

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 21, 2024**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **0550-20**
General Manager, Finance Department

SUBJECT: **Recommendation for 2024 Cultural Grant Program**

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve in accordance with the Surrey Cultural Grants Program (Appendix “I”) 78 Cultural Grants and 10 Surrey Civic Theatres rental subsidies totaling \$581,205 for 2024, pending Council approval of the forthcoming 2024-2028 General Operating Financial Plan.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the issuance of 78 Cultural Grants, 10 Surrey Civic Theatres rental subsidies (reflected in Appendix “II”) recommended for 2024 under the Cultural Grants Program Guidelines and to report out on the supplemental grants awarded in 2023 (reflected in Appendix “III”).

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2012, Council approved the Surrey Cultural Grants Program (“the Program”), a key recommendation of the Surrey Cultural Plan (2012-2016). The Program is intended to support a wide range of arts and cultural activity in Surrey.

DISCUSSION

2024 Application Process

Not-for-profit arts and cultural groups were invited to submit applications for the 2024 Cultural Grants Program by October 3, 2023. City staff also held multiple grant orientation workshops to support local organizations.

2024 Cultural Grants Evaluation Process

An Evaluation Committee composed of City staff representing performing arts, literary arts, heritage, and finance, and two members of the local arts community, reviewed 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.

The Evaluation Committee met on November 22, 2023, to discuss the merits of each applicant and reach consensus on funding recommendations. Based on the Program funds available for 2024, the Evaluation Committee recommends awarding 78 cultural grants and 10 Surrey Civic Theatres rental subsidies.

Supplemental Grants

In 2023, Council delegated authority to the General Manger of Parks, Recreation & Culture, and the General Manager of Finance to approve supplemental cultural grant requests, up to a value of \$10,000 per grant until the unallocated funding balance is depleted. There were 11 supplemental grants awarded in 2023 (reflected in Appendix “III”), in addition to the 60 regular intake applications approved by Council.

FUNDING

The following is a summary of the 2024 Cultural Grants Program funding:

2024 Cultural Grants Budget (Pending Council Approval)	\$500,000
2024 Available funding*	\$732,802
2024 Grant funding recommendations	\$581,205
Unallocated balance	\$151,597

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

CONCLUSION

The City’s Cultural Grants Program continues to be received very positively by the local arts and cultural community. Based on the above discussion, staff recommend that Council approve the 2024 Cultural Grants as documented in Appendix “II”, pending Council approval of the forthcoming 2024-2028 General Operating Financial Plan.

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- Appendix “I”: Surrey Cultural Grants Program Guidelines
- Appendix “II”: 2024 Cultural Grants Program Funding Recommendations
- Appendix “III”: 2023 Supplemental Cultural Grants Awarded

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 capacity 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;
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships.

General guidelines for the Program include:

- All grant-funded events must be welcoming and accessible to the public;
- Grants will be awarded annually for Cultural Celebration, Project, or Operating Support;
- Only one application for each organization will be accepted per year;
- Grants will be awarded based on the number of eligible applicants and the available funding for each year;
- The City does not fund projects for 100% of funding. Organizations should review guidelines for specific grant types to see how much the City will support;
- Grants may be awarded for less than requested, based on the merit of the application and available funding;
- The City reserves the right to retain up to twenty percent (20%) of the available grant funding as contingency funds;
- City cultural investment strategies outlined in City planning documents will be taken into account when determining grant awards;
- Grant recipients must still comply with all relevant regulations and procedures, including securing the appropriate permits for park use. Receiving a grant does not automatically confirm the approval of a City rental or event venue—including running programming or events in a City park;
- Grant funding cannot support events hosted at private residences;
- Grant recipients are responsible for obtaining their own insurance, permits, and any other necessary approvals required to carry out their programs or activities;
- All recipients must complete a final report at the end of their project in order to maintain good standing;
- Groups who are not in good standing are ineligible to receive future Cultural Grants;
- Grant recipients must report to Cultural Grants City Staff (referred to as “City Staff” in guidelines below) any changes to the scope and scale of proposed projects
Email culturalgrants@surrey.ca for more information;
- Organizations are required to submit information on all of their funded events to the [City of Surrey Event Page](#);

- Organizations hosting ticketed events are requested to provide City staff with two complimentary tickets for attendance.

