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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **March 27, 2018**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **7800-01**  
**General Manager, Finance**

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Funding Requests - 2018 *Cultural Grants Program***

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and the Finance Department recommend that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve under the *Cultural Grants Program* four (4) supplemental grants totalling \$23,600, as generally described in this report.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the issuance of four (4) supplemental grants under the *Cultural Grants Program* for 2018.

## BACKGROUND

At its Regular meeting on January 22, 2018, Council adopted the recommendations of Corporate Report No. R013; 2018 titled "*Cultural Grants Program - 2018 Grant Allocations*" and provided approval of cultural grants to eighty-three (83) organizations totalling \$397,453.

As per the Program Guidelines, the balance of available funds for 2018 is reserved for additional emerging projects throughout 2018. Currently, there are a range of potential supplemental projects under review. At this time, the Evaluation Committee is bringing forward in this Corporate Report recommendations to fund four (4) of these projects. Appendix "I" provides information on the status of funding related to the Cultural Grant Program based on the assumption that Council will approve the recommendations in this report.

## DISCUSSION

The following is a summary of the four (4) supplemental grant applications reviewed:

### **Canada-Nepal Friendship and Cultural Society**

The Canada-Nepal Friendship and Cultural Society will use the grant funding to develop and present a cultural festival in Surrey. This festival will be an opportunity to celebrate Nepali culture as well as showcase Surrey's culturally diverse community through partnerships with other organizations, including the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 to support this initiative.

### **Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association**

The Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association will use the grant funding to support Surrey's 2018 National Indigenous People's Day Celebration, to be held on June 21 in Holland Park. National Indigenous People's Day recognizes and celebrates the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples in Canada. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$10,000 to support this initiative.

### **Music Encore Concert Society**

Music Encore Concert Society will use the grant funding to support a spring concert featuring 25 young pianists (ranging in age from 6 to 16) playing alongside a professional symphony. Music Encore Concert Society is a Surrey-based not-for-profit organization that promotes the appreciation of classical music in the community. This concert will take place in May at the Bell Centre for the Performing Arts. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 to support this initiative.

### **Sierra-Leonean Community of BC**

The Sierra-Leonean Community of BC will use the grant funding to support the presentation of Sierra-Leone Cultural Heritage Day, taking place in April at the Fleetwood Community Centre. This event will showcase Sierra-Leone culture and engage the wider community through cultural sharing opportunities. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$3,600 to support this initiative.

### Evaluation of Application

The applications were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which is comprised of staff and one representative of the Culture Development Advisory Committee, using a point rating system against the following Program criteria:

- Merit of the initiative for which grant funding is requested;
- Potential community impact of the initiative; and
- Health and capacity of the applicant organization to carry out the initiative.

Based on their evaluation, the Evaluation Committee recommends that Council approve under *the Cultural Grants Program* four (4) supplemental grants totalling \$23,600.

### Status of Program Funding

Funding of eighty-three (83) grants totalling \$397,453 already approved under the 2018 Program is included in this report (Appendix "I"). A budget of up to \$500,000 was allocated in the 2018 operating budget for the Cultural Grant Program, leaving a balance of \$102,547 in available funds to support emerging projects such as the ones under consideration in this report. Assuming Council support of these four (4) supplemental funding requests totalling \$23,600, the remaining funds in the 2018 Cultural Grants budget for emerging opportunities will be \$78,947.

### Distributing the Cultural Grants

In accordance with the Program Guidelines and subject to approval of the grants by Council the applicants will receive eighty percent (80%) of the approved grant funding up front with the remaining balance to be forwarded to the applicant upon the receipt and acceptance by the City of a final report submitted by the applicant that demonstrates that the work or activity for which the grant was awarded has been duly completed.

### **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The *Cultural Grants Program* supports the Community Theme of "Education and Culture" identified in the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. Specifically the *Cultural Grants Program* supports the following Desired Outcome:

- Arts and Heritage - DO7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey's citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community liveability and civic pride.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and the Finance Department recommend that Council approve under the 2018 Cultural Grants Program the four (4) supplemental grants as generally described in this report.

