

	Event Name	Event Dates	Event Description	2018 Grant	2019 Grant Request	Fig 2019 Recommended	FIG 2019 In-Kind Recommended	Proposed Event Budget	Rationale
1	World Accordion and Tango Festival - The BC Accordion and Tango Society	November 7 - 11	World Accordion and Tango Festival will be held between Nov 7 and Nov 11, 2019 in various venues around the city. This festival is a successor of Victoria International Accordion Festival and Victoria International Tango Festival. The 2019 festival will feature accordion and tango ensembles from: Finland, Chile, Argentina, Russia, France, Italy, Croatia, USA and Canada.	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ -	\$148,000 cash + \$1500 IK	New society formed last year by the same organizers as the 2008-2017 iterations of Accordion festivals. New format to includes Tango. Off season timeline has been a welcome change however most of the of the free performances venues in 2018 were staged outside of Victoria. 2017 festival (without tango component) was funded \$1500 cash and \$1000 in-kind as organizational effectiveness had been inconsistent often delivering only a portion of proposed event scope over the years. The society hosted the Trophee Mondial, World Accordion Championships in 2018. The 2019 festival will contract back to their regular 5 day reduced scope format.
2	Victoria Festival of Authors - Victoria Festival of Authors Society	October 2-6	Master classes, workshops, readings and discussion panels focused around specific literary themes and ideas. In addition to focusing on artistic achievement and collaborating with writers of the highest calibre, the festival will include a diversity of voices committed to accessibility and the celebration of local / regional talent.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 52,775.00	Limited free and outdoor component. Newer event that seeks to expand their audience by including new, free, literary events for children and youth.
3	Vancouver Island Blues Bash - Victoria Jazz Society	August 31 - September 2	The Vancouver Island Blues Bash happens annually on Labour Day weekend on an outdoor stage at Ship Point in Victoria's downtown Inner Harbour. Blues Bash features blues and R&B artists in free and ticketed performances.	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$145,460 cash + \$50,700 IK	26th year. Status quo event with loyal following. Sixteen hours of free content over 3 afternoon concerts from noon - 5:30pm. Two evenings of ticketed performances at Ship Point from 7pm - 10pm Saturday and Sunday. Large investment in free programming.

4	Car Free Day YYJ - Downtown Victoria Business Association	June 16	Based on the international brand enjoyed in major cities across the globe, Car Free YYJ is a festival unique to the Victoria market. Bringing forth local artists, organizations, and businesses to transform downtown into a pedestrian-friendly space, where Victorians can experience and participate in all that makes our city exceptional.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$163,000 cash + \$57,790 IK	Broad appeal and more than 20 diverse musical performances on 4 stages (2 curated in partnership with the First Nations Festival and the Strathcona Hotel respectively) throughout the day. This free to attend event spanning the core has the potential to be recognized as "Signature Event".
5	Dragon Boat Festival - Fairway Gorge Paddling Club	August 9-11	Free 3 day multicultural event that combines the excitement and tradition of Chinese dragon boating with an expansive display of music, dance, art and food that showcases and celebrates the rich multi-cultural diversity in Victoria.	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$277,500	Significant hotel occupancy. Free weekend long entertainment, Chinese classical tea garden and children's activities. 30 businesses and 200 local performers participate.
6	FernFest - Belfry Theatre Society	June 21 - 22	FernFest is a free music, arts and family festival put on by the Belfry in partnership with the Fernwood NRG. Held in Fernwood Square, the Belfry Theatre and Vic High School, FernFest hosts local acts on the Belfry stage, Square main stage and kids' stage, an artisan market, children's area, BBQ, beer tent, pancake breakfast, kids' bike parade, a seniors' tea and more.	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$76,093 cash + \$34792 IK	Free 2 day festival with music, food, art and culture. Neighbourhood event commands a regional draw showcasing world roots and funk music on 3 stages. 40 performers. Addition of the Belfry stage allows 10 more local acts to perform. Festival artist in residence painting live throughout the fest. Broad appeal and an arts inclusive format with a proven track record is further strengthened by NRG's partnership with the Belfry Theatre.
7	Victoria Film Festival - Victoria Independent Film and Video Festival	February 1-10	In its 25th year, the Victoria Film Festival is an annual international film festival that programs and exhibits over 120 films, along with various activities and art installations throughout the City of Victoria.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$874,195 cash + \$362,916 IK	Popular shoulder season event. Significant economic impact for downtown hotels and restaurants. High quality programming and presentation offsets limited free content.

