



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Members, Select Committee on Arts, Culture, Heritage Grants File No.: COM 1.7(g)

FROM: Hilary Erasmus, Manager of Communications and Culture

DATE: May 2, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Applications

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider awarding grant funding

Attachments:

1. Corporate Policy RD-12-17 Cultural Endowment Fund Grants
2. Arts, Culture, Heritage Grants Scoring Package
3. 2025 Grant Applications

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated May 2, 2025, scoring package and applications from the following organizations, be received for information: Alban Classical Artists Society, Dunster Fine Arts School Society, The Exploration Place, Fraser Lyric Opera Society, Inspiring Women Among Us, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, Method Dance Society, Northern BC Queer Connection Society, Prince George Community Band, Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association, Prince George Folkfest Society, Robson Valley Music Society, Theatre Northwest, White Spruce City Chorus Chapter of Sweet Adelines International and the Wishbone Theatre.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Member/1 vote	Majority

### ISSUE(S):

A total of 15 applications were received in the 2025 intake for Arts, Culture, Heritage Grants. The Committee is asked to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Regional District Board on awarding grant funding.

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

RD-12-17 Cultural Endowment Fund Grants

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business |  |   |

### SERVICE RELEVANCE:

N/A

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The 15 applications request a total of \$127,071. The current balance of the Cultural Endowment Fund is \$1,631,607 and the total 2025 budget for Cultural Endowment Fund expenses was approved at \$50,000 by the Regional District Board.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

N/A

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendations.
  - The organizations will receive the requested funding for their projects.

Other Options:

- a. Do not approve the grant funding applications
  - The organizations will not receive funding for their projects.

**COMMENTS:**

The 15 applications received are from:

- Alban Classical Artists Society for \$7,500 for two concert performances
- Dunster Fine Arts School Society for \$10,000 for a youth film camp
- The Exploration Place for \$10,000 for children's STEAM Gallery
- Fraser Lyric Opera Society for \$10,000 for children's summer camp
- Inspiring Women Among Us for \$7,000 for November 2025 event
- Mackenzie Community Arts Council for \$9,921 for flooring
- Method Dance Society for \$8,000 for Community Moves festival
- Northern BC Queer Connection Society for \$7,650 for the Pride Picnic
- Prince George Community Band for \$4,000 for music library and equipment
- Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association for \$5,000 for Winterfest
- Prince George Folkfest Society for \$10,000 for Dak'et, Shun Inli
- Robson Valley Music Society for \$10,000 for the Robson Valley Music Festival
- Theatre Northwest for \$10,000 for accessibility upgrades
- White Spruce City Chorus Chapter of Sweet Adelines International for \$8,000 for risers
- Wishbone Theatre for \$10,000 for the production of Mourning After

With this extensive list of applicants and a total request of \$127,071 far exceeding the approved budget of \$50,000, the Committee may want to consider giving preference to organizations that have not received a previous grant for an annual special event as outlined in the Scoring Package. Approved grant applications from the last three intakes in 2020, 2023 and 2024 are attached for reference.

Respectfully submitted,

***"Hilary Erasmus"***

Hilary Erasmus  
Manager of Communications and Culture

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## BACKGROUNDER

### **2024 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Recipients approved for a total of \$93,980**

1. Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association for \$5,000 for Winterfest
2. Dunster Fine Arts School Society for \$10,000 for a youth film workshop
3. Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society for \$10,000 for construction of a storage shed
4. Mackenzie Community Arts Council for \$9,900 for renovations for the Mackenzie Pottery Guild
5. Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association for \$2,830 for entertainment at Morfee Lake Scramble
6. Prince George Folkfest Society for \$10,000 for the Dak'et Shun Inli Festival
7. Prince George Symphony Orchestra for \$9,250 for the performance of Nanaboozhoo and the Ants
8. Robson Valley Music Society for \$10,000 for Robson Valley Music Festival
9. Prince George Regional Art Gallery Association for \$7,000 for Community Art Days
10. Wishbone Theatre Productions for \$10,000 for the production of Limelight – A Visit to Vaudeville

### **2023 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Recipients approved for a total of \$33,600**

1. Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association for \$5,000 for Winterfest
2. Mackenzie Community Arts Council for \$5,000 for an outdoor pop-up art exhibit
3. Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association for \$3,600 for entertainment at the Morfee Lake Scramble
4. Prince George Folkfest Society for \$5,000 for the Dak'et, Shun Inli music festival
5. Prince George Symphony Orchestra for \$5,000 for Pops in the Park enhancements
6. Theatre Northwest for \$5,000 for ASL interpretation services
7. Wishbone Theatre for \$5,000 for the production of Showdown – A Western Musical

### **2020 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Recipients approved for a total of \$26,500**

1. Exploration Place for \$1,500 for online programming
2. Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association for \$5,000 for Winterfest
3. Prince George Folkfest Society for \$5,000 for ColdSnap
4. Prince George Symphony Orchestra for \$5,000 for a 50th anniversary composition
5. Two Rivers Gallery for \$5,000 for online programming
6. Wishbone Theatre for \$5,000 for the production of Falling Out of Place