

# Community Investment Program – Project Grant for Individual Artists

## Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the grant recommendations as outlined in Attachment 2 of the October 9, 2012, Edmonton Arts Council report 2012EAC011, be approved.

## Report Summary

**A total of \$600,000 is recommended in funding to support 52 projects.**

## Report

- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30 PM on July 3, 2012.
- One hundred and forty five applications were received. This is an increase of about 15 percent over last year.
- 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 Peer 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 September 12, 2012 meeting.
- In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F, each applicant was notified of the jury's recommendation.
- Fifty two grants are recommended.
- This was a competitive process; the Jury identified more worthy projects than could be supported by the funds available.
- This program has one deadline annually.

## Justification of Recommendation

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

## Attachments

1. Program summary
2. List of Grant Recommendations 2012

## Background Information Available on Request from the Department

1. Full Program Guidelines

## **Program Summary**

Individual artists and their work are the foundation of our arts community. Working alone or in groups they pursue projects that develop their practice, advance creative thought, contribute to an art form and provide our community with a reflection of itself. These projects are the research and development activity of the creative sector, feeding the greater arts ecosystem locally and for export.

### **Purpose**

Project Grants for Individual Artists are intended to support the activities of individual, professional, Edmonton artists for a specific time towards a specific project. Projects can be individual or collective and could include creation, development, curation, exhibition or production of work in any art form as well as professional development. Grants cannot be applied to activity undertaken prior to the application deadline.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. be an adult professional artist who has lived in the City of Edmonton for at least 12 months at the time of application (Professional artist is further defined in the guidelines).
2. not be in arrears with the City of Edmonton as of the time of application
3. have no overdue Edmonton Arts Council final reports

### **Level of Support**

Funds are usually limited, and grants are not guaranteed. Grants may be awarded to a normal maximum of \$25,000.