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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **September 10, 2018**

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

SUBJECT: **Surrey City Orchestra Society Performance – Funding Request**

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks, Recreation & Culture and the Finance Departments that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve a funding request of \$10,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to Surrey City Orchestra Society (the “Orchestra”) in support of their performance for the opening event at the *Arts4All* festival.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek funding to support the Orchestra’s performance at the ArtsCan, *Arts4All* festival opening event that will be held on September 28, 2018 at the Surrey Arts Centre.

## BACKGROUND

The Orchestra is a new professional orchestra, celebrating its inaugural season this year. Based in Surrey, the orchestra will be featuring musicians who call Surrey home, as well as promoting cross culture collaboration through music. Led by conductor Stuart Martin, they recently performed alongside Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Surrey Fusion Festival.

The Orchestra is requesting \$10,000 to support a concert performance at the ArtsCan, *Arts4All festival* opening event. The money would go directly to the talent required for the concert and support twenty-four (24) musicians who are from Surrey.

The concert will kick off the *Arts4All* festival, a two and a half day events showcased across multiple locations in Surrey. The project objectives are to celebrate, advance and showcase arts and culture while creating community awareness, opportunities for new work, knowledge sharing and professional development.

## **DISCUSSION**

The concert will feature 24 local musicians who will be performing an array of baroque, classical and light opera music.

This event will:

- Demonstrate the power of connection, collaboration and inclusion;
- Celebrate diversity and engage community;
- Raise awareness of and promote the works of local artists;
- Encourage collaboration between professional and emerging artists, arts organizations and municipal governments;
- Showcase the range and depth of artistic practice and creativity in the community;
- Provide the artistic community with incentives to create and introduce new works; and
- Demonstrate cultural inclusion by featuring artists of Indigenous and other local ethnicities.

In addition to the concert performance, plans for the opening ceremonies include a traditional Indigenous welcome, with drummers and/or dancers.

This event will also recognize two anniversaries – the City of Surrey is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation and the Surrey Arts Centre is marking its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. This event takes place on the Culture Days weekend, a national celebration of arts and culture.

## **FUNDING**

On January 22, 2018 Council approved Corporate Report R013; 2018 for the issuance of the 2018 Cultural Grants. As part of this approval, the Orchestra was awarded a \$3,000 grant. The approved grant was the maximum amount available under the Project grant category.

Staff have evaluated the request and recommend a contribution of \$10,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund in further support of the Orchestra's performance.

Appendix "1" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommendations of this report support the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, the recommendation related to the Sustainability Charter themes of Inclusion and Economy. Specifically, the acquisition supports the following Strategic Directions (SD) and Desired Outcomes (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.
- Community Pride and Engagement DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community's well-being.
- Education & Culture, DO 9: Surrey supports and celebrates its diverse artists, cultures and community heritage through inclusive festivals, programming and events.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve funding of \$10,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the Orchestra in support of a concert performance for the opening event at the *Arts4All* festival.

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## Appendix "I": Council Initiatives Fund – Allocations for 2018

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# APPENDIX "I"



## 2018 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year			
adjusted for amounts not utilized	600		
<b>2018 Adopted Budget</b>	<u>260,000</u>		<b>\$ 260,600</b>
2018 Sponsor Appreciation Event		10,000	
All Aboard Wanderlust - JustKids Program		2,500	
Young Agrarians Land Matching		10,000	
SFU President's Surrey Gala		5,000	
Foam Free Vaisakhi Initiative		5,000	
Indo-Canadian Dental Association		2,500	
Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards		7,000	
Canucks Autism Network (CAN) 2018		5,000	
Youth Helping Youth Society		250	
Canada India Networking Initiative 2018		2,000	
100 Year Journey Gala		6,500	
West Coast Kings Field Hockey Society		3,500	
2018 Surrey Social Innovation Summit		70,000	
Surrey Women's Centre 25th Anniversary		1,000	
Agriculture Week - Pie in the Plaza		30,000	
Crescent Beach Concours d' Elegance		2,000	
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association		3,500	
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Special Advocacy Fund		20,685	
Arts4All Festival		20,000	
Gadhri Memorial Mela		6,000	
11th Annual Red FM Charity Walk (Proposed)		5,000	
Drishti Awards Gala (Proposed)		1,200	
Surrey Vulnerable Women and Girls Working Group (Proposed)		15,000	
<b>Surrey City Orchestra (Proposed)</b>		<b>10,000</b>	
<b>Allocations for 2018</b>		<u><b>\$ 243,635</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 16,965</b></u>