Laurie Cavan  
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### Appendix "I" Status of Cultural Grants Program Funding for 2018

## APPENDIX "I"

### Status of Cultural Grants Program Funding for 2018



### 2018 Cultural Grants

Organization	Allocation
<b>2018 Approved Budget</b>	<u>500,000</u>
<b>CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS</b>	
Association Francophone de Surrey	3,000
Cedar Hills Caledonia Pipe Band	2,500
Maker Cube Society	2,000
Nepali Canadian Artists Group	2,500
Rangmanch Punjabi Theatre	1,400
Semiahmoo Arts Society	3,000
Semiahmoo Potters Society	3,000
Soundscape A Capella Chorus	2,500
Storymama Mandarin Chinese Society	2,000
Streerich Hip Hop Society	3,000
Surrey City Orchestra Society	3,000
Surrey Firefighters Pipes and Drums Society	3,000
Surrey Heritage Society	3,000
Surrey Photography Club	1,200
Westcoast Harmony Chorus	3,000
<b>PROJECT GRANTS</b>	
African Stages Association of BC	10,000
Alexandra Neighbourhood House	5,000
Arts Council of Surrey	5,000
Arts Umbrella Association	10,000
ArtsCan Resource Network	10,000
Baobab Inclusive Empowerment Society	5,000
BC Chinese Music Association	5,000
Borealis String Quartet Society	5,000
Cloverdale Arts and Entertainment Association	5,000
Community Living Society	4,000
Dansing Tones Association	5,000
Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society	5,000
Diwali Celebration Society	10,000
DreamRider Production Society	5,000
Find Your Forte	2,500
Flamingo Square Art Society Inc.	5,000
Fraser Valley Chinese Culture Association	5,000
Friends of the PLOT	2,000
Friends of the Surrey Poet Laureate	5,000
FGSS, A Community Theatre Company	5,000

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Ghanaian-Canadian Association of BC	5,000
Global Peace Alliance, Surrey Society	5,000
Green Timbers Heritage Society	4,000
Jamaican Canadian Cultural Association of BC	4,250
Karakata Afrobeat Society, Canada	3,000
Karen Community Society of BC	2,500
Kiwanis Fraser Valley Music Festival Society	5,000
Latinos in Action Society	5,000
Mha Puja BC Cultural Group	3,000
Moving Forward Family Services	1,750
Naad Foundation Inc.	10,000
Naked Stage Productions Society	5,000
Nepali Women's Association of BC	1,500
North American HanYang Arts and Culture Center Association	5,000
Peninsula Productions Society	10,000
Royal Academy of Bhangra	5,000
Royal Canadian Theatre Company	10,000
Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	5,000
South Asian Arts Society	10,000
South Asian Family Association	5,000
Surrey English Teachers Association	3,000
Surrey Festival of Dance	5,000
Surrey Historical Society	3,780
Surrey International Writers' Conference Society	5,000
Surrey Latin Integration Society	5,000
Surrey Little Theatre	5,000
Tara Rince Society	2,500
Teatr Polski – Polish Theatre Canadian-Polish Arts Society	5,000
The Beach House Theatre Society	10,000
The Handel Society of Music	5,000
The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society	3,000
The Surrey ICORN	5,000
The Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society	5,000
Vancouver Cantonese Opera	5,000
Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration	10,000
Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival	10,000
Vancouver Opera Association	5,000
Vancouver Tagore Society	5,000
VG Playroom	5,000
Young Peoples Opera Society of BC	5,000
Youth Arts Council of Surrey	1,700
Z.inc Artist Collective	5,000
<b>CULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS</b>	
Art2Heart	5,000
Chinese Village Club	2,000
Close Look United Foundation	5,000
Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society	4,873
Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association	5,000
Surrey Art Gallery Association	5,000

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
<b>Proposed Supplemental Grants</b>	
Canada-Nepal Friendship and Cultural Society	5,000
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	10,000
Music Encore Concert Society	5,000
Sierra-Leonean Community of BC	3,600
<b>Total Allocations for 2018</b>	<b>421,053</b>
Unallocated Balance	<u>78,947</u>