Grant recognition

- Grant recipients must not use the City of Surrey logo on promotional material unless they have written permission from the City;
- Instead, grant recipients must use the following phrase where possible when promoting programming:
“Funded in part with the support of a City of Surrey Cultural Grant”.

The following will not be funded through the Program:

1. Activities that principally take place outside the City of Surrey;
2. Projects that, in the opinion of the City, may be contrary to the public interest to approve for financial assistance;
3. Ongoing core operations for Cultural Celebrations and Project grant recipients;
4. Capital Projects (equipment, new buildings, facility upgrades) will generally not be funded through the program;
5. Individual applicants. Payments cannot be made directly to individuals. Artists can apply with organizations, as funding will only be provided to groups or organizations;
6. Educational institutions, including SD36 (School District 36) and post-secondary institutions. Not-for-profits that work within schools are eligible to apply for funding;
7. Religious groups and political groups;
8. For-profit organizations and business groups;
9. Deficit reduction;
10. Fundraisers;
11. Contests. Contest funding refers to a scenario where grant funding is used to purchase prizes. Juried art shows where artists pay to participate are also not eligible for funding;
12. Bursaries and scholarships;
13. Art therapy, as defined as clinical psychotherapy involving expressive arts;
14. Student projects;
15. Travel.

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:

- National standard artist fees paid to eligible artists;
- Honorariums paid to cultural professionals who may not meet the eligibility criteria of National standard artist fees;
- Supplies, materials, and services necessary for the artist's performance;
- Liability insurance and WorkSafeBC 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. However, non-resident organizations may still be considered for projects that take place within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents. Priority will be given to projects that fulfill the following conditions:
 - Employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists for the project;
 - Where there is no comparable organization based in Surrey;
 - Avoid duplication of projects already offered by other organizations 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. Organizations are asked to promote their Cultural Grant-funded event(s) on the [City of Surrey events calendar](#).

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);
2. Managing projects that are based in the City of Surrey. Non-resident organizations may still be considered for projects that take place within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents. Priority will be given to projects that fulfill the following conditions:
 - Employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists for the project;
 - Where there is no comparable organization based in Surrey;
 - Avoid duplication of projects already offered by other organizations in Surrey.

3. Managing projects that start and finish within the project period. The project period lasts for 16 months, starting within the grant year;
4. Demonstrating matching funds and/or in-kind contributions equivalent to the grant amount requested;
5. In good standing with the Cultural Grants Program. Returning applicants must submit all outstanding final reports from previous years to the satisfaction of the City before the final report deadline. The final report deadline is 60 days following the conclusion of the project.

OPERATING GRANTS

The operating grant aims 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 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.

Operating Grant 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 in Surrey;
2. Demonstrate a significant history of arts and cultural programming in the City of Surrey with proven community impact;
3. Based in the City of Surrey. However, non-resident organizations may still be considered for projects that take place within the City of Surrey's municipal boundaries and directly benefit Surrey residents. Priority will be given to operations that fulfill the following conditions:
 - Employ and utilize a majority of Surrey-based artists;
 - Where there is no comparable organization based in Surrey;
 - Avoid duplication of services already offered by other organizations in Surrey.
4. Deliver a minimum of 75% of their programs to Surrey residents while ensuring programming is accessible to and prioritized for Surrey residents;
5. Have received at least two (2) project grants from the City of Surrey, and are in good standing with the Cultural Grants Program;
6. Be committed to providing arts and culture experiences that are open and accessible to all Surrey residents;
7. Demonstrate financial stability:
 - Provide evidence of diversified cash revenue including earned revenue, fundraising, donations, other grants;
 - Provide externally produced financial statements.
8. Demonstrate organizational capacity and sustainability;

- Have been operating for 5 (five) years as registered not-for-profit society in good standing;
 - Be supported by an active volunteer Board of Directors;
 - 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.

