

Report to Council



Date: January 17, 2022
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2022 Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant
Department: Active Living & Culture - Cultural Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Active Living & Culture Division, dated January 17, 2022, with respect to the 2022 Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Active Living & Culture Division to apply for Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant funding and provide overall grant management;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2022 Financial Plan be amended to include the grant funding for the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant program if the application is successful.

Purpose:

To approve a grant application for a Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Grant Program to upgrade of specialized lighting fixtures at the Kelowna Community Theatre.

Background:

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces.

The application will request funding to replace outdated stage lighting fixtures, take advantage of recent industry advances and finalize the conversion of the Kelowna Community Theatre (KCT) to LED lighting. The City is eligible to apply for 50% of the project cost and reflects the amount being requested.

Discussion:

The KCT stage has 316 lighting fixtures in its inventory. An application made to the CCSF in 2015 facilitated the replacement of 148 incandescent lighting fixtures with new, energy efficient fixtures as well as the purchase of a digital lighting board console.

An assessment of the current lighting equipment has revealed that the KCT's older conventional and automated fixtures, some dating back over 20 years, are nearing the end of their useful life and need to be replaced.

This application to CCSF will complete the conversion of the Kelowna Community Theatre to LED lighting and replace aging fixtures that are unserviceable and failing with new professional theatre grade fixtures. These new fixtures will augment the existing KCT stage lighting system with LED moving head spots, LED cyclorama battens and an automated spotlight system.

Conclusion:

Advances in lightning technology have progressed rapidly since the current stage lights were purchased. The purchase of the proposed specialized lighting equipment will ensure that our performers and audiences are well-served into the future.

The CCSF receives applications on an ongoing basis.

Internal Circulation:

Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture
Divisional Director, Financial Services
Administration & Business Services Manager
Grants and Special Projects Manager

Financial/Budgetary Considerations

The project was approved as part of the 2022 Provisional Budget and estimated at \$320,000 funded through the KCT Capital Improvement Fund (CIF). The City will be applying for 50% of the total project costs, with updated projected costs and 5% contingency, will bring the grant application estimated at \$180,000. If the City's application is successful, the 2022 Financial Plan will be amended to include the additional funding and the contribution from the CIF will be reduced accordingly.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Existing Policy
External Agency/Public Comments
Communications Comments

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