



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORT

From: Councillor Meagan Brame
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Subject: CRD Arts Commission Report

On January 22, 2020, the Commission awarded the 2020 Operating Grants. There were nine multi-year programs carried over from last year – 2nd of 3-year limit. Twenty-two applicants for single year operating grants. Of the 22 grants, 19 were applicants that received funding last year and two were new to this grant program.

The total amount of funding going to Operating Grants is: \$2,204,400.00

Annual Operating Grants offer support to organizations that can provide a benefit to the community as assessed through a competitive application process. The Arts Advisory Council makes recommendations for operating grants in accordance with their mandate as laid out in Bylaw 2973. The assessment results in a set of recommendations that reflect a value statement on the goals of the operating grant program to support key organizations of regional significance that maintain annual ongoing programming.

Of the two new applications for Operating Funding – one was deemed eligible and one was not. That application was encouraged to apply once again through the Project Grant process as its budget did not meet the minimum requirement.

The Arts Commission appears to be feeling the success of our Strategic Goals of Awareness, Access, Growth, Funding and Granting. In each of our granting processes we have had new applicants applying which is allowing more areas to have access to funds. The downside is that there is only a finite amount of funds.

In February, the Arts Commission will review its Strategic Plan and look to next goals and plans.

Attached – Attachment 1: 2020 Operating Grant recipients and Strategic Plan Snapshot.

Respectfully,

Councillor Meagan Brame