

# Edmonton Arts Council - 2019 Arts Building Operating Grant Recommendations

## Recommendation

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the recommendations, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the August 21, 2019, Edmonton Arts Council report CR\_7415, be approved.

## Executive Summary

A total of \$418,900 is recommended in funding to support 18 facilities.

## Report

- Applications were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council (EAC) up to June 3, 2019.
- Eighteen (18) applications were received.
- EAC staff analyzed the applications. In several cases more information or clarity was sought from the applicants.
- All 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 EAC Board accepted the recommendations at their July 2019 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, but are linked to real changes in expenses or circumstances.
- The Cornerstone Arts Operating process for major organizations with facilities also supports Building Operating costs (see reports CR\_62 from May 2013, and CR\_6838 from February 2019).
- The recommendations are made in accordance with Policy C211H.
- The EAC is currently working on implementing the Connections & Exchanges 10-year plan for Arts and Heritage, which includes a measurement, evaluation and learning framework. This program will be reviewed as part of that discussion, and appropriate measurement indicators will be developed and implemented concurrently with that transition.
- Additional background information available on request:
  - Full Program Guidelines

**Attachment**

1. Program summary and recommended grants