

APPROVAL REPORT

2023 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards

ISSUE

The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Assessment Committee has recommended that \$62,027 in funding from the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve, as per Council Policy C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures, be awarded to six 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 Assessment Committee, for 2023, 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 which are currently receiving funding under the Culture Grant Program. In 2013, City Council approved several amendments to the program. The current annual provision to the reserve of \$100,000 was approved by City Council as part of the 2023 Corporate Business Plan and Budget. The recommendation for any allocation of funds is made by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Assessment Committee (Committee), in accordance with criteria outlined in [Council Policy C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures](#). The Committee met on November 9, 2022, to review the six applications received prior to the deadline of October 3, 2022, to be considered for funding in 2023. The Committee is recommending funding to the six applicants, as identified in this report. As per policy, applicants can receive a grant for up to 50% of their total project costs, and projects must be completed within 24 months of funding approval.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve has an unallocated balance of \$452,707 available in 2023. All project applications were reviewed by the Committee and the following funding, equivalent to the maximum of 50% of the total project costs for all six applicants, is being recommended:

Major Grants (Maximum award of \$80,000)	Award
Ukrainian Museum of Canada: To fund landscaping, exterior renovations and new signage, which will beautify and improve visibility of the building, attracting more visitors.	\$33,872
Total	\$33,872

Minor Grants (Maximum award of \$10,000)	Award
25 th Street Theatre: To purchase quality technical equipment, which can be expanded on in the future, and will support the organization's self-sufficiency as a theatre producer and presenter.	\$10,000
Gordon Tootosis Nīkānīwin Theatre: To fund upgrades to their website to be more user-friendly for patrons and staff.	\$ 2,500
Nutrien Children's Festival of Saskatchewan: For purchase of new interactive toys and material to improve the Sensory Tent for children on the spectrum and with special needs.	\$ 2,180
Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra: For purchasing of equipment to assist in streaming live concerts.	\$ 6,600
Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival: To purchase new outdoor furniture that is both sustainable and improves the aesthetics of the facility.	\$ 6,875
Total	\$28,155
Grand Total	\$62,027

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the 2023 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 \$390,680.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There is no policy, environmental, privacy or CPTED implications or considerations.

NEXT STEPS

Pending City Council approval, the City will notify successful applicants of the award of funding for their respective projects. The six applicants have indicated their intention for all projects to be completed by December 31, 2023.

REPORT APPROVAL

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