Operating Grant Enhanced Funding Eligibility Criteria

In 2023, the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee approved the enhanced funding model to shift from a pilot to a permanent part of the Cultural Grants program. The enhanced funding model is 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 Cultural Grants applicants are expected to meet all the criteria for the enhanced amount of the operating grants (maximum \$25,000) but may still be deemed eligible for regular operating grant funding (maximum \$15,000) 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:

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

This is indicated by:

- 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.

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

Programming for Surrey audiences is demonstrated by:

- Programming is offered at a verified Surrey address ;
- The Surrey public is invited and the programming is not limited to members;
- Programming is expected to be delivered in person and primarily advertised to Surrey residents

Year-round programming is demonstrated by:

- monthly programming such as artist talks, or workshops;
- an event series such as a season of performances.

3. 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)

4. Employ / compensate professional staff (e.g. 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 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.

5. Pay national standard artist fees to professional artists

- 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.

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

Surrey Civic Theatres (SCT) Rental Subsidy

This funding opportunity will only consider those cultural organizations who apply for a City of Surrey Cultural Grant in the same year they are awarded the SCT rental subsidy.

This funding opportunity will prioritize those cultural organizations:

1. Who have not rented the Surrey Civic Theatres stages (Main Stage at Surrey Arts Centre, Studio Theatre at Surrey Arts Centre, or Centre Stage at City Hall) for their events ever, or in the past three years;
2. Whose organization or artists would benefit from the experience of renting a professional theatre, to develop their art practice, build their audience, and qualify for support to continue their artistic work (i.e., qualify to submit grant applications to other funders, and to be competitive in a peer jury environment);
3. Whose event is primarily presenting artists;
4. Who have already booked or plan to book at Surrey Civic Theatres for their event, as indicated on the application form.

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

- Council-approved rental rates;
- Front of House labour (Front of House Supervisor, ushers, concession staff);
- Technical labour (Civic Theatres technicians);
- In-house technical equipment;
- Box office staff

If your organization receives a SCT rental subsidy, the following conditions will apply:

- Receiving the SCT Rental Subsidy does not guarantee a rental. Organizations must contact Surrey Civic Theatres staff to arrange booking;
- The requested SCT venue(s) are operational and available on the date requested. For inquiries and to book your venue, please contact SCT venue Staff here:
 - Surrey Civic Theatres Main Stage and Studio Theatre at Surrey Arts Centre: 604-501-5574 or artscentrerentals@surrey.ca;
 - Surrey Civic Theatres Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall: 604-598-5769 or cityhallrentals@surrey.ca ;
- The subsidy for the SCT venue is limited to one rental agreement only;
- The organization will be required to enter into a SCT rental agreement based on set rates and terms of use for the booking.

Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines

Organizations/artists will be required to familiarize themselves with City of Surrey safety plans, policies, and protocols.

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;
- Each year there is a main intake period for cultural grant applications where the majority of grants are evaluated;
- The Program will also consider supplemental grant requests, outside of the main intake period, should there still be funding to allocate for that given year;
- In order to receive the funding for the year in which the organization is applying for, all prior year(s) final reports must be received and processed to the satisfaction of City staff. Permissible exceptions will be for organizations that have fall/winter event(s) 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 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, or;
- where their final reports have not been approved

These are the general guidelines of the appeal procedure:

- In order to appeal, applicants are encouraged to email City staff to notify them of their intention to appeal. Email us at culturalgrants@surrey.ca. Staff will then advise on the next steps for the appeal process;
- Appeals will be considered when 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 twenty five (25) business days of the date that they receive notification of the City's decision regarding their application or final report;
- The person appealing must clearly identify the additional information that they view as being important to their appeal of the decision;

- City staff will review all appeals and may refer the appeals to the evaluation committee and/or Council if deemed warranted.

Grant Payments

- Organisations will receive their grant funding in the form of a cheque. This cheque will be made out to the organisation and mailed to the address identified on the application;
- Organizations that are still completing projects from previous grant cycles must complete there projects and receive confirmation that their final reports are approved, before receiving any further funding;
- For all grants, 80% of the grant amount will be sent to the organisation. The remaining 20% will be released after City staff have approved the final report.

