

Report to Council



Date: February 4, 2019
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To: City Manager
From: Christine McWillis, Cultural Services Manager
Subject: 2019 Cultural Grants – General Operating and Project

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the list of 2019 recipients for Cultural General Operating and Project Grants as outlined in the report from the Cultural Services Manager dated February 4, 2019.

Purpose:

To provide Council an update regarding recipients of 2019 Cultural General Operating and Project grants.

Background:

The Active Living & Culture Division manages a number of grant programs which provide funding to community organizations.

In 2019, Cultural General Operating and Project grants totaling \$159,300 will be distributed to local non-profit organizations providing arts, culture and heritage programs, services and events:

- \$115,200 in General Operating Grants, and
- \$44,100 for Project Grants.

The list of 2019 General Operating Grant recipients is attached in Appendix A and 2019 Project Grant recipients are listed in Appendix B.

For the 2019 grant cycle, guidelines and the arms-length evaluation process, for both programs, included only minor housekeeping changes and guideline reformatting. These were approved by Divisional Director of Active Living and Culture.

Internal Circulation:

Director, Active Living & Culture Division
Communications Advisor

Financial Services – Payroll & Internal Control Services

Existing Policy:

This report is submitted pursuant to Council Policy 274 (Cultural Policy).

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The total funding available in budget for the Cultural General Operating and Project Grant programs in 2019 is \$164,300; \$109,300 for the General Operating Grant and \$55,000 for the Project Grants.

Through the evaluation and review process \$115,200 was approved for the Operating Grants and \$44,100 for the Project Grants,

While the overall funding outcome stayed within the total budget, \$10,900 in Project funding was reallocated as follows:

- \$5,000 to support the Professional Operating Grant Program and the transition of Opera Kelowna to this category (covered under Cultural Grants -Professional Operating Council report, February 4, 2019); and
- \$5,900 to support the General Operating Program (as described in Appendix A).

These allocations were made based on submissions received, evaluation of requests and the applicant's alignment with the program goals and objectives.

External Agency/Public Comments:

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Central Okanagan Foundation in their role as contracted facilitator of the grant panel review for these grants.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Personnel Implications
Communications Comments
Alternate Recommendation

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Approved for inclusion:

J. Gabriel, Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture

Attachments:

Appendix A – 2019 General Operating Grant Recipients
Appendix B – 2019 Project Grant Recipients

Cc: Director, Active Living & Culture Division
Communications Supervisor
Director of Grants & Community Initiatives, Central Okanagan Foundation

Appendix A – 2019 General Operating Grant Recipients
Report from Cultural Services Manager, February 4, 2019

	ORGANIZATION (* denotes new recipient)	2019 OPERATING GRANT	DESCRIPTION
1	BC Old Time Fiddlers	\$3,500	Promotes, encourages and fosters connections among the fiddling community and encourages youth to take up fiddling and violin playing.
2	Central Okanagan Heritage Society	\$10,000	Owns, operates and maintains several heritage buildings and delivers a range of heritage programs and services.
3	Centre Culturel Francophone de L'Okanagan	\$9,900	Owns and operates the French Cultural Centre and provides programs which share and celebrate French culture in Kelowna/ Canada.
4	Chamber Music Kelowna	\$10,000	Annual performance series which brings acclaimed classical performers to Kelowna. Outreach to youth through classes, workshops and school performances.
5	Cool Arts Society	\$15,000	Provides arts experiences for adults and teens with 'diversabilities' through workshops, projects and exhibitions.
6	Creative Okanagan Artist and Event Development Society	\$3,000	Produces and develops events which support, promote and showcase emerging and established artists from various creative disciplines.
7	Dolyna Ukrainian Cultural Society	\$4,000	Provides programs which celebrate Ukrainian culture in Canada, including dance, language, food, traditions and special events.
8*	Inspired Word Café	\$5,000	Inspired Word Café features two selected artists each month from diverse art forms, from poetry, to music, to clowning. They encourage a community's mosaic blend of words and music, in a setting that embraces everyone who participates.
9	Kelowna City Concert Band Society	\$5,000	50 musicians of all ages, both amateur and professional, perform at a variety of events such as Canada Day and Remembrance Day.
10*	Kelowna Pipe Band Society	\$5,000	Being the only Pipe Band in Kelowna, they play at events and provide an atmosphere of fun, learning and musical heritage to both their members and their audiences.

