
2024 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards

ISSUE

The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Assessment Committee has recommended funding of \$137,570.71 from the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve, as per Council Policy C03 - 003, Reserves for Future Expenditures, to three 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 2024, as outlined in this report, be approved.

BACKGROUND

The City's Cultural Grant Capital Reserve (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. Since 2016, the annual contribution has been \$100,000 for the Cultural Grant component and \$20,000 for the Public Art component.

The recommendation for the 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](#). There were three applications received by the October 2, 2023 deadline. The Committee met on November 8, 2023, and recommends funding to three 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 Reserve has an unallocated balance of \$506,803.14, available in 2024. All project applications were reviewed by the Committee, the following awards are recommended:

Major Grants (Maximum Award of \$80,000)	Award
Nutrien Wonderhub (Children's Discovery Museum on the Saskatchewan INC.): To purchase and implement an advanced and fully integrated Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Point of Sale (POS) system, enhancing visitor engagement, operational efficiency and financial sustainability at Wonderhub.	\$ 49,549.82

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Major Grants (Maximum Award of \$80,000)	Award
Persephone Theatre: To fully replace the fly tower roof, right above the stage, which has hit its end of life and continues to leak significantly.	\$ 80,000.00
Total	\$129,549.82

Minor Grants (Maximum Award of \$10,000)	Award
Saskatchewan Jazz Festival Inc.: To purchase two 20 x 20 tents to be used by the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, off-season programming and rented to other community organizations.	\$ 8,020.89
Total	\$ 8,020.89
Grand Total	\$137,570.71

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the 2024 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 Cultural Grant component of the reserve will be \$369,232.43.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are 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 three projects identified to receive funding are scheduled to be completed by August 31, 2024.

REPORT APPROVAL

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