Final Reports Process

Organizations need to send in final reports and receive confirmation of report approval in order to:

- Receive remaining 20% of grant funding;
- Be in good standing in order to apply for future Cultural Grant funding;
- Final reports are due within sixty (60) days following the completion of the proposed Cultural Grant funded activities;
- Final report packages are emailed to all Cultural Grant recipients early in the year and can be requested at any time during the year by emailing culturalgrants@surrey.ca;
- Final report packages must be complete in order to be reviewed by City Staff;
- Organizations must receive confirmation that their final reports from previous grant applications are approved in order to be in good standing and be eligible to apply for future funding;
- Failure to submit final reports may render the applicant ineligible to apply for future funding.

APPENDIX “II”

2024 CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Funding Available:

2024 Proposed Budget	\$500,000
Unallocated Grant Funding Carried forward from Prior years	\$232,802
Total Available Grant Funding	\$732,802

Total Grants Recommended:

Operating Grants	\$175,500
Project Grants	\$374,955
Cultural Celebrations Grants	\$10,750
Surrey Civic Theatre Rental (max. \$2,000/applicant)	\$20,000
Unallocated Grant Funding Balance	\$151,597

Operating Grants

#	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
1	Arts Council of Surrey	\$15,000	Operating support	Umbrella organization offering year-round programming serving artists and supporting cultural activities in Surrey.
2	Canadian Women and Art Society	\$10,000	Operating support	Delivers the annual Surrey Latin Festival.
3	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.
4	Handel Society of Music, The	\$7,500	Operating support	Promotes and produces vocal and instrumental music in Surrey.
5	Peninsula Productions Society	\$5,000	Operating support	Delivers professional quality theatrical performances to audiences in Surrey and surrounding communities.
6	Royal Academy of Punjab Society	\$8,000	Operating support	Non-profit that focuses on creating an understanding and appreciation for the Punjabi performing art form of folk-dance bhangra and folk music in the Diaspora.
7	Royal Canadian Theatre Company	\$25,000	Operating support	Delivers professional quality theatre performances to audiences in Surrey and surrounding communities.

8	Semiahmoo Arts Society	\$25,000	Operating support	Umbrella organization for the arts serving the Semiahmoo Peninsula, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable arts community.
9	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.
10	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.
11	Surrey Symphony Society	\$25,000	Operating support	Fosters, encourages, and supports the advancement of musical culture in musical art.
12	VISAFF South Asian Film Festival Society	\$10,000	Operating support	A film festival that showcases authentic South Asian storytelling. This festival takes place in Surrey.

Project Grants

	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
13	Aequitas Singers Society	\$1,450	Make a Difference: an evening concert in Fleetwood.	A non-auditioned community choir based in Surrey with a social justice focused mandate.
14	Arts Umbrella Association	\$10,000	Act Your Art Out: Working with Surrey School District to provide students free instruction in visual arts, creative dance and theatre.	Supports young artists cultivate their creativity in art & design, dance, theatre, and music & film.
15	Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC, DBA Alexandra Neighbourhood House	\$3,600	Tea and Chat with Art: Incorporating art-making at their new-comers English program, and showcasing their art work at AlexFest.	Contributes to the strengthening of individual, family, and neighbourhood life through community building.
16	BC Bonsai Society	\$1,500	Host the Art of Bonsai Showing Our Trees in Surrey	Sharing knowledge of the art, enjoyment and cultivation of Bonsai to members and the public.

