide a cultural celebration experience.
4. Able to demonstrate how the proposed cultural celebration is accessible to the public and how the presentation of the artistic component benefits residents of Surrey.

Project Grants

Under this category, grants will be provided to encourage partnerships and collaborations that result in cultural programs and initiatives.

Costs funded in this category may include any of the following:

- The grant award may contribute up to fifty percent (50%) of the project budget on a matching basis.
- Matching funds can be a combination of cash and in-kind contributions, with in-kind volunteer hours limited to thirty percent (30%) of the overall project budget.
- Organizations can apply for up to \$10,000 annually for upcoming projects. Grant funding from multiple years cannot be combined to produce a single project.

Project Grants Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible under this category, the applicant must be:

1. A not-for-profit organization (registered or non-registered) or individuals partnering with a not-for-profit organization (registered or non-registered).
2. Based in the City of Surrey. Non-resident organizations may be considered for projects that occur within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents, with priority given to projects that employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists for the project, where there

is no comparable organization based in Surrey, and where the project does not duplicate another that can be provided by another organization already offered in Surrey.

3. Proposing a project that has a duration of no more than 16 months.
4. Having matching funds and/or in-kind contributions equivalent to the amount of the grant that is being requested.
5. Eligibility for returning applicants will be based on the applicant submitting all outstanding final reports from previous years to the City's satisfaction, prior to applying for the current or upcoming year's Program. Failure to do so prior to the application deadline will render the applicant's application as ineligible. Permissible exceptions will be for those organizations that have Fall/Winter events which occur after the grant submission deadline, and that will require time upon the completion of the event(s) to submit final reports in a timely manner to be mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the City.

Operating Grants

Operating grants aim to support and sustain the work of mature, registered not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations that deliver consistent, meaningful, and original local programming, demonstrate sustainable administrative practices and organizational structures, and play a leadership role in enriching and enlivening Surrey's cultural landscape.

Under this Category

- Surrey resident organizations that employ and compensate professional staff (i.e. Executive Director and/or Artistic Director) whose role is to enable the organization to plan, develop, and ensure its ongoing resilience, and who pay artists fees meeting national standards (e.g. CARFAC, CAEA, IATSE, ACTRA, AFofm, etc.), can apply for up to 25% of their annual operating budget to a maximum of \$25,000 (previously \$15,000)
- Organizations must apply each year.
- A funding approval in any given year should not be viewed as an ongoing source of funding.
- Organizations are encouraged to demonstrate their ability to access provincial and/or federal funding, and to indicate success in receiving provincial and federal funding, as part of their annual operating budgets. This could include funding via the BC Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and other government funding agencies where Surrey-based organizations have not received grants in the previous two years. Additional sources of funding may also include provincial gaming or lottery funding awards that are either new or which increase in level of support year-after-year; foundation funding not previously received in the last two years; the establishment of a new endowment; corporate sponsorships; other forms of reliable funding strategies (e.g. special events, membership drives, crowdfunding, etc.)

Operating Grants Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible under this category, the applicant must:

1. Have a clear and relevant mandate with a primary focus on arts and culture programming.
2. Demonstrate a significant history of arts and cultural programming in the City of Surrey with proven community impact.

3. Be based in the City of Surrey. Non-resident organizations may be considered for projects that occur within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents, with priority given to projects that employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists for the project, where there is no comparable organization based in Surrey, and where the project does not duplicate another that can be provided by another organization already offered in Surrey.
4. Deliver a minimum of 75% of their programs to Surrey residents.
5. Have received at least two (2) project grants from the City of Surrey, successfully completed the proposed projects, and submitted all final reports.
6. Be committed to providing arts and culture experiences that are open and accessible to all Surrey residents.
7. Demonstrate financial stability:
 - a. Provide evidence of diversified cash revenue including earned revenue, fundraising, donations, other grants;
 - b. Provide externally produced financial statements.
8. Demonstrate organizational capacity and sustainability:
 - a. Have been operating for 5 (five) years as registered not-for-profit society in good standing;
 - b. Be supported by an active volunteer Board of Directors;
 - c. Hire experienced and capable creative/artistic senior leadership and senior administrators, at least one of whom must be a paid Artistic Director, Managing Director, Managing Artistic Director, Executive Director or General Manager, compensated at industry standards comparable to similar sized arts and culture organizations, and must maintain effective organizational structures.
9. Demonstrate a commitment to compensating professional artists commensurate with fees that meet national industry standards (e.g. CARFAC, CAEA, IATSE, ACTRA, AFofM, etc.)

