

2023 | CITY OF VICTORIA | Business & Community Relations

# Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program – 2023 Report

Committee of the Whole | June 15, 2023



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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award funding for the 2023 Cultural Infrastructure Grant program, and to seek Council approval to amend the Delegation Bylaw to authorize the Director of Business & Community Relations to approve grant funding allocations for the Cultural Infrastructure Grant program up to the maximum annual program funding in the Financial Plan.

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## 2022 Completed Projects and Highlights



Ballet Victoria: New Accessible Washrooms



### Facility Needs Assessment

*Intrepid Theatre Society*

February 2023

Intrepid Theatre Society: Planning Study – Facility Needs Assessment Report

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## 2022 Completed Projects and Highlights



Dance Victoria: New Light Board & Audio Console Equipment



Pacific Opera Victoria: New Theatrical Lighting Equipment

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## 2023 Program Application Highlights

- Three applications for specialized equipment (audio-visual and lighting) to support increased visual and auditory experiences for visitors and enhanced capabilities for artistic production.
- Two applications for physical upgrades to increase the amount of usable space available for music and performing arts events.
- One planning and feasibility study to explore (re)development opportunities to expand an existing cultural facility.
- One application to support the acquisition of a 9,400 sq. ft. building to create a new arts facility for the performing arts in the downtown core.

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## Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve staff recommendations to award funding for the 2023 Cultural Infrastructure Grant program as outlined in Appendix A.
2. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare necessary amendments to the Delegation Bylaw to enable the Director of Business & Community Relations to approve annual grant funding allocations for the Cultural Infrastructure Grant program, as per the Council approved program guidelines, up to the maximum annual program funding in the Financial Plan.
3. Forward the above motion to the daytime meeting of June 15, 2023, for ratification.

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