17	Canada Chinese Performing Arts Society	\$10,000	Yin Yang He - an idea generated from “Yi Jing”: Combining western and Chinese instruments ensemble, singers, dancers and narrators.	Promotes performing arts based on Chinese and other cultures.
18	Canadian Music Centre in BC	\$3,000	Casse-Tete: A Festival of Experimental Music 2024: a festival in South Surrey featuring experimental music.	The Canadian Music Centre British Columbia purpose is to encourage and promote the awareness, appreciation and study of Canadian contemporary music, in particular that of its Associate Composers.
19	Cedar Hills Caledonian Pipe Band	\$1,750	Learning Program / Performance at Surrey Fusion Festival: provides tuition and instruction and brings back Scotland Pavilion.	Promotes Great Highland Bagpipe, Pipe Band Music, and Highland Dancing.
20	Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra	\$8,500	Surrey Sacred Choral Music Series in South Surrey.	Professional classical orchestra and chorus.
21	Cloverdale Arts and Entertainment Association	\$8,000	Cloverdale Market Days: 5 markets during 2024, featuring local musicians.	Hosts several summer market days in Cloverdale.
22	Community Living Society	\$5,000	Inclusive Art Classes: holding classes for underserved community members at Studio Seventy Three in Newton and other accessible venues.	Studio Seventy Three is an art studio and gallery that provides accessible and inclusive experiences to the Surrey community.
23	Crescendo Operatic Society	\$10,000	Hänsel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck: Opera with professionals, members and a gingerbread children chorus at Surrey Arts Centre Studio Theatre.	Presents performances of opera with people of all ages.
24	Culture Chats BC Association	\$1,000	Multicultural Dance Collaborations: organize and facilitate multicultural dance workshops for adults, then present a group choreography at the end of the series.	Facilitates innovative programming, engaging community and building connection through intercultural arts.
25	Dance West Network	\$7,500	Re-Centering / Margins Creative Residency in Surrey, 2024: at Surrey Arts	Connects BC communities with dance artists and fosters an appreciation of

			Centre	contemporary dance through its collaborations.
26	Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society	\$7,000	Artist in Residence and Temporary Art Installations: providing a venue for artists to create and/or display their art.	Provides a botanical garden as a public amenity in Surrey
27	DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	\$10,000	Mural collaboration between Indigenous and newcomer artists and community workshops in Surrey.	Offers programs and services for newcomers to Canada to inspire belonging and community.
28	Diwali Celebration Society	\$10,000	Diwali Fest 2024: a multidisciplinary South Asian festival at City Hall.	Celebrates the spirit of Diwali by embracing diverse art forms.
29	DreamRider Productions	\$6,500	Planet Protector Academy: a live theatre performance with digital & interactive learning opportunities for school aged students in Surrey.	Provides arts-based environmental education and youth engagement (ages 6-11)
30	EJS School of Fine Arts	\$6,000	Bright Stars Program: supporting under served and vulnerable students in Surrey to access quality arts mentorship.	Helps support under resourced and vulnerable students in Surrey participate and in and receive quality Musical Theatre, Dance and the Visual Arts mentorship and training.
31	Folk Star Arts Academy	\$6,500	Folklore Festival 2024 at Surrey Arts Centre.	Creates opportunities for meaningful engagement, understanding, and appreciation of Punjabi Folk Art.
32	Foolish Operations Society	\$10,000	Arts-based movement workshops for early years children living with disabilities, their caregivers and families at Surrey Libraries and the Centre for Child Development.	Creates contemporary dance experiences with and for an audience of all ages.
33	Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	\$10,000	Surrey's National Indigenous Peoples' Day at Bill Reid Amphitheatre.	FRAFCA is an organization that fosters the health and wellbeing of urban Indigenous people in the Fraser Salish Region by providing culturally relevant services, support and advocacy.
34	Fraser Valley	\$5,000	2024 Fraser Valley Spring	Promotes Chinese heritage