New for 2022: Enhanced Operating Grant Eligibility

In the 2021 grant cycle, with the approval of City Council, the City introduced an increased grant amount for eligible organizations applying for operating grants that meet additional criteria with the intention to help support organizations fully based in Surrey, who provide year-round cultural programming to Surrey residents, and are seeking to develop as organizations, to also meet eligibility criteria for BC Arts Council and Canada Council grants for their field of practice.

Not all City of Surrey grants applicants are expected to meet all the criteria for the enhanced amount of the city's operating grants (maximum \$25,000) but may still be deemed eligible for regular operating grant funding if they meet all but the enhanced grant criteria.

In order to meet criteria to receive enhanced operating funding, organizations must meet all of these criteria:

- Have a permanent address in Surrey from which the organization operates.

This is indicated by the following:

- They operate a permanent facility with a Surrey address
- If they don't operate a facility, the majority of their board have Surrey resident addresses

□ Demonstrate year-round arts and cultural programming for Surrey audiences.

Programming for Surrey audiences is demonstrated by:

- Where the programming is offered is at a verified Surrey address
- The public is invited – it isn't programming limited to members for example, or limited groups of people
- Programming, with some temporary exceptions (when facilities are closed due to COVID and when programming by necessity needs to be offered only online) is expected to be delivered in person and primarily advertised to Surrey residents
- Year-round programming examples include: - monthly programming such as artist talks, or workshops
- a series of multiple events – for example in performing arts in may be demonstrated by producing a season of performances such as three or more theatre productions within 12 months (not including performances in the portion of a season covered by a previous grant application)
- Programming that is self-funding or profitable and/or comparable to independent businesses (i.e. dance classes and dance schools) may not be considered a priority for cultural grant funding
- Programming that may be considered fund raising for the applicant, or for other organizations or causes (e.g. silent auctions, show and sales of artworks etc.) may not be considered significant arts and cultural programming serving residents

□ Have arts/ cultural-based programming that primarily benefits Surrey residents

- Programming is hosted within a facility / venue with a Surrey address is considered to primarily benefit Surrey residents
- Programming, and/or the invitation to participate in programming is advertised and/or promoted to Surrey residents
- Those organizations offering some or most of their programming in a location outside of Surrey (e.g. in Langley, Delta or White Rock) or online, may not be given preference
- The programming does not present barriers to Surrey residents (e.g. programming is not offered to the public and may be restricted to those with memberships)

□ Employ/ compensate professional staff (eg. artistic director, executive director)

- Professional staff are those who contribute directly to the artistic production and artistic programming, that ensures the organization produces high quality experiences for audiences and contributes to the cultural development of Surrey.
- Professional staff are those whose contributions to programming, including original content (program development, conducting, theatre production) and whose work is primarily credited for additional grants received by the organization (e.g. BC Arts Council or Canada Council)

Compensation for professional staff includes:

- Hourly wages
- Benefits including EI, insurance, WCB
- Compensation rates to be considered professional are those guided by national guidelines for artistic compensation
- Consideration to be given when this appears to apply: there is demonstrated merit for or a potential conflict of interest for an individual claiming multiple sources of compensation. An example would be a combination of the following
 - board member, and/or:
 - administrator and/or
 - artistic director, and/or

- performer.

- Those whose paid work is fully dedicated to producing the cultural and artistic events which qualify for cultural grants funding and who are recognized as peers with others in their field of artistic practice, will be considered in the category of professional artistic staff
- Those who serve as staff for an organization, but whose work supports the organization, but who do not directly provide professional artistic services, such as bookkeepers, cleaners, administrative staff, will not be considered in this category

Pay national standard artist fees to professional artists (eg.: *CARFAC, CAEA, IATSE, etc*)

- Artists when they are recognized as professionals by peers within their field of practice, are entitled to receive compensation for the services they provide
- The grant application demonstrates to whom and what fees were paid in the past, and a budget that demonstrates the fees to be paid for proposed programming
- Compensating artists on a sliding scale may be considered, although not as high as full professional fees. For example, lead artists in a theatre production may receive full fee, while those in an intern capacity may receive lower fees.
- While honorariums demonstrate understanding of the importance of paying artists, this will not be scored as high
- Those who serve as staff, on the organization's board or the organizing committees, who receive fees for these services, are not to be included here.

