

# Edmonton Arts Council Community Investment Program – Arts Building Operating Grant Recommendations

## Recommendation:

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the recommendations for operating grants, as set out in Attachment 1 of the August 15, 2016, Edmonton Arts Council report CR\_3904, be approved.

## Report Summary

**A total of \$330,700 is recommended in funding to support 18 facilities.**

## Report

- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to June 1, 2016.
- Twenty applications were received.
- Edmonton Arts Council staff analyzed the applications. In several cases more information or clarity was sought from the applicants.
- Following that analysis, 18 applicants were determined to be eligible for this program.
- A mathematical formula was applied to all the eligible applications to generate grant recommendations based on the applicant's eligible expenses and eligible space.
- The Edmonton Arts Council Board approved the recommendations at their July 2016 meeting.
- As a result of the formula, any one applicant will see fluctuations in grant amounts from year to year that do not reflect any assessment of merit.
- Grant amounts are marginally higher compared to 2015. Most changes in grant amounts year-over-year are linked to real changes in expenses or circumstances.

## Justification of Recommendation

The recommendations are made in accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211G.

## Attachment

1. 2016 Arts and Museums Building Operating Grants