	Chinese Culture Association		Festival Gala at Bell Performing Arts Centre	and culture through educational, cultural, and social activities.
35	Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society	\$6,000	Cloverdale Station Summer Music Festival: providing complimentary local music to the public at the Station	Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society restores and operates electric heritage railcars at the Cloverdale Heritage Train Station.
36	Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association	\$3,000	2024 Moon Festival Celebration in Fleetwood.	A nonpartisan, nonreligious, nonideological and neutral association, that is open to all Fraser Valley residents with free membership.
37	Ghazal Manch Surrey Cultural Association	\$2,000	Shairaana Shaam: providing literature in ghazal format "The art of Ghazal" at Surrey Arts Centre.	Ghazal Manch Surrey Cultural Association is an organization of writers associated with Punjabi poetry.
38	Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada	\$5,000	Felabrate 2024: an African cultural event, celebrating the originality of PanAfricanism at Surrey Arts Centre.	Kara-Kata creates community events to bring all people together to share and educate about African culture.
39	Metis Family Services	\$7,500	Life Stories Legacy Project: community connections for Metis families through the creation of life story textile artworks.	Supports families, children, and communities in inclusive ways that honour Metis traditions and culture.
40	Mother Language Lovers of The World Society, The	\$6,000	10 th annual Mother Language Festival at Holland Park.	The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society raises awareness among all people about the importance of mother language in social and cultural development.
41	NAAD Arts Centre	\$8,000	NAAD Spring Festival Of Music & Dance: a music and dance festival that includes professional artists and youth showcase at City Hall and Surrey Arts Centre.	Dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture, traditions and heritage of music, dance, and literature.
42	Naked Stage Productions	\$5,000	Naked Stage 2024 Season: 3 plays at Newton Cultural Centre.	Produces stage and musical productions using the stage as a blank canvas on an amateur basis in Surrey.
43	Nepali Literary Society	\$1,000	Literary and Cultural Music programs – 2024 in Fleetwood	Mission is to preserve Nepali language, literature, cultural

				heritage, art and traditional festivals.
44	New Vision Music Society	\$5,000	Afro Caribbean Culture Summerfest of Surrey A.C.C.E.S.S festival at Civic Plaza.	New Vision Music Society showcases International, National and local artists in an atmosphere of awareness and unity. Surrey is a mosaic of cultures and heritages.
45	Pivot Theatre Society	\$7,500	Pivot Theatre 2024 Season in Cloverdale.	Pivot Theatre Society provides theatre experiences which are inclusive, equitable, and relevant, and to respect and nurture each member.
46	Poetic Justice Foundation	\$5,000	Anti-Caste Museum Exhibit: Educate, Agitate, Organize at Museum of Surrey.	Develops content, workshops, and events to provoke, challenge, and disrupt systemic inequities and biases while creating safe spaces for exploration, learning, and healing to foster societal change.
47	Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)	\$6,000	Unity Through Diversity– Celebrating diverse cultures by embracing multiculturalism.	Progressive Inter-Cultural Community Services Society provides a broad spectrum of programs to assist new immigrants, seniors, farm workers, women, and youth.
48	Sanjh Foundation	\$10,000	Annual Sanjh Festival of South Asian Poetry, Music and dance in Surrey.	Dedicated to preserving and promoting the culture, traditions and heritage of music, dance, and literature.
49	Semiahmoo Family Place	\$5,000	Creative cottage: a full family participation Performing /Fine Arts low cost program in South Surrey.	A community family resource centre with drop in parent participation activities for children and families.
50	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Society	\$10,000	Sundar Prize Film Festival at City Hall	Brings about more acceptance and cross-cultural understanding surrounding LGBTQ+ issues within the South Asian and broader community.
51	Sierra Leonean Community of BC	\$3,000	Canada-Sierra Leone Cultural Heritage Day Festival at Bear Creek Park	Serves the Sierra-Leonean community through cultural, diversity, and heritage events.