8	Victoria Flamenco Festival - Flamenco de la Isla Society	July 25 - 28 (TBC)	The festival will present 3 days of free programming from Friday to Sunday at Centennial Square and the Cameron Bandshell with local and national flamenco artists; 3 ticketed events at downtown venues and 2 workshops.	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$40,448 cash + 11,200 IK	Seventh year for this now established music & dance festival in Victoria from an established society, high quality performances & solid organizational effectiveness. 2019 will see more investment in production and event staff, artist fees and their associated travel costs. 15 hours of quality free cultural content.
9	Free - B Film Festival - Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival	August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17,	The Free B Film Festival is the Victoria Film Festival's annual family-friendly outdoor screening series, occurring Fridays and Saturdays in August. Showcasing cult-classic feature films and French-language shorts. Entirely free and outdoor in Beacon Hill Park.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$16,535 cash + \$11,078 IK	Very popular family friendly free program. Older feature films with broad appeal in public space. Nightly audiences up to 2000+ Partnership with Francophone Affairs to bring a Quebec film. The Free-B Film Festival is intended to showcase to the recreational moviegoer (who may perceive film festivals as avant garde and inaccessible) the impact of film and its ability to create communal gatherings and shared experiences regardless of genre or content.
10	Folkloria - Greater Victoria Folk Festival Society	June 8-9	A festival of multicultural dancing, music and songs by local performing groups onstage; also tents and canopies with arts and crafts, activities and games for children with information about various nationalities and their customs; food kiosks and trucks emphasizing ethnic foods.		\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$4,635	Bringing together ethnic communities and organizations to share and learn about each other's culture and customs, and to provide free local entertainment for both residents and visitors and allow them to sample a variety of ethnic foods.

11	Victoria Fringe Fest - FringeKids Fest - Intrepid Theatre Company Society	Aug 21 - Sept 1	The Victoria Fringe is an international live performance event held annually in downtown Victoria and one of the oldest Canadian festivals of its kind. It present 50+ shows, Fringe Club, and free outdoor public programming (FringeKids Fest in Market Square + Fringe Eve Preview in Centennial Square)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$443,500 cash + \$128,442 IK	A range of free and by donation programming to serve different demographics: a full-day, all-ages free Pre-Fringe public launch event in Centennial Square on Fringe Eve to animate the festival site; the free public one-day FringeKids Fest in Market Square attracts families. Throughout the festival by donation special events such as the Fringe Preview, Pick of the Fringe Awards, and nightly Fringe Club entertainment activate existing and potential new audiences, further engaging the spontaneous community of artists, audiences, staff and volunteers that forms during the festival. 15% out of town visitors, high level of artistic merit, community impact and organizational effectiveness.
12	Electro-Acoustic; Wonderment - Garden City Electronic Music Society	August 3-5 (and two more high season weekends)	Electro-Acoustic is an annual festival / series entering its third year that explores the use of electronics in the traditionally acoustic genres of folk, jazz and world. Wonderment is an annual series of live ambient performances on multi-channel sound in public parks entering its fourth year.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$33,103 cash + \$800 IK	GCEMS strives to present aspects of electronic music that inspire our audience with the creative potential where art and technology meet, navigating a path that evades both the EDM mainstream and underground or academic niche markets. Unique artistic offerings for a market of this size and has in the past been selected as a TC "Critic's Pick" for the 2018 festival season.

