



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 17-307**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Colin Wiginton, Cultural Director, Cultural Services
Date of Meeting: November 21, 2017
Subject: Canadian Heritage Grant Agreement through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund: Grand OnStage

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to enter into a grant agreement with Canadian Heritage to receive up to \$50,000 in funding per year for the 2018-2021 fiscal years to defray costs associated with the Grand OnStage series.

Currently, the Cultural Services Department has delegated approval and signing authority to authorize the Mayor to approve and sign Grant Applications that enable the Department to access funding from higher levels of government. Council approval is still required should these Grant Applications prove to be successful, as in this case.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Grant Agreement issued by the Minister of Canadian Heritage, in the amount of up to \$50,000, through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services; and

That Council authorize the Commissioner of Community Services, or the Cultural Director as his/her delegate, to complete, sign and submit cash flow statements and other reports as required by Canadian Heritage as part of the Grant Agreement.

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Options/Discussion:

Since 2009, the Cultural Services Department has been able to secure funding through Canadian Heritage on an annual basis to defray costs associated with the city-led performing arts programs presented at the Grand Theatre. This funding, provided through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, is critical as it makes it possible to present a level of programming that features the highest level of artists and artistry across many disciplines.

The objective of this program, as defined by Canadian Heritage, is to provide Canadians with access to a variety of professional artistic experiences in their communities. This funding makes it possible for city staff to provide Kingston residents with a varied program through the Grand Theatre that balances community-based presentations with commercial rentals and a mixed program that features contemporary dance, theatre, music and world music from Canada and beyond.

Staff were recently notified the City of Kingston is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 per year in 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to defray costs associated with the Grand OnStage series. Council approval is required to execute the Grant Agreement that has been provided and city staff are also requesting that the Commissioner of Community Services, or the Cultural Director as his/her delegate, be authorized to complete, sign and submit cash flow statements and other reports as required by Canadian Heritage as part of the grant agreement.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

Not applicable

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

Financial Considerations:

The 2018 Cultural Services operating budget, as approved by Council, includes \$45,000 in revenue to be received from Canadian Heritage through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund. This amount has been built into the operating budget and forecast budgets for each year and is based on the success of past applications as well as information received through Canadian Heritage.

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Exhibits Attached:

Not applicable