52	Sikh Heritage Society	\$10,000	Sikh Heritage Month BC 2024 at City Hall	Highlights the history and the overall social, economic, and cultural contributions of Sikhs to BC's cultural fabric.
53	Solid State Community Society	\$8,000	Memories for the Soul: Photography as a tool for weaving memories of what was experienced, felt and perceived led by La Libélula co-operative.	Builds worker co-operative enterprises with youth from racialized migrant families, with 18 co-operatives.
54	Soundscape a Cappella Chorus Society	\$4,000	2024 Spring and Christmas Concerts in Surrey	A mixed-voice non-competitive a capella chorus and committed community of singers offering several performances annually.
55	South African Cultural Association of British Columbia	\$2,500	Mandela Day celebration in Surrey	Preserves and promotes the South African culture and heritage.
56	South Rock Comedy Society	\$5,000	South Rock Comedy Festival in South Surrey.	Uses comedy as a force for positive community impact.
57	Surrey Artswest Society	\$3,000	Artswest Program for Our Calendar Year Sept 2024-May 2025	provides connections between new and experienced artists; demonstrations from professional artists; opportunities to show their work; volunteer opportunities in the Art Community in Surrey; and a stepping stone for artists wanting to make the leap to a professional designation.
58	Surrey Black Futures Society, The	\$10,000	Hidden Ties: Unveiling Layers of Black Familial Dynamics at the Black Arts Centre (BLAC) in Surrey	Operates the Black Arts Centre (BLAC), a Black youth owned-and-operated art gallery, performance and community site.
59	Surrey Board of Trade	\$5,000	Music City Surrey Showcase - Part 4 at Surrey Arts Centre and the FUSIONpresents Studio.	Growing Surrey's music economy to make it a destination city with the core values of inclusion and diversity.
60	Surrey City Orchestra	\$10,000	The Nutcracker Ballet in Surrey	Presents professional live music that engages Surrey's diverse population.
61	Surrey International Writers' Conference	\$10,000	Surrey International Writers' Conference (SiWC) 2024	Encourages, motivates, and inspires writers of all genres and abilities by providing a workshop-based conference

	Society			conducted by experienced, qualified presenters.
62	Surrey Muse Arts Society	\$6,900	Surrey Muse Gatherings (11) & Workshops (6) 2024 in Surrey	Hosts drop in critiques for writers, and gatherings showcasing artists and writers.
63	Surrey Photography Club	\$1,255	Photographic Artists Speaker Series	Offers opportunities for participants to learn new photography techniques and receive constructive criticism.
64	Surrey Pride Society	\$10,000	Surrey Pride Silver Anniversary Festival	Produces the annual Surrey (LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit) Pride Festival in Surrey.
65	Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society	\$5,000	2024 Taiwanese & Canadian Musician and Artist Touring Series	Facilitates cultural exchange between Canada and Taiwan through the production of large-scale annual events.
66	Theatre Conspiracy	\$10,000	Himmat - Surrey Premiere at Surrey Arts Centre	Creates theatrical events that activate discussion on vital contemporary themes in the international conversation.
67	Transformational Theatre Society	\$6,500	Music and Meditation Festival 2024	Offers theatrical and musical presentations which uplift and inspire performers and audiences.
68	Uyghur Heritage Society	\$3,000	My Legacy: community engagement activities and a performance at Centre Stage.	Showcases classic and modern professional Uyghur dance.
69	Vancouver Cantonese Opera	\$10,000	Cantonese Opera Extravaganza in Surrey libraries, community centers and senior centers.	Surrey based organization with the mission to preserve and promote Cantonese Opera.
70	Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration	\$10,000	5X Festival 2024 (Block Party) at Civic Plaza.	Hosts a festival and digital community elevating Surrey's South Asian youth culture. This festival will take place at Holland Park and the Surrey Art Gallery.
71	White Rock City Orchestra	\$7,500	White Rock City Orchestra Christmas Show with guests 'Roy and Rosemary' in South Surrey	Long established community orchestra that performs in Surrey.

Cultural Celebrations

	Organization	Funding Amount	Purpose of Funding	About the Organization
72	Edgewood Multi-Cultural Society	\$750	Spring Festival and Moon Festival in Surrey	Building and supporting an active multicultural community through promoting cultural understanding.
73	Mha Puja Cultural Society of BC	\$1,000	Mha Puja and the New Year Celebration in Fleetwood	Preserving and promoting cultural heritage of the Newar community in Surrey.
74	Nepali Canadian Women's Society of BC	\$1,500	Annual TEEJ Celebration Event in Surrey.	Nepali Canadian Women's Society of BC (NCWSBC) is a social network for women to connect and build a social support.
75	Probash Bangla Cultural Society	\$2,000	Rabindra Nazrul Jayanti - Kobi Pakkha: raising awareness towards music of Rabindranath Thakur and Nazrul Islam at Centre Stage.	Bengali Cultural Society promoting social- cultural heritage of Bengali speaking community descendant from both India & Bangladesh.
76	Surrey German Language School Society	\$1,000	Year-End Christmas Celebration.	To teach the German language and educate about German heritage and culture.
77	Vitality Arts and Culture Association	\$1,500	Spring Breezes and Gentle Rain - Green Harvest · First Encounter: artistic performance at Surrey Arts Centre.	Promotes and preserves the rich heritage of Chinese performing arts while nurturing the creativity and abilities of young individuals.
78	Westcoast Harmony Chorus	\$3,000	2024 SAI International Competition Sneak Peek public dress rehearsal performance in Surrey.	Westcoast Harmony Chorus is an award-winning chorus of 70+ women and people of marginalized genders.