13	Garden City Grooves - Victoria BC Ska & Reggae Society	January 31- Feb 2	Garden City Grooves is a shoulder season celebration of funk, soul and groove music in Victoria BC. Each year, the program has focused primarily on BC artists and bands with the goal of emphasizing and promoting the quality of acts here in BC.	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$22,175 cash + \$3,845 IK	Shoulder season event showcasing funk and soul music at ticketed shows at indoor venues downtown blended with up to 10 hours of proposed free programming with performance by local artists, musician's workshop and a documentary screening. Funk and soul music offers programming not currently presented at other festivals.
14	156th Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival/Tartan Parade - Victoria Highland Games Association	May 11, 18 - 20	A celebration of Scottish and Celtic culture, art, music, dance, sport and heritage through family events. These events include a Tartan Parade, performances and demonstrations of piping, drumming, dancing, singing, music, athletics, culture and art.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$321,700 cash + \$150,000 IK	Victoria's longest running event. Ticketed event with free under 12 - Free Tartan Parade and Tartan Day celebration. Significant economic impact for hotel stays - estimated \$2,000,000 economic impact. Volunteer run event. New additions include a Tattoo to be held on the Sunday evening of the Games weekend in partnership with the Victoria Military Music Festival Society.
15	IMBY - Kindie Arts Society	4-May	IMBY is an all ages free family friendly facilitated public interactive arts showcase in Centennial Square incorporating the 10 principles of Burning Man. IMBY values public participation in the creation of art including fire dancing, sculpture, music and more.		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,000.00	2019 will be the second year for this community driven project. Budgets are modest and organizers rely on a cooperative grass roots approach to community artistic expression in partnership with more established artists working along side residents to produce unique temporary projects in public space.
16	Integrate Arts Festival (11th Annual) - Integrate Art Society	cancelled for 2019	Integrate is an annual festival that celebrates the arts in Victoria, offering the public and the local arts community opportunities to come together and experience the quality, passion and breadth of the artistic practices in the City.	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Small festival with solid artistic merit, organizational effectiveness and community building made it known to City staff just after making application to the FIG program that they will be taking a break for the 2019 festival season and plan to return in 2020.

17	TD Victoria International JazzFest - Victoria Jazz Society	June 21 - June 30	TD Victoria International JazzFest 2019 will continue to present a minimum of 80 individual performances on multiple indoor and outdoor venues/stages over a 10-day period to bring live jazz music to the City of Victoria.	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$805,700 cash + 281,800 IK	No major changes. Ten days animation - economic impact for downtown. Significant free components. 4 free afternoon concerts from noon - 5pm. 5 free weekday lunch hour concerts. High artistic merit and organizational capacity.
18	7th Annual Family Theatre Festival - Kaleidoscope Theatre for Young People	June 8-9	The Family Theatre Festival is Victoria's professional theatre festival for youth and family, and includes Kaleidoscope and our partners presenting innovative and exciting works to our young audiences.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$44,500 cash + \$6,000 IK	Free outdoor content programming and venues have not yet been finalized. Performances are ticketed and will be presented at the Belfry Theatre. Free programming will likely take place in the plaza adjacent to the theatre (face painting, mask making etc). Family content in Fernwood Square aims to engage local families.
19	Khalsa Day Parade - Gurdwara Sing Sabha Society of Victoria	28-Apr	One day annual street parade and festival to celebrate Vaisakhi taking place at Gurdwara Singh Sabha on Cecelia St, Victoria. Free to attend featuring free food, music, dance cultural community outreach stalls celebrating Sikh culture and customs.		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	Completely free cultural celebration prominently featuring music, dance, food and other cultural content.
20	Kindling Emerging Writers Festival - Open Space Arts Society	March 1-3	Kindling Emerging Writers Festival is a gathering of LGBTQ2S+ writers/audiences with the goal of growing Victoria's artistic community by engaging emerging writers with the local literary community and creating space for connection and collaboration through workshops, discussions, and readings.		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$	\$18,125 cash - + \$2,200 IK	Shoulder season Festival, free to attend with very focused program of cultural content. 3rd year in development will see big growth in program offering from an established community arts organization. Although not the only literary festival in program this festival accesses a traditionally underserved audience / demographic.

21	Victoria International Kizomba Festival - Afro Latin Cultural Exchange (ALCE) Society	April 19-22	Three day shoulder season festival featuring music, educational workshops, and dancing designed to bring cultures together in celebration of community diversity and African dance. Kizomba is a traditional dance from Angola and neighbouring West African countries.		\$ 7,720.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 30,882.00	This is the second year for this shoulder season event showcasing very focused cultural content. Because the festival is dance focused and indoor it is predictably light on free content however accessible pricing for indoor components. Organizers have worked hard to attract talent and audience to the Island to share in this unique festival. most participants come to the festival from outside the region.
22	Vancouver Island Metal Festival - Vancouver Island Metal Festival Society	Aug 22-25	The Vancouver Island Metal Festival is a four day music festival celebrating the Heavy Metal community and culture on Vancouver Island. Primarily consisting of island based musicians and bands, the festival acts as a showcase of the community's talent to Victoria, the rest of BC, Canada, and the world.	\$ -	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 35,561.00	The society aspires to make the entire festival free and all ages for 2019. In the past the fest has produced free shows in Centennial Square and some ticketed indoor shows. Organizer proposes to offer twice the free content this year. Significant effort has gone into attracting enthusiastic metal audiences from throughout the pacific northwest. 80-100 Vancouver Island performers. Collaboration with UVic English department on an academic conference to coincide with the festival.
23	Festival Mexicano - Mexican Canadian Community Association of Victoria	July 13-14	Free two day family oriented cultural showcase of Latino culture. Mariachi band, folklore dancers, salsa instruction, Zumba and piñata for the kids. Latin cuisine will be featured and available both days.		\$ 7,300.00	\$ 1,686.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$6,750 cash + \$23,000 IK	A fixture on the Centennial Square summer calendar for many years. The festival has been supported in the past few years with in-kind City support as it was integrated into the summer program. Prior to that the festival was supported though the FIG program. An increase in scope of the project warranted the return to the FIG program.
24	Nowruz - Victoria Iranian Persian Cultural Society	March 23	Nowruz (Persian new year, first day of spring) is being celebrated by over 300 million people globally. VICPS has been hosting Nowruz events in the past five years. Traditional Performances, Poetry, Dance and Music are the main components of Nowruz event.		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -			Cancelled - the society will take a year to regroup and work with ACE to redevelop their approach for 2020.