Receive funding from BC Arts Council and/or Canada Council for the Arts for artistic productions

- The enhanced cultural grants operating funding is intended to further support the capacity and program production of those organizations, and especially to assist them to qualify for artistic grants.
- For example, this additional operating funding may be the catalyst to support a performing arts organization to expand their programming to produce a season to then qualify that organization for other operating grants, or to commission significant new or original artistic programming to qualify for other project grants.

Application Processing Procedures

The following is a description of the procedure for interested parties to make application under the Program:

- Eligible applicants are required to submit a completed program application form to the City which demonstrates that the related eligibility criteria are met.
- Eligible applicants will be invited to an information session where application forms will be available, information will be provided about how to fill out the application form, and questions will be answered.
- The deadline for applications will be shared. All applications received by that date will be evaluated with the results of the evaluation and the related grants announced.
- Returning applicants from prior years will be required to submit all final reports from previously awarded projects to the satisfaction of the City's Cultural Program Staff prior to applying for a grant. Failure to submit final reports will render the applicant ineligible for additional grant support from the City. Permissible exceptions will be for those organizations that have Fall/Winter events which occur after the grant submission deadline, and that will require time upon the completion of the event(s) to submit final reports in a timely manner to be mutually agreed upon between the applicant and the City.

- Each application will be reviewed by City Staff to ensure that it is complete and meets the Program criteria.
- Each complete and eligible application will then be evaluated by a Grant Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives from: Arts, Heritage, Library, Economic Development and Finance. The Committee will recommend the grant amount for each eligible applicant that will then be forwarded to Council for approval.
- Applicants are invited to indicate interest in the Surrey Civic Theatres Rental-in-Kind Subsidy by checking the checkbox in either the Project Grant or Cultural Celebrations Grant application form. Eligible applications will be reviewed as part of the evaluation process, and subsidies will be awarded based on availability.
- City Staff will notify all applicants of Council's decision, and if applicable will advise them of the Appeal Procedure.

Appeal Procedure

Appeals will be considered from organizations that have been denied funding and where significant new information is presented that was not available during the original review process. Appellants must notify City Staff in writing of their intention to appeal within ten business days of the date that they receive notification of the City's decision regarding their application. The appellant must clearly identify the additional information that they view as being important to their appeal of the decision. The Evaluation Committee will review such appeals and where a change in the original recommendation is considered warranted will forward an appropriate recommendation to Council. If the appeal is denied, the applicant will be informed.

Grant Payments

- Where a grant is awarded, grant funding will be forwarded to the applicant once Council has approved the grant.
- For grants of \$1,500 or less, 100% of the full grant amount will be forwarded to the applicant upon grant approval pending receipt and approval of any outstanding grant requirements from previous years.
- For grants of \$1,501 or greater, 80% of the grant amount will be forwarded to the applicant pending receipt and approval of any outstanding grant requirements from previous years.
- The remaining 20% will be forwarded to the applicant upon receipt by the City of a final report from the applicant that demonstrates that the initiative for which the grant was awarded has been fully and properly completed.
- The preparation and submission of a final report related to each grant is a pre-requisite for the applicant to be eligible to apply for any future grants under the Program. Failure to submit final reports may render the applicant ineligible to apply for additional grant support from the City. Permissible exceptions will be for those organizations that have Fall/Winter events which occur after the grant submission deadline, and that will require time upon the completion of the event(s) to submit final reports in a timely manner to be mutually agreed upon between the applicant and the City.
- Every organization that receives a grant under the Program is expected to acknowledge the City's support using the City's guidelines for City logo use.
- Significant changes to the scope and scale of proposed projects must be reported to Cultural Services Staff.
- Organizations may be required to give progress reports and/or offer site visits upon request to demonstrate that the grant is being used for the purpose for which it was awarded.

- Grant recipients must keep all invoices and receipts for goods and services utilized in the delivery of their program for a period of 5 years. From time to time, the City may conduct an audit or other process to verify grant recipients' expenditures and revenues match the project budgets and deliverables as outlined in the application form on which basis the grant was awarded.

