

# Edmonton Arts Council – Community Investment Program Festival Seed Grant Recommendations

## Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1 of the May 24, 2011, Edmonton Arts Council report 2011EAC022, be approved.

## Report Summary

**A total of \$174,500 is recommended in Festival Seed funding.**

## Report

- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2011.
- Nine eligible applications were received.
- 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 its May 11, 2011 meeting.
- In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F, each applicant was notified of the jury's grant recommendation and advised of the

Edmonton Arts Council's appeals process.

- No applicant indicated intent to appeal.
- Support is recommended for all nine applicants.

## Justification of Recommendation

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

## Attachments

2011 Community Investment Program – Festival Seed grant recommendations and program summary.

## Attachment 1

**Festival Seed Grant Recommendations**

<b>Festival (Organization)</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Deep Freeze (Arts on the Ave)	\$ 24,000
Edmonton Comedy Festival	\$ 25,000
Heart of the City Festival Society	\$ 8,500
Lunar New Year Extravaganza	\$ 6,500
River City Roundup	\$ 50,000
The Rubaboo Arts Festival (Workshop West)	\$ 18,000
The Sounds of Old Strathcona (Old Strathcona B.A.)	\$ 30,000
Stripped Down Festival of Dramatic Writing (Theatre Yes)	\$ 5,000
Thousand Faces Festival of Mythic Art (Theatre Prospero)	\$ 7,500

**2011 Festival Seed grant program summary****Purpose**

The Community Investment Program Festival Seed Grant Program provides limited operating assistance to resident non-profit organizations in Edmonton. Funds are meant to support new or emerging festivals, or special projects from established festivals with a focus on joint or collaborative initiatives.

**Eligibility**

An applicant must be a registered non-profit organization and plan to produce a festival within the corporate limits of the City of Edmonton. The main purpose of the festival must be the celebration of some theme of interest and appeal to the general public, have predetermined opening and closing dates, and have an obvious presence in the community.

**Level of support**

Support through the City of Edmonton Community Investment Program may be provided to a maximum of 25% of the applicant's operating budget. Festivals can only receive two years of Seed funding, and then must move to the Festival Operating program.