25	One Wave Festival - Pacific Peoples' Partnership	Sept 6-15	Free outdoor Arts & Culture Festival that celebrates the Pacific community and inspires action on Pacific issues. Features a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural showcase of Indigenous, Pacific and social and environmentally engaged artists and not-for-profits.	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$40,600 cash + \$24,000 IK	Quality cultural programming free and open to the public in Centennial Square. Past iterations of this festival have punched above its weight with a limited budget. 2019 edition of the festival will benefit from an Indigenous youth media & storytelling residency, following short films from the youth will be featured in an International Indigenous Film Festival.
26	Out Stages - Intrepid Theatre Company Society	Feb 1-9	OUTstages Festival is a 5-day celebration of theatre & queer culture. Multi-disciplinary shows, new play readings, a cabaret and lobby talks brings together innovative queer artists from across Canada with a diverse local community whose stories have been under-represented on Victoria's stages.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$87,000 cash + \$33,855 IK	A mix of free cultural outreach and ticketed theatrical content making queer performance accessible to audiences of all ages. OUTstages was initially connected to 'Pride Season' which heled grow the festival by anchoring it around Pride festivities. Now that the festival is becoming established and has a dedicated audience, they are seeing that there is a gap of queer programming in the winter months.
27	Pacific Baroque Festival - Victoria Conservatory of Music	Feb 7-10	The Pacific Baroque Festival, in its 15th year, is a much loved annual musical event in Victoria that features the music of great baroque composers. This year will feature performances that celebrate themes of the first 14 years of the festival with performances on period instruments and in original baroque style.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$65,450 cash + \$9950 IK	Shoulder season event. Limited free content due to the nature of the genre and the time of year. Free festival passes for youth musicians from the VCM. Free Sunday afternoon concert at Christ Church Cathedral draws 450 attendees. High artistic merit and organizational capacity on a very limited budget. Performances from local and international musicians providing a platform for young local musicians to perform with these professionals. High artistic merit and organizational capacity scores.
28	TD Art Gallery Paint-In - Art Gallery of Greater Victoria	July 20	The TD Art Gallery Paint-In is one of Victoria's signature summer events. It celebrates visual arts and community building in a festival-like atmosphere, and invites the public to enjoy art, music and refreshments in a day-long event that spans from the AGGV all the way to Dallas Rd.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$66,800 cash + \$40,150 IK	Status quo for this 100% free to attend signature event in the heart of Fairfield celebrating the work of the region's visual artists.