APPENDIX “II”

2022 Cultural Grants Program Supplemental Allocations

2022 Approved Budget:	\$500,000
Unallocated Grant Funding carried forward from prior years:	\$123,296
Available Grant funding:	\$623,296
Grants approved January 2022:	\$479,379
Surrey Civic Theatre in Kind Subsidy:	\$20,000
Late Application funding recommendation:	\$19,000
2022 Unallocated Grant Funding:	\$104,917

Cultural Celebrations Grants:

	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
1.	Africa Canada Education Foundation	\$2,500	2nd Annual African Heritage Month Film & Culture Week in Surrey	Empowers youth through education, music, dance, spoken word, theatre, storytelling, and visual arts.
2.	African Women Empowerment Society	\$1,500	2022 Black History Month Storytelling and Cultural Show in Surrey	Promotes and enhances the power of women and girls of African descent.
3.	Ghanaian Canadian Association	\$3,000	Black History Month Storytelling and Cultural Show in Surrey	Showcasing the history, cultural heritage and current affairs of Ghana to all residents of BC
4.	Pinoy Pride Vancouver Society	\$3,000	True Colours: Pinoy Rainbow’s Arts Celebration, at Surrey City Hall Centre Stage	Celebrates and co-creates a resilient and proud Filipino-Canadian LGBTQ+ community.
5.	Rain City Housing	\$2,500	Indigenous Day Celebration in Whalley	Creates support programs that strengthens communities and makes change for people experiencing homelessness and mental health, trauma, and substance use issues.
6.	Salt City Advocacy Society	\$1,500	Ile Festival in Surrey	Helps new immigrants and refugees integrate into Canadian society.
7.	Sierra Leonean Community of British Columbia	\$2,500	Canada-Sierra Leone Cultural Heritage Day Event in Fleetwood	Serves the Sierra-Leonean community through cultural, diversity, and heritage events.
8.	Yoruba Social and Cultural Association of BC	\$1,500	Cultural Advancement Exhibition	Supports Yoruba and African community in British Columbia.

Operating Grants:

	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
9.	Arts Council of Surrey	\$15,000	Operating Support	Umbrella organization offering year-

				round programming serving artists and supporting cultural activities in Surrey.
10.	Fraser Valley Musical Theatre / Fraser Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society	\$15,000	Operating Support	Delivers musical theatre performances and provides an opportunity for community members to participate in performing arts in Surrey.
11.	Peninsula Productions Society	\$10,000	Operating Support	Delivers professional quality theatrical performances to audiences in Surrey and surrounding communities.
12.	Royal Canadian Theatre Company	\$25,000	Operating Support	Delivers professional quality theatre performances to audiences in Surrey and surrounding communities.
13.	Semiahmoo Arts Society	\$25,000	Operating Support	Umbrella organization for the arts serving the Semiahmoo Peninsula, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable arts community.
14.	Surrey Art Gallery Association	\$15,000	Operating Support	Serves as a partner to the Surrey Art Gallery to advance community engagement with the visual arts, and to support contemporary artists.
15.	Surrey Festival of Dance	\$15,000	Operating Support	Provides a high-quality forum for dancers to perform, and helps promote and expand dance awareness in the community.
16.	Surrey Symphony Society	\$25,000	Operating Support	Fosters, encourages, and supports the advancement of musical culture in musical art.

Project Grants:

	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
17.	Aequitas Singers Society	\$1,000	“We Are All Tiny Lights” - a collaborative concert in Surrey	A non-auditioned community choir based in Surrey with a social justice focused mandate.
18.	Arts Umbrella Association	\$10,000	Arts-Based Youth Focused Program with SD #36	Supports young artists cultivate their creativity in art & design, dance, theatre, and music & film.
19.	Barangay Project Society	\$5,000	“Each One Teach One” Dance Mentorship in Surrey	Provides free dance classes to BIPOC youth and communities taught by professional artists.
20.	BC Chinese Music Association	\$7,500	“Breaking Barriers” performance in Surrey	Provides a platform for Chinese music lovers and promotes Chinese music in the wider community.
21.	Canada Chinese Performing Arts Society	\$9,700	Performance featuring Intercultural music at Surrey Arts Centre	Promotes performing arts based on Chinese and other cultures.
22.	Canadian Women and Art Society	\$10,000	Surrey Latin Festival at Surrey Civic Plaza.	Uses art as a mechanism that creates spaces for multiculturalism, social

