

Community Investment Program - Festival Seed Grant Recommendations

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Community Investment Program Festival Seed Grants as outlined in Attachment 1 of the April 30, 2013, Edmonton Arts Council report 2013EAC003, be approved

Report Summary

A total of \$150,400 is recommended in Seed funding to 16 Festivals

Report

- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30p.m on February 1, 2013.
- Sixteen applications were received.
- Eight applicants are new to this program.
- A Peer Jury was appointed in accordance with Bylaw 14157.
- Community Investment Grant Bylaw and Policy C211F - 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 Board approved the recommendations at their April 10, 2013 meeting.

- Sixteen festivals are recommended for funding through this program

Justification of Recommendation

The recommendations are made in accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F.

Attachments

1. Program Summary and Grant Recommendations
2. Brief Detail on Recommended Grants

Attachment 1:

Program Summary and Grant Recommendations

Purpose

The Festival SEED Community Investment Grant Program is intended to provide limited assistance, subject to availability of funds, to resident non-profit organizations for the purpose of funding new or emerging festivals.

Groups may only receive two years of Festival Seed funding before moving to the Festival operating program

Level of support

In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F, support through the City of Edmonton Community Investment Program may be provided to a maximum of 25% of the applicant's operating budget

Recommendations 2013

Festival	2013 Grant Recommendation
All is Bright on 124	\$20,000
Anatolian Food Festival Edmonton	\$2,000
ArbreDeVie Youth CreatiVibes 2013	\$10,500
ArtSpirit Festival	\$3,000
Avenue Goes to the Dogs	\$4,700
DEDfest	\$10,000
Edmonton Jewish Film Festival	\$10,000
Edmonton Rock Music Festival	\$15,000
Edmonton Turkish Festival	\$15,000
Found Festival (The)	\$3,700
Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival	\$5,500
Hip Hop in the Park	\$2,000
Pure Speculation Festival	\$3,000
Snowglobe Festival of Children's Theatre	\$10,000
TALES	\$16,000
Up + Downtown Music and Visual Art Festival	\$20,000
Total	\$150,400

Attachment 2:

Brief Detail on Recommended Grants

All is Bright on 124

Run by the 124 Street Business Association, this free event is planned for late November. It will include light-installations, performances and activities on 124 street.

Anatolian Food Festival

Planned for the Labour Day long weekend in Old Strathcona, this event will showcase cultures from the eastern Mediterranean region through food, dance and other cultural displays.

ArbreDeVie Youth Creativibes

This youth-focussed event is planned for Centennial Plaza in July, along with a performance at the Winspear centre. Music, dance, visual art, fashion displays are planned.

ArtSpirit Festival

This multi-disciplinary, week-long series of events is focussed on the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Old Strathcona in late May 2013. Programming includes local filmmakers, writers, visual artists and musicians.

Avenue Goes to the Dogs

Planned for the weekend of July 13/14 at Eastwood Park near 118 ave, this event is run by Community Response to Urban Disorder. Shelters, rescue societies, dog training and dog performance groups are key partners.

DEDfest

DEDfest is a horror, cult and sci-fi film festival. It runs at MetroCinema at the Garneau Theatre in October.

Edmonton Jewish Film Festival

Over four days in late May 2013, the Jewish Film Festival will screen films from all over the world at the Citadel Theatre.

Edmonton Rock Music Festival

This event occurs at the Heritage Amphitheatre in Hawrelak Park in August.

Edmonton Turkish Festival

Held in Old Strathcona in June, this weekend celebration of Turkish culture includes dance, food and other displays.

The Found Festival

The Common Ground Arts Society curates this event. In late June 10 different site-specific works will be created and displayed in and around Old Strathcona.

Heart of the City Music and Arts Festival

This event is run at Giovanni Caboto Park in early June. It is a full multi-disciplinary arts festival featuring performances, merchant tents, activities and displays, with a focus on accessibility and relevance to inner city residents.

Hip Hop in the Park

This celebration of hip-hop music and dance is planned for Louise McKinney Park and other venues in May.

Pure Speculation Festival

This volunteer run event is a celebration of science fiction, fantasy, comics and gaming. It is planned for the downtown MacEwan University campus in November.

The Snowglobe Festival of Children's Theatre

Presented by Azimuth Theatre in partnership with Promise Productions, this five day theatre festival in December will present educational and affordable theatre aimed at families.

TALES Story Telling Festival

The Alberta League Encouraging Story Telling (TALES) puts on this festival over the Labour Day weekend at Fort Edmonton Park. Workshops and storytelling performances are featured.

Up+Downtown Music and Visual Art Festival

The inaugural year of this multi-disciplinary event will feature ten venues presenting a variety of work over the Thanksgiving weekend in October 2013