

Edmonton Arts Council Community Investment Program

Festival Operating Grant Recommendations

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Festival Operating Grants, as set out in Attachment 1 of the March 23, 2015, Edmonton Arts Council report CR_2275, be approved.

Report Summary

A total of \$1,350,000 is recommended in Operating Grants for thirty-five applicant organizations.

Report

- This report contains the results of the second of two application deadlines for the 2015 Festival Operating Grants.
- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30 p.m. on November 1, 2014.
- Thirty-five applications were received.
- A Jury was appointed in accordance with Bylaw 14157 Community Investment Grant Bylaw and City Policy C211G - Community Investment Grants to Organizations and Individuals.
- The Jury considered the applications and made funding recommendations to the Edmonton Arts Council Board of Directors.
- The Edmonton Arts Council Board approved the recommendations at their February meeting.
- In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211G, each applicant was notified of the jury's recommendations and informed of the Edmonton Arts Council's appeals policy.
- One organization chose to present an appeal. The Edmonton Arts Council's appeals committee heard from the appellant on March 6, 2015.
- The appeals committee recommended no changes, and the Edmonton Arts Council board of directors accepted the recommendation March 11, 2015. The appellant was informed by mail.
- All the eligible applications are recommended for funding.
- This is the second and final deadline for the 2015 Festival Operating Grants.
- Refer to the November 19, 2014, City Council minutes, and report CR_1806 for information from the first deadline.
- Including the two deadlines, there are 41 Festival events funded to a total of \$1,550,000 in this program for 2015.
- Not recommended is the Edmonton International Fringe Festival, which was rolled into the Cornerstone Grant process, along with the associated grant funds.

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Refer to the March 3, 2015, City Council minutes, and Edmonton Arts Council report CR_2168 for more information.

Justification of Recommendation

These grant recommendations are made in accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211G, and are within the Edmonton Arts Council's approved 2015 Budget.

Attachments

1. 2015 Festival Operating Grants