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Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program – 2022 Report



Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the 2022 Cultural Infrastructure Grant program funding allocations.



Background

At the October 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole Meeting Council approved an ongoing \$250,000 Cultural Infrastructure Grant fund and an additional \$150,000 one-time Accessibility fund to support accessibility upgrades to arts and cultural facilities.

Realization of the CIG program is a direct-action item in Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan. Accessible and affordable venues is a major goal of Create Victoria.

The CIG program provides resources to non-profit organizations to improve both the quality of space, access to better equipment and improve access to facilities for both presenters and audience goers.



2022 Program Highlights

20 applications with \$585,479 in funding requested.

Projects include several elevator projects to improve physical accessibility, specialized equipment such as LED lighting systems, sound equipment and planning and feasibility studies for longer term projects.



2021 Completed Projects and Highlights



Victoria Arts Council: New Gallery Lighting
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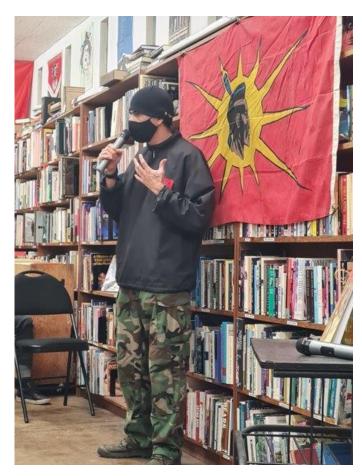
Dance Victoria: Black box theatre space - New Track Lighting & Curtains



2021 Completed Projects and Highlights



Camas Books: new a/v and sound equipment



Camas Books



Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Not-for-profit, charitable, co-operative and First Nations Councils eligible for funding;
- Have a clear arts and culture focus as part of the organization's vision and mandate;
- Infrastructure must be located and operating within the City of Victoria;
- Have operated as a registered organization for one fiscal year prior to application;



Program Guidelines

- Applicants can apply for one stream of funding per year up to a maximum of:
 - \$100,000 for acquisition of property or redevelopment of facilities that creates additional space.
 - \$50,000 for physical infrastructure and accessibility upgrades.
 - \$25,000 for specialized equipment
 - \$15,000 for planning and feasibility studies
- Facilities used for multiple types of activities must demonstrate 50% or greater arts and culture use to qualify for infrastructure funding.
- Programming equipment such as musical instruments, visual art supplies are not eligible under this program.
- For infrastructure funding minimum tenancy requirement of 24 months.



Recommendation

That Council:

Approve staff recommendations for the 2022 Cultural Infrastructure Grant allocations.

