2022 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards

ISSUE

The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee has recommended funding of \$100,000 from the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve, as per Council Policy C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures, to five organizations, as identified in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council that project funding recommended by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee, for 2022, as outlined in this report, be approved.

BACKGROUND

The City's Cultural Grant Capital Reserve was created in 2010 to provide funding for periodic one-time capital projects to organizations currently receiving funding under the Culture Grant Program. In 2013, City Council approved several amendments to the program. The annual provision to the reserve is authorized by City Council through annual approval of the Business Plan and Budget. The recommendation for the allocation of funds is made by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee, in accordance with criteria outlined in Council Policy C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures. There were eight applications received by the October 1, 2021 deadline. The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee met on November 3, 2021 and recommends funding to five applicants, as identified in this report. Applicants can receive a grant for up to 50% of their total project costs.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve has an unallocated balance of \$452,514 available in 2022. All project applications were reviewed by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee, the following awards are recommended:

Major Grants	Award
PAVED Art + New Media Inc The purpose of the 20 Above building accessibility renovation project is to improve several public and joint areas of the shared AKA and PAVED building.	\$26,000
Persephone Theatre To purchase a projector, accompanying lens, and video camera.	\$27,141
Saskatchewan Craft Council: To outfit the Saskatchewan Craft Council public gallery space with new LED lights and tracking system.	\$15,000

Major Grants	Award
Western Development Museum: To renovate the existing public washrooms, including incorporating gender neutrality and wheelchair accessibility, as part of the Washrooms that Work for All project.	\$30,000
Total	\$98,141

Minor Grants	<u>Award</u>
Gordon Tootoosis Nīkānīwin Theatre: To purchase two laptops: one to replace an outdated graphic design computer and the other for use by sound designers for live theatrical productions	\$1,859
Total	\$1,859
Grand Total	\$100,000

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the 2022 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards is allocated from the Cultural Reserve. There are sufficient funds available for the proposed grants identified in this report. If approved, the remaining balance of the reserve will be \$352,514.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations

NEXT STEPS

Pending City Council approval, the five projects identified to receive funding are scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2022.

REPORT APPROVAL

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