11	Kiwanis Music Festival	\$7,000	This festival provides opportunities for amateur performing artists to showcase their achievements in dance, music and voice. They demonstrate their talents to their peers and the community and are professionally evaluated in order to provide opportunities for growth.
12	New Vintage Theatre Society	\$15,000	Professional theatre offering stage productions, career development for actors and playwrights and special events.
13	Okanagan Festival Singers	\$7,000	Produces and performs large-scale choral works, often in collaboration with other groups and the Symphony.
14	Okanagan Historical Society	\$5,000	Stimulating an active interest in our heritage, promoting the preservation of historical sites, monuments, buildings, and pictures and cooperate with museums and educational institutions. Maintain Father Pandosy Mission site.
15	Ponderosa Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artist Guild	\$1,000	Fosters fibre arts through public demonstrations, classes and hands-on educational programs for SD23 Grade 3 classes.
16	Sing for Your Life Foundation	\$5,000	Silver Song Groups provide participatory musical experiences to improve the health and well-being of older Canadians who live at home or in residential care.
17	Society of Friends of the Early Music Studio	\$800	Specializes in public performance of early music on rare period instruments, both restored and built to historic specifications. Students and researchers gain access to unique repertoire and instruments.
18	Theatre Kelowna Society	\$4,000	Community theatre is made by and intended for members of the community. Theatre Kelowna productions provide interested community participants the opportunity for theatrical education and experience.
	TOTAL AWARDED	\$115,200	
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$109,300	
	BALANCE	(\$5,900)	Covered by balance of funds available in the Cultural Project Grant Program

Appendix B – 2019 Project Grant Recipients
Report from Cultural Services Manager, February 4, 2019

	ORGANIZATION & PROJECT (*denotes new project)	2019 PROJECT GRANT	DESCRIPTION
1	Arts Council of Central Okanagan – Art Walk Market – July & August, 2 days per week – Artwalk, Downtown Kelowna	\$5,000	To create a world class summer market downtown that will fuel the creative economy through engagement and participation with tourists and locals. It will provide artists another place to sell art to the community. This festival like market will bring together the Cultural District.
2	Arts Council of Central Okanagan – Fringe Festival – Sept 19-22, 2019 – RCA and Black Box Theatre	\$5,000	Fringe Festival performances are presented by local, national and international theatre companies. Shows tend to be shorter, one-act performances allowing audience members to attend more than one show in an evening. Ticket prices are kept low and 100% of the box office revenue is returned to the performers.
3*	Global Citizens Events – Human Trafficking Awareness Play – February 2020	\$5,000	“The Walk” is a play on human trafficking and tells a victims’ story. The aim is to use art to engage the community in a meaningful way to create dialogue among people who may otherwise not have listened. Art is serving as a vehicle to examine an important issue and inspire action.
4*	Inspired Word Café – Poetry Slam – September 28, 2019 - Stuart Park	\$2,100	Kickoff Classic Poetry Slam is an all ages literary event that is a wildly popular type of poetry event where poets compete over three rounds for prizes. This will be hosted in a public space – Stuart Park, enhancing cultural vitality at street level.
5	Inner Fish Theatre Society – Living Things: a festival of puppets, masks and performing objects – January & February, 2020 – Rotary Centre for the Arts, UBCO, Black Box Theatre	\$5,000	The Living Things Festival offers professional theatre performances, complemented by dance, music and animated films. The professional performances are presented in collaboration with the PuSH Festival in Vancouver and the High-Performance Rodeo in Calgary. The 2019 Living Things is being held Jan. 11 – Feb. 9. Funding is for the Living Things Festival in 2020.

6*	Kelowna Arts Council – Our Coffeehouse – Every 2 nd Wednesday in 2019 – The Marmalade Cat Café	\$2,000	Our Coffeehouse focuses on allowing amateur musicians to gain performance experience in an inclusive, welcoming setting. An informal mentoring process occurs to help amateur artists progress.
7	Kelowna Visual and Performing Arts Centre Society – 2019 Culture Days Kelowna Hub–Sept. 27, 28 and 29 th , 2019 - Rotary Centre for the Arts and various locations in Kelowna	\$10,000	Culture Days is a 3-day annual event held to raise awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities. The RCA will convene a Steering Committee that will engage local organizations in participating. The Rotary Centre will be available at no cost to participating organizations, and promotional material will be developed and distributed.
8	New Vintage Theatre Society – Secret Theatre – July 9-13, Sept 18-21, Nov TBA – The Black Box, Okanagan Regional Library, Kelowna Parks, Studio 11 - RCA	\$5,000	New theatre experiences presented in unexpected locations. Using the chosen locations as their sets, artists interact with audience members in improvised and imaginative ways.
9	Okanagan Caribbean Festival Society – 2019 Okanagan Caribbean Festival – July 20, 2019 – City Park	\$5,000	A free family event filled with live music, dancing, activities for all ages. An opportunity to enjoy the tastes and aromas of the Caribbean Islands.
	TOTAL AWARDED	\$44,100	
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$55,000	
	BALANCE	\$10,900	\$5,900 reallocated to General Operating Program and \$5,000 re-allocated to the Professional Operating Grant Program.