29	Island Farms Victoria Day Parade/Island Farms Santa Parade - Greater Victoria Festival Society	May 18 - 20, Nov 23, Oct 27	Local, international and multi-cultural diversity of bands, floats, performers, non-profits and businesses showcasing community engagement. Pre and Post events enhance each event, including Battle of the Drums, Christmas Square and Wicked Victoria.	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$137,100 cash + \$18,000 IK	Two popular downtown parades. Council has identified the parades as Signature events. Little change to programming. Organizational capacity and artistic merit have not increased. No significant new sponsorship. Organizer's anticipated audience numbers are generous. Organizer has attempted to include another GVFC event, Wicked Victoria, with this application. Wicked Victoria does not meet the criteria for prominently featuring arts, cultural and/or heritage content and will therefore will not be considered recommended.
30	PEEK-FEST - Impulse Theatre Society	Nov 4-10	Impulse Theatre's PEEK-FEST is a festival of new work. The festival offers an exciting look at working development from some of the province's most innovative performance creators, while supporting the development of community and artistry for local artists and audiences. It has three core components: The Showcase Series, Workshop Series, and Residency Program	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$ -	\$7,158 cash + \$9,420 IK	An immersing shoulder season theatre and visual arts festival. A very small working budget so we will have to see what the capacity is for this and future iterations of the festival.
31	Philippine Independence Day - Victoria Philipino Canadian Association	June 15	A celebration of Philippine culture to coincide with the 121st Philippine Independence and the 50th anniversary of the VFCA through songs, dance and exhibits of culture.		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 850.00	\$5,170 cash + 2,900 IK	This will be the 2nd annual Mabuhay! Celebrating Philippine Culture. Local cultural association with a long history of putting on community events will celebrate 50 years in our community.
32	Victoria Pride Week - Victoria Pride Society	June 30 - July 7	A week's worth of LGBT2SQIA events hosted by the VPS and local community. Including: Memorial Dragball Game, the Big Gay Dogwalk, Sunset Boat Cruise, Pride In the Word, Pride Parade and Pride Festival.	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$129,000 cash + \$65,000 IK	Status quo program for this largely free to attend week long festival culminating with the Pride parade and festival at MacDonald Park. City service and policing cost have increased significantly over the past few years due to an increase in participation.

33	Rendez-Vouz Victoria - La Societe francophone de Victoria (SFV)	June 21 - 23	This three-day festival includes a weekend of outdoor activities and is designed to meet the needs of a broad clientele whose levels of French vary considerably. The festival's program includes, but is not limited to, local art exhibitions, live music, traditional foods, kids' activities, workshops etc.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$97,283 cash + \$40,400 IK	Only French festival in the region. Loyal distinct audience. Free to attend at Market Square. .
34	Victoria's 20th Anniversary Ska & Reggae Festival - Victoria BC Ska & Reggae Society	June 19-23	This 5 day all ages festival at Ship Point is celebrating 20 years of Jamaican rooted music and culture in the Capital and is the longest running festival of its kind in the world. 40 band from around the world. Free concerts, workshops and film screening and 2 ticketed shows	\$ 10,280.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$431,518 cash + \$72,000 IK	Festival serves a younger demographic. Robust free components. Roughly half of the budget goes to artists. 2 ticketed evening shows and 3 free shows. Daytime programing is free.
35	SKAMpede - Theatre Skam Association	July 12-14 & 20-21	A three-day festival where audiences travel by bicycle or on foot to see short live performances by professional companies from across Canada. The second weekend a smaller youth event is held.	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$119,288 cash + \$7,800 IK	Free high quality performances at hub venue at Harbour Rd, increased hours of free content and include live music. Accessible ticket pricing and free to those under 16. Society has a proven track record of delivering high quality programming (also receives Canada Council grant).
36	Victoria Symphony in the Summer - Victoria Symphony Society	July 24 - August 6	Symphony in the Summer is the Victoria Symphony's summer series which includes numerous performances, many of them free, and culminates in the iconic Victoria Symphony Splash. Nearly 55,000 people enjoy these performances each year.	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$345,500 cash + \$155,000 IK	10th Victoria Symphony in the Summer Festival and marks the 30th anniversary of Symphony Splash. Marquee signature City event, significant free program with many free performances leading up to Splash. Free family fun zone. Economic impact and tourism spectacle.

37	Uno Fest (21st Annual) - Intrepid Theatre Company Society	May 1-11	Recognized nationally as a prestigious showcase for innovative solo Canadian and international theatre, UNO Fest features up to 15 different curated productions, special events, and fully accessible Pay-What-You-Can performances over 10 days in 2 venues 1 kitchen & 1 outdoor locations in downtown Victoria.	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$159,550 cash + \$39,750 IK	Solid organizational capacity and high artistic merit. Late night activity downtown, impact on downtown restaurants and cafes. Prolific media. Administratively heavy for primarily indoor ticketed event during what is technically the high season, reduced support accordingly in past years, however, Intrepid works had to ensure all Uno events are pay-what-you -can or by-donation. 25% of all show seating is reserved for this purpose. Outdoor theatre is challenging and accommodations for film and theatre focused events need to be made.
					\$ 370,720.00	\$ 276,828.00		\$6,926,342.00	
	TOTAL (excluding ineligible festivals)					\$ 276,828.00	\$ 128,700.00	\$5,282,054 cash + \$1,644,288 IK	