				inclusion, and resilience.
23.	Cedar Hills Caledonian Pipe Band	\$2,000	Pipe Band Learning Program in Surrey.	Promotes Great Highland Bagpipe, Pipe Band Music, and Highland Dancing.
24.	Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra and Chorus	\$6,000	A series of concerts in Fleetwood	Professional classical orchestra and chorus.
25.	Cloverdale Arts and Entertainment Association	\$8,000	Cloverdale Market Days	Hosts several summer market days in Cloverdale.
26.	Culture Chats BC Association	\$1,450	Intercultural Dance Workshops in Newton	Facilitates innovative programming, engaging community and building connection through intercultural arts.
27.	Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society	\$10,000	Artists in Residence & Temporary Art Installations Project at Darts Hill Garden	Provides a botanical garden as a public amenity in Surrey.
28.	Diwali Celebration Society	\$10,000	Diwali Fest 2022 in Surrey	Celebrates the spirit of Diwali by embracing diverse art forms.
29.	DreamRider Productions	\$6,500	A series of immersive theatre performances with SD #36	Provides arts-based environmental education and youth engagement (ages 6-11)
30.	EJS School of Fine Arts	\$3,000	Bright Stars Program – Theatre Production in Surrey	Provides accessible and inclusive fine arts opportunities to youth in Surrey.
31.	Festival African Heritage Music and Dance Society	\$10,000	Annual African Heritage Festival of Music and Dance in Surrey	Presents, preserves, and evolves Black Canadian Culture through arts, music, and dance.
32.	Folk Star Arts Academy Society	\$5,000	FolkLore Festival 2022 in Surrey	Creates opportunities for meaningful engagement, understanding, and appreciation of Punjabi Folk Art.
33.	Foolish Operations	\$10,000	Dancing Story-time Workshop Series at Surrey Libraries	Creates contemporary dance experiences with and for an audience of all ages.
34.	Muslim Food Bank	\$2,500	Ladies Cultural Party in Surrey	Operates as a food bank and offers a holistic range of support services through programs.
35.	NAAD Arts Centre	\$7,500	NAAD Festival of Indian Classical Music & Dance 2022 at Surrey Arts Centre	Dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture, traditions and heritage of music, dance, and literature.
36.	Naked Stage Productions	\$5,000	Readers’ Theatre Productions on the “Naked Stage” at Newton Cultural Centre	Produces stage and musical productions using the stage as a blank canvas on an amateur basis in Surrey.
37.	Nepali Literary Society	\$1,000	Art and Literary Musical programs in Surrey	Offers literary and musical performance, interaction, and critique programs on Nepali literature.
38.	New Vision Music Society	\$5,000	Afro Caribbean Cultural Summerfest at Surrey City Hall Plaza	Festival bridges connections among Afro, Caribbean, Canadian, Indigenous, and Latin peoples.

39.	North American HanYang Arts & Cultural Centre Association	\$5,000	Chinese New Year Dance Festival at Bell Performing Arts Centre	Uses dance as a medium to promote Chinese culture exchange and Canadian multiculturalism.
40.	Pivot Theatre Society	\$7,500	Pivot Theatre 2022 Season in Surrey	Provides theatre experiences which are inclusive, equitable, and relevant.
41.	Royal Academy of Bhangra	\$10,000	Series of Bhangra Programming	Creates connections between the diaspora and their Punjabi heritage through dance, music, and art.
42.	Sanjh Foundation	\$5,000	Sanjh Festival 2022 at Surrey Arts Centre and City Hall Centre Stage	Dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture, traditions and heritage of music, dance, and literature.
43.	Shakti Empowerment of Women, Children and Families Society	\$6,500	Shakti Film Festival at City Hall Centre Stage	Empowering women, families, and children through community forums.
44.	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	\$10,000	Premiere of film "Emergence: Out of the Shadows" in Surrey	Brings about more acceptance and cross-cultural understanding surrounding LGBTQ+ issues within the South Asian and broader community.
45.	Sikh Heritage Society of BC* (incorrectly named Sikh Heritage Month in Corporate Report 2022-R016)	\$10,000	Sikh Heritage Month BC 2022 – "True Home" in Surrey	Highlights the history and the overall social, economic, and cultural contributions of Sikhs to BC's cultural fabric.
46.	Solid State Community Industries	\$5,000	Symbiotic Hues: an interdisciplinary art exhibition in Surrey	Serves Surrey youth (under 35 years old) from racialized immigrant families through networking and mentorship.
47.	South Asian Arts Society	\$10,000	Monsoon Festival of Performing Arts at Surrey Arts Centre Main Stage	Creates performance and educational opportunities for professional and amateur artists
48.	Surrey Board of Trade Music City Centre	\$5,000	Music City Showcase - Part 2, at Surrey Art Centre Main Stage	Growing Surrey's music economy to make it a destination city with the core values of inclusion and diversity.
49.	Surrey City Orchestra	\$10,000	A series of performances in Surrey	Presents professional live music that engages Surrey's diverse population.
50.	Surrey International Writers Conference	\$10,000	Surrey International Writers' Conference	Provides a workshop-based conference conducted by experienced, qualified presenters to writers of all ages and abilities.
51.	Surrey Muse Arts Society	\$6,000	Surrey Muse Gatherings 2022	Hosts drop in critiques for writers, and gatherings showcasing artists and writers.
52.	Surrey Photography Club	\$1,229	Photographic Artists Speaker Series	Offers opportunities for participants to learn new photography techniques and receive constructive criticism.
53.	Surrey Pride Society	\$10,000	LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit Surrey Pride	Produces the annual Surrey (LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit) Pride Festival in Surrey.
54.	Surrey Youth Theatre	\$2,500	Surrey Youth Theatre	Provides quality theatre training,

