2019 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards

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

Topic and Purpose
The purpose of this report is to recommend funding of $83,500 from the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve.

Report Highlights
1. The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve, administered by the Recreation and Community Development Division, provides funding to organizations that are currently in the City of Saskatoon’s Culture Grant Program. Funding is provided for periodic one-time capital projects.
2. The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee recommended funding for two eligible projects, with $83,500 being allocated to the approved projects.

Strategic Goals
This report supports the City of Saskatoon's (City) Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, specifically the long-term strategies of implementing the Municipal Culture Plan and supporting community-building through direct investment, community development expertise and support to volunteers on civic boards, committees and community associations. Supporting cultural institutions also supports the Strategic Goal of Sustainable Growth, as stable cultural institutions complement the work of the City Centre Plan.

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 the operating budget. Allocations of funds are to be made by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee, in accordance with the criteria outlined in Policy No. C03-003, Reserves for Future Expenditures.

Report
The Cultural Grant Capital Reserve has an unallocated balance of $236,014 available in 2019. All project applications were reviewed by the Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee, who recommended the following awards:
Major Grants

a) Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival: $80,000
   • To support the core infrastructure project of building an amphitheatre, two
     pavilions and the services necessary on their site footprint located east of
     Spadina Crescent (formerly known as the Mendel site).

b) Northern Saskatchewan International Children’s Festival: $3,500
   • To purchase large STEM (science, technology, engineering, and
     mathematics) based playsets for the KinderGarden and sensory
     toys for the new “chill tent”.

Total $83,500

Options to the Recommendation
City Council may choose to not approve the recommendation for funding made by the
Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Adjudication Committee. In this case, further direction
would be required.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement
There is no public or stakeholder involvement outside of the application and review
process.

Communication Plan
The Recreation and Community Development Division will promote the results through
posting on the City’s website.

Financial Implications
Funding for the 2019 Cultural Grant Capital Reserve Awards is allocated from the
Cultural Reserve. There are sufficient funds available for the proposed grants. The
remaining balance of the reserve will be $152,514, if the recommendation is approved.

Other Considerations/Implications
There are no policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion
Pending City Council approval, the two projects that have been awarded funding will be
completed by December 31, 2020.

Public Notice
Public notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not
required.

Report Approval
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