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# Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program – 2022 Report

Committee of the Whole | July 21, 2022



# 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.