	Company		Company Production at Surrey Arts Centre Studio	performance, and growth for young people in the Surrey/White Rock area.
55.	Theatre Conspiracy	\$10,000	Conspiracy Now! The Workshop, performance at Surrey Arts Centre Studio	A platform for artists creating contemporary work for stage and media.
56.	Transformational Theatre	\$5,000	Music and Meditation Festival 2022 at Centre Stage, City Hall	Offers theatrical and musical presentations which uplift and inspire performers and audiences.
57.	Vancouver Cantonese Opera	\$10,000	Cantonese Opera Extravaganza at Surrey Museum and Cantonese Opera in the Cloud for seniors whose outings are restricted by the Covid-19 pandemic (virtual).	Surrey based organization with the mission to preserve Cantonese Opera.
58.	Vancouver International Bhangra Association	\$10,000	Surrey 5X Festival 2022	Hosts a festival and digital community elevating Surrey's South Asian youth culture.
59.	VISAFF South Asian Film Festival Society	\$10,000	2022 Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival in Surrey	A film festival that showcases authentic South Asian storytelling.
60.	White Rock City Orchestra	\$5,000	WRCO Performance with Vivace in Surrey.	Long established community orchestra that performs exclusively in Surrey.
61.	Young People's Opera Society of BC	\$10,000	A series of seasonal productions/events in Surrey.	Presents performances of opera with people of all ages.
62.	Z.Inc Art Collective	\$6,500	An extended showing of site-specific artworks created by Surrey based visual artists at Darts Hill Garden.	Contemporary art collective in South Surrey.

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	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
63.	Close Look United Foundation	\$5,000	Project funding for their Youth Talent Event in Surrey.	Engages youth in the community by providing them a safe space for expression and a platform to showcase their artistic talents.
64.	Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	\$10,000	Project funding for Surrey's 2022 National Indigenous Day.	Provides culturally relevant services, support, and advocacy to foster well-being of urban indigenous people in the Fraser Salish Region.
65.	Semiahmoo Potters Society	\$4,000	Project funding for opening events at the new Crescent Park Pottery Studio.	Fosters, encourages, and develops the ceramic art of pottery in the Semiahmoo Peninsula communities.

Not Recommended for Funding at this Time

Funding declined on the grounds that a) proposed activities are ineligible under the Cultural Grant Guidelines, b) proposed initiative offers very limited community benefit to merit funding; and/or c) proposed initiative lacks feasibility.

African Stages Association of BC
Art2Heart Foundation
Balsar Community Foundation
Centre of Integration For African Immigrants
Chinese Village Club
Enable: Arts Society
Engaged Communities Canada
Ghazal Manch Surrey Cultural Association
Great Zimbabwe Cultural Society of BC
Lead Disability Inclusive Society
Moving Forward Family Services
Seven Sacred Fires Society
Somali People's Association of BC
Spandan Arts Dance Academy
Surrey German Language School
Tara Rince Society
VAYA Youth Arts Society

Each unsuccessful applicant will be offered individual feedback and coaching and will be encouraged to reapply in compliance with the Cultural Grants guidelines, and/or apply again in 2023.