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1. Crescendo Operatic Society
2. Ghazal Manch Surrey Cultural Association
3. Mother Language Lovers of the World Society
4. Prabash Bangla Cultural Society
5. Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Society
6. Sikh Heritage Society
7. Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society
8. Transformational Theatre Society
9. Uyghur Heritage Society
10. Vitality Arts and Culture Association

APPENDIX “III”

2023 Supplemental Cultural Grants Awarded

1.	Africa Canada Education Foundation	\$1,500	Cultural Celebration grant for their Art, Culture and Literary Day events in Surrey	Africa Canada Education Foundation promotes cultural literacy through music, dance, spoken word, theatre, storytelling, and visual arts.
2.	African Stages - Association of British Columba (ASABC)	\$1,500	Cultural Celebration grant for their African-Canadian Heritage Programme for Black History/ African Heritage Month in Surrey.	ASABC educates, empowers, and inspires through the African traditional heritage of storytelling, music, and drama.
3.	African Women Empowerment Society	\$1,000	Cultural Celebration grant for their African-Canadian Heritage Programme for Black History/ African Heritage Month in Surrey.	African Women Empowerment Society creates awareness through arts, music, and literacy.
4.	Lead Disability Association	\$1,000	Cultural Celebration grant for their African-Canadian Heritage Programme for Black History/ African Heritage Month in Surrey.	Lead Disability Association empowers persons with disabilities and their families and promotes inclusive development in communities.
5.	The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society	\$10,000	Project grant for their 2023 “Mother Language Festival” on July 22, 2023 at Bear Creek Park.	The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society raises awareness among all people about the importance of mother language in social and cultural development.
6.	Nepali Literary Society	\$1,000	Project grant for their 2023 Literary and Cultural Music Programs in Surrey.	Nepali Literary Society’s mission is to preserve Nepali language, literature, cultural heritage, art and traditional festivals.
7.	New Vision Music Society	\$5,000	Project grant for their A.C.C.E.S.S. – Afro Caribbean Cultural Summerfest of Surrey at Surrey Civic Plaza on August 12 th and 13 th , 2023.	New Vision Music Society showcases International, National and local artists in an atmosphere of awareness and unity. Surrey is a mosaic of

				cultures and heritages.
8.	Nuru Training Association	\$1,500	Cultural Celebration grant for their Nuru Centre Youth Healthy Living Programme in Surrey.	Nuru Training Association raises awareness of cultural expression.
9.	Pivot Theatre Society	\$7,500	Project grant for their Pivot Theatre 2023 season of five plays, including two written by local playwrights.	Pivot Theatre Society provides theatre experiences which are inclusive, equitable, and relevant, and to respect and nurture each member.
10.	Progressive Inter-Cultural Community Services Society	\$5,000	Project grant for their Welcome to Canada's Indigenous Culture programming for newcomers to include in-depth tours of the lower mainland's rich Indigenous history and culture via workshops, stories, museum visits and tours.	Progressive Inter-Cultural Community Services Society provides a broad spectrum of programs to assist new immigrants, seniors, farm workers, women, and youth.
11.	Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society	\$5,300	Project grant for their Cloverdale Station Summer Music Festival happening July 1 st – September 3 rd 2023.	Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society restores and operates Electric Heritage Railcars at the Cloverdale Heritage Train Station.

2023 Total Supplemental Grants Awarded

\$40,300