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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 19, 2017**

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

SUBJECT: **Supplemental Funding Requests - 2017 *Cultural Grants Program***

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve under the *Cultural Grants Program* four (4) supplemental grants totalling \$14,549, as generally described in this report.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the issuance of four (4) additional supplemental grants under the *Cultural Grants Program* for 2017.

## BACKGROUND

At its Regular meeting on January 16, 2017 Council adopted the recommendations of Corporate Report No.R012; 2017 titled "*Cultural Grants Program – Grant Allocation Adjustments & 2017 Awards*" that provided approval of cultural grants to sixty-eight (68) organizations totalling \$321,925.

At its Regular meeting on May 29, 2017 Council adopted the recommendations of Corporate Report No.R114; 2017 titled "*Supplemental Funding Requests – 2017 Cultural Grant Program*" that provided approval of cultural grants to seven (7) organizations totalling \$32,500.

As per the Program Guidelines, the balance of available funds for 2017 is reserved for additional emerging projects throughout 2017. 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 of this report.

## DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of the four (4) supplemental grant applications received:

### **Canada Golden Maple Film Festival Society**

The Canada Golden Maple Film Festival Society will use the funding to expand their current festival into Surrey, hosting multicultural film screenings at Centre Stage at City Hall and a gala celebration at the Bell Centre for the Performing Arts in September 2017. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 in funding to support this initiative.

### **Close Look United Foundation**

The Close Look United Foundation will use the funding to support a youth talent showcase for emerging musicians, writers, actors, artists and performers. This event is scheduled to take place in October 2017 at Centre Stage in City Hall. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$3,600 to support this initiative.

### **Flamingo Square Arts Society Inc.**

The Flamingo Square Arts Society Inc. is an emerging arts organization located in City Centre focusing on developing community art projects that explore and celebrate the history of the Whalley district. Funding will be used to support a community stories project and an art exhibition. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$5,000 to support this initiative.

### **Moving Forward Family Services**

Moving Forward Family Services is hosting an event at the Newton Cultural Centre in September 2017. "Fambul Tok" is a multicultural celebration of peace, forgiveness, and community, featuring music presentations and a communal art project. The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding \$949 to support this initiative.

### Evaluation of Application

The applications were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee 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 Committee recommends that Council approve under the *Cultural Grants Program* four (4) supplemental grants totalling \$14,549.

### Status of Program Funding

Funding of seventy-five (75) grants totalling \$354,425 already approved under the 2017 Program is included in this report (Appendix "I"). A budget of up to \$400,000 was allocated in the 2017 operating budget for the *Cultural Grant Program*, leaving a balance of \$45,575 in available funds to support emerging projects such as the ones under consideration in this report. Assuming Council support of these four (4) new funding requests totalling \$14,549, the remaining funds in the 2017 Cultural Grants budget will be \$31,026.

### 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:

- 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 2017 *Cultural Grants Program* the seven (7) supplemental grants as generally described in this report.

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Appendix “I”: Status of *Cultural Grants Program* Funding for 2017

## APPENDIX "I"

### Status of Cultural Grants Program Funding for 2017



### 2017 Cultural Grants

Description	Allocation to date
<b>2017 Approved Budget</b>	<u>400,000</u>
Cedar Hills Caledonian Pipe Band Society	1,375
Maker Cube	1,800
Semiahmoo Arts	3,000
Semiahmoo Potters Society	3,000
Streerich Hip Hop Society	3,000
Surrey Choral Arts Society	2,500
Surrey International Folk Dancing Society	2,500
Surrey Little Theatre	3,000
Surrey Photography Club	1,200
Surrey Symphony Society	2,500
Theatre Conspiracy	1,500
Westcoast Harmony Chorus	2,500
Arts Umbrella	5,000
African Stages Association of BC	10,000
AgentC Projects	5,000
Association Francophone de Surrey	5,000
Baobab Inclusive Empowerment Society	5,000
Barbados Cultural Association of BC	2,500
Borealis String Quartet	5,000
Canada Nepal Friendship and Cultural Society	3,500
Chinese Village Club Society	1,500
Cloverdale Arts and Entertainment Association	3,000
Colourfest Surrey	5,000
Dansing Tones Association	5,000
Diwali Celebration Society	10,000
Dreamrider Productions Society	5,000
Festival African Heritage Music and Dance Society	10,000
Fraser Valley Chinese Culture Association	5,000
Friends of the Grove	1,000
Fraser Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society	5,000
Global Peace Alliance	5,000
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assoc.	5,000
Jamaican Canadian Cultural Association of BC	4,250
Kiwanis Fraser Valley Music Festival Society	10,000

Description	Allocation to date
Mha Puja BC Cultural Group	2,500
Naad Foundation	10,000
Naked Stage Productions Society	5,000
Nepali Womens Association of BC	1,250
Penninsula Productions Society	10,000
Rangmanch Punjabi Theatre	5,000
Royal Academy of Bhangra	5,000
Royal Canadian Theatre Company	10,000
Sher Vancouver	5,000
SOFIA Collective	5,000
South Asian Arts Society	10,000
Surrey English Teachers' Association	2,300
Surrey Festival of Dance	5,000
Surrey International Writers Conference Society	5,000
Surrey Latin Integration Society	5,000
Surrey Sings Choral Festival	5,000
Surrey Tourism/Arts Council of Surrey	5,000
Surrey CAN	3,050
Tara Rince Society	2,500
Teatr Polski	5,000
The Beach House Theatre Society	10,000
The Handel Society of Music	5,000
The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society	2,500
The Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society	5,000
The Young Peoples' Opera Society of BC	5,000
Vancouver Opera Association	5,000
Vancouver Tagore Society	5,000
VG Playroom	5,000
Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Society	10,000
Youth Arts Council of Surrey	1,700
Zinc. Artist Collective	5,000
ArtsCan Resource Network	5,000
Empire of the Peace Arch Monarchist Association	2,500
Surrey Art Gallery Association (SAGA)	5,000
Art2Heart	3,200
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	5,000
Fraser Valley Neighbourhood Association	3,700
ICORN	5,000
North American Han Yang Cultural Center Association	2,000
Sierra Leonean Community of BC	3,600
Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival	10,000
<b>Proposed Supplemental Grants</b>	
Canada Golden Maple Film Festival Society	5,000
Close Look United Foundation	3,600
Flamingo Square Arts Society Inc.	5,000
Moving Forward Family Services	949
<b>Allocations for 2017</b>	<b>368,974</b>
Unallocated Balance	31,026