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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 4, 2018**

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

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

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* seven (7) supplemental grants totalling \$24,025, as generally described in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the issuance of seven (7) 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.Ro13; 2018 titled "*Cultural Grants Program - 2018 Grant Allocations*" and provided approval of cultural grants to eighty-three (83) organizations totalling \$397,453.

At its Regular meeting on April 9, 2018 Council adopted the recommendations of Corporate Report No.Ro62; 2018 titled "*Supplemental Funding Requests - 2018 Cultural Grants Program*" and provided approval of cultural grants to four (4) organizations totalling \$23,600.

As per the Program Guidelines, the balance of available funds for 2018 has been reserved for additional emerging projects throughout 2018. At this time, the Evaluation Committee is bringing forward this Report to recommend funding seven (7) supplemental projects. Appendix "1" provides information on the status of funding related to the *Cultural Grants Program* based on the assumption that Council will approve the recommendations in this report.

DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of the seven (7) supplemental grant applications received:

African Heritage Music and Dance Society

Project Grant funding will be used to produce Music Across Cultures, a one-day celebration of African and Indian Classical traditions in music and dance, taking place on July 28 at the Surrey Arts Centre. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 to support this initiative.

BC Bonsai Society

The BC Bonsai Society is applying for a Capacity Building Grant to support workshops and training in the art of Bonsai creation, and public Bonsai displays in Surrey pop-up venues and exhibition spaces. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$2,500 to support this initiative.

Barbara Cooper/White Rock and Surrey Naturalists

Project Grant funding will be used to support a collaborative project by artist Barbara Cooper and the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists. The project will include an exhibition of photographs of the Serpentine Fen by Barbara Cooper, accompanied by multi-media presentations and public outreach programming promoting awareness and appreciation of the Serpentine Fen. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$3,525 to support this initiative.

Options

Project Grant funding is requested to host a free Surrey screening of the documentary film *My Heart in Kenya*, which tells the story of a Kenyan mother forced to abandon her baby while fleeing a refugee camp to Canada, and a Surrey social worker who traveled to Nairobi to find the child and reunify her family. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$2,500 to support this initiative.

Probash Bangla Cultural Society

Probash Bangla will use Project Grant funding to present a concert at Centre Stage featuring singer Sagnik Sen, paying homage to Hemanta Mukherjee, a celebrated Indian singer, music director, and film producer. The free event is planned for July 2018. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$2,500 to support this initiative.

Seriously Quirky Collective

A project grant is requested to support two consecutive PopUp exhibitions featuring works by four established Surrey artists. The exhibition will include demonstrations and workshops to animate the exhibition. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$3,000 to support this project in Surrey.

Surrey Pride Society

The Surrey Pride Society is requesting support to host the Surrey Pride Festival, taking place on June 30, 2018. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 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* seven (7) supplemental grants totalling \$24,025.

Status of Program Funding

Following is a summary of the 2018 Cultural Grant Program funding allocation to date:

2018 Cultural Grants Budget	\$500,000
Grant funding allocated to date	\$421,053
Unallocated balance	\$78,947

Assuming Council support of these seven (7) supplemental funding requests totalling \$24,025, the remaining funds in the 2018 Cultural Grants budget for emerging opportunities will be \$54,922.

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 (DO):

- 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 seven (7) supplemental grants as generally described in this report.

Laurie Cavan
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Appendix “1” Status of Cultural Grants Program Funding for 2018

APPENDIX "I"

Status of Cultural Grants Program Funding for 2018



2018 Cultural Grants

Organization	Allocation
2018 Approved Budget	<u>500,000</u>
CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS	
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
PROJECT GRANTS	
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
Canada-Nepal Friendship and Cultural 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 Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	10,000
Fraser Valley Chinese Culture Association	5,000
Friends of the PLOT	2,000

Organization	Allocation
Friends of the Surrey Poet Laureate	5,000
FVGSS, A Community Theatre Company	5,000
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
Music Encore Concert Society	5,000
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
Sierra-Leonean Community of BC	3,600
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
CULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS	
Art2Heart	5,000
Chinese Village Club	2,000

Organization	Allocation
Close Look United Foundation	5,000
Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society	4,873
Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association	5,000
Surrey Art Gallery Association	5,000
Proposed Supplemental Grants	
African Heritage Music and Dance Society	\$5,000
BC Bonsai	\$2,500
Barbara Cooper/White Rock and Surrey Naturalists	\$3,525
Options	\$2,500
Probash Bangla Cultural Society	\$2,500
Seriously Quirky Artist Collective	\$3,000
Surrey Pride Society	\$5,000
Total Allocations for 2018	\$445,078
Unallocated Balance	<u>\$54,922</u>