



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

FROM: Hilary Erasmus, Manager of Communications and Culture

DATE: April 22, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 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. 2026 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated April 22, 2026, regarding “2026 Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Applications” and scoring package from the following organizations be received for information: Dunster Fine Arts Society, Fraser Headwaters Alliance, Fraser Lyric Opera, Huble Homestead, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, Northern BC Maker Collective, Northern BC Queer Connection Society, Prince George Community Band, Prince George Metis Community Association, The Exploration Place, Theatre Northwest, Two Rivers Gallery, White Spruce City Chorus, and Wishbone Theatre Productions.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Member/1 vote	Majority

ISSUE(S):

A total of 14 eligible applications were received in the 2026 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:

1. Policy RD-12-17 - Cultural Endowment Fund Grants
 - To provide grants for the benefit of arts, culture and heritage programs and services within the Regional District.

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 14 applications request a total of \$110,121. The Regional District Board of Directors approved \$55,000 in total Cultural Endowment Fund expenses for the 2026 budget year.

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 14 applications have been received from:

- Dunster Fine Arts Society for \$10,000 for a youth film camp
- Fraser Headwaters Alliance for \$5,287 for This River Runs Through Us art project
- Fraser Lyric Opera for \$4,500 for a children's summer camp
- Huble Homestead for \$10,000 for a website project
- Mackenzie Community Arts Council for \$10,000 for building signage
- Northern BC Maker Collective for \$7,000 for the Art Meets Tech showcase
- Northern BC Queer Connection Society for \$6,000 for the Pride Picnic
- Prince George Community Band for \$6,000 for supplies, equipment and event hosting
- Prince George Metis Community Association for \$10,000 for a community event and a Louis Riel Day celebration
- The Exploration Place for \$10,000 for retractable steps
- Theatre Northwest for \$10,000 for flooring
- Two Rivers Gallery for \$7,334 for Community Art Days
- White Spruce City Chorus for \$4,000 for risers
- Wishbone Theatre Productions for \$10,000 for the production of Mourning After

With this extensive list of applicants, and a total request of \$110,121 exceeding the approved budget of \$55,000, the Committee may consider giving preference to organizations that have not received a previous grant for an annual special event, as outlined in the Scoring Package. A history of Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant recipients from 2020 to 2025 is attached for reference.

Respectfully submitted,

"Hilary Erasmus"

Hilary Erasmus
Manager of Communications and Culture

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BACKGROUND**Arts, Culture, Heritage Grant Recipients**

2025	Project details	Amount awarded	
1 Dunster Fine Arts School Society	youth film camp	\$ 8,000	
2 Fraser Lyric Opera Society	children's summer camp	\$ 2,500	
3 Mackenzie Community Arts Council	flooring	\$ 9,921	
4 Method Dance Society	Community Moves festival	\$ 6,000	
5 Northern BC Queer Connection Society	Pride Picnic	\$ 2,000	
6 Prince George Community Band	music library and equipment	\$ 4,000	
7 The Exploration Place	children's STEAM gallery	\$ 7,500	
8 Theatre Northwest	accessibility upgrades	\$ 2,275	
9 Wishbone Theatre Productions	production of Mourning After	\$ 8,000	\$50,196
2024			
1 Dunster Fine Arts School Society	youth film workshop	\$ 10,000	
2 Huble Homestead	construction of a storage shed	\$ 10,000	
3 Mackenzie Community Arts Council	Mackenzie Pottery Guild renovations	\$ 9,900	
4 Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association	Morfee Lake Scramble entertainment	\$ 2,830	
5 Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association	Winterfest	\$ 5,000	
6 Prince George Folkfest Society	Dak'et Shun Inli Festival	\$ 10,000	
7 Two Rivers Gallery	Community Art Days	\$ 7,000	
8 Prince George Symphony Orchestra	Nanaboozhoo and the Ants	\$ 9,250	
9 Robson Valley Music Society	Robson Valley Music Festival	\$ 10,000	
10 Wishbone Theatre Productions	production of Limelight	\$ 10,000	\$83,980
2023			
1 Mackenzie Community Arts Council	outdoor pop-up art exhibit	\$ 5,000	
2 Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association	Morfee Lake Scramble entertainment	\$ 3,600	
3 Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association	Winterfest	\$ 5,000	
4 Prince George Folkfest Society	Dak'et, Shun Inli music festival	\$ 5,000	
5 Prince George Symphony Orchestra	Pops in the Park enhancements	\$ 5,000	
6 Theatre Northwest	ASL interpretation services	\$ 5,000	
7 Wishbone Theatre Productions	production of Showdown	\$ 5,000	\$33,600
2020			
1 Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association	Winterfest	\$ 5,000	
2 Prince George Folkfest Society	ColdSnap	\$ 5,000	
3 Prince George Symphony Orchestra	50th anniversary composition	\$ 5,000	
4 The Exploration Place	online programming	\$ 1,500	
5 Two Rivers Gallery	online programming	\$ 5,000	
6 Wishbone Theatre Productions	production of Falling Out of Place	\$ 5,000	\$26,500