

# Councillor Request Inquiry # 11-2019

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2019

**April 16, 2016 Information Request:**

**Please provide information on how the County funds various arts initiatives, including information on any policies, granting processes, or budgets dedicated to such projects and is there an Arts Council or other such entity in place.**

The response to Councillor Tonita's request is attached. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact Teresa Koslo, Manager of Cultural Services at (780) 464-8489.

## Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Investment Program

The Cultural Services Branch, which operates within the Recreation, Parks and Culture Department, guides the cultural development of Strathcona County by providing management, programming, grants, facilitation and evaluation of services in arts, culture and heritage.

*Policy SER-011-012 - Cultural Services* was approved in 2010 to manage this endeavor, accompanied with an Implementation Plan. These are the guiding documents used for service provision in the areas of arts, culture and heritage. Strategy 5 within the Implementation Plan relates directly to your inquiry

### ***Funding of Arts Initiatives:***

*“Through facilitation support and expanded grant programs, strengthen the artistic capacity, excellence, accessibility and work to ensure the operational sustainability of Strathcona County’s cultural assets, inclusive of facilities and non-profit organizations.”*

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Investment Program was developed to enable and encourage arts, culture and heritage programs and opportunities. Grant recipients must be registered Strathcona County not-for-profit organizations or individual artists who reside in the County.

In November of 2012, the Cultural Services Branch gathered the arts, cultural and heritage not-for-profit groups and organizations along with individual artists in Strathcona County to review the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Investment Program. The outcome of this engagement resulted in revised grant categories to better address the needs of the community and currently consist of:

- **Arts Development/Program/Project Grant** (Maximum \$5,000)  
The Arts Development/Program/Project Grant enables and encourages community not-for-profit arts, culture and heritage organizations to enhance their services and provide innovative community based arts, culture and heritage programs, projects and activities to the residents of Strathcona County.
- **Capital Equipment Grant** (Maximum \$5,000)  
The Capital Equipment Grant enables, encourages and assists community not-for-profit arts, culture and heritage organizations to purchase essential capital equipment that will enhance and develop their delivery of services to residents of Strathcona County.
- **Individual Artist Development Grant** (\$750.00)  
The Individual Artist Development Grant enables and encourages professional and emerging artists who live in Strathcona County to further their skills and to share their learnings with the wider cultural community, thereby enhancing cultural and heritage programs, projects and activities in Strathcona County.
- **Organizational Development Grant** (Maximum \$2,000)  
The Organizational Development Grant enables and encourages community not-for-profit arts, culture and heritage organizations to strengthen the skills and capacity of both their organization and volunteers, thereby improving their ability to provide innovative community-based arts, culture and heritage programs, projects and activities to the residents of Strathcona County.
- **Special Event or Festival Grant** (Maximum \$5,000)

The Special Event Grant enables, encourages and assists community not-for-profit arts, culture and heritage organizations to produce or enhance multi-faceted arts, cultural and /or heritage events. Events must be held on one or more days in Strathcona County.

This grant program offers funding to interested applicants to promote arts and culture initiatives in our community with submission deadlines in May and November every year. Applications undergo an adjudication process where their peers, comprised of Strathcona County residents, assess all submissions towards possible funding. During the 2019 budget process, Council approved an increase of \$20,000 for a total of \$96,000 in available funding. Administration reviews the program annually to ensure that we continue to meet community needs.

The Recreation, Parks and Culture Department provides the grant guidelines and application forms on the Strathcona County website by accessing the link to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Investment Program at [strathcona.ca/community-families/community-programs/grants-and-funding/arts-culture-grants/](https://strathcona.ca/community-families/community-programs/grants-and-funding/arts-culture-grants/)

While the Cultural Services Branch oversees arts, culture and heritage interests for Strathcona County, we collaborate with a number of organizations in our community including the Arts and Culture Council of Strathcona County (ACCSC). The ACCSC takes on a leadership role with a mandate to create and encourage an environment that advances the arts and culture community. Their efforts concentrate not only on promoting, advocating and educating their own membership, but also to network with the entire arts and culture community through meetings, workshops, website, signature events and speakers.

I hope this information is helpful. Should you need more information, please feel free to ask.

## ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Year	Phase I (Jan-Jun)	Phase II (Jul-Aug)	Applicant	Grant Request	Purpose	Funds Requests	Funds Received
2018	X		Alberta Wildlife Carving Association	Special Event or Festival	Images of Nature Show	\$3,125.00	\$2,500.00
	X		Ardrossan Ukrainian Dancing Association	Capital Equipment	Costumes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Ardrossan Ukrainian Dancing Association	Special Event or Festival	Ardrossan Yatran Year End Concert	\$3,660.00	\$1,100.00
	X		Art Society of Strathcona County	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Workshops	\$3,132.50	\$3,132.00
	X		Art Society of Strathcona County	Special Event or Festival	Open Art Studio Tour	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
	X		Elk Island Regional Honour Choir Assn.	Special Event or Festival	Imagine Concert	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	X		Josephburg Agricultural Society	Arts Development/ Program/Project	"Josephburg Presents" Concert Series	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
	X		Josephburg Agricultural Society	Capital Equipment	Livestock Panels (declined - doesn't meet Cultural criteria)	\$2,690.00	\$0.00
	X		Paddy Lamb	Artist Development	Three Dimensional Installations and Multi-Media Works	\$750.00	\$750.00
	X		Sherwood Park Festival Singers	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Festival Singers Fall Workshop and Christmas Concert	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
	X		Sherwood Park Music Festival Assn	Special Event or Festival	Sherwood Park Music Festival	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
	X		Strathcona County Heritage Foundation	Capital Equipment	Computer Hardware and Software Upgrade	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Strathcona County Heritage Foundation	Special Event or Festival	Family Day Pancake Breakfast	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00

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2018	X		Wye String Ensemble	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Musical development and orchestra fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	X		Wye String Ensemble	Special Event or Festival	15th Annual Year End Concert	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
PHASE 1 TOTAL						\$54,057.50	\$39,682.00

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2018		X	Alberta Wildlife Carving Association	Capital Equipment	Purchase 10 Beginner Carving Sets	\$5,933.70	\$1,500.00
		X	Ardrossan Music Parents Socieity	Capital Equipment	Instruments for Band Program	\$4,998.50	\$4,998.50
		X	Art Society of Strathcona County	Arts Development/ Program/Project	ASSC Workshops (Sept - Nov)	\$2,415.00	\$1,200.00
		X	Arts and Culture Council of Strathcona County	Special Event or Festival	2nd Annual Heritage Festival	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
		X	Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Art Connection	\$5,650.00	\$600.00
		X	Corinne J Chorney	Individual Artist Development	Gerald Mendez Airbrush Workshop	\$550.00	\$550.00
		X	Festival Place Cultural Arts Foundation	Organizational Development	Redesign of Website	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
		X	Isabelle Kusio	Individual Artist Development	Fund residency in Germany	\$750.00	\$0.00
		X	Josephburg Agricultural Society	Special Event or Festival	Christmas in the Heartland	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
		X	Josephburg Agricultural Society	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Josephburg Presents	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
		X	Sherwood Park Festival Singers	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Fall Workshop and Christmas Concert	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
		X	Strathcona County Heritage Foundation	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Enhancing Exhibits	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
		X	Strathcona County Heritage Foundation	Special Event or Festival	Halloween Event	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
		X	Vincent Roper	Individual Artist Development	Painting Supplies	\$750.00	\$750.00
		X	Writers Foundation of Strathcona County	Special Event or Festival	Words in the Park (AB Culture Days)	\$3,600.00	\$3,000.00
		X	Wye Community League	Special Event or Festival	La Fête in June 2018 (Festival)	\$2,500.00	\$400.00

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		X	Wye String Ensemble	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Strathcona County String Music Camp 2018	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
		X	Wye String Ensemble	Capital Equipment	Purchase music	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
PHASE 2 TOTAL						\$68,147.20	\$35,998.50
TOTALS for 2018						\$122,204.70	\$75,680.50

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2019	X		Alberta Wildlife Carving Association	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Carving in the Park Classes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Ardrossan Ukrainian Dancing Association	Capital Equipment	Costumes	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00
	X		Ardrossan Ukrainian Dancing Association	Special Event or Festival	Ardrossan Yatran Year End Concert	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00
	X		Art and Culture Council of Strathcona County	Capital Equipment	Laptop	\$560.00	\$600.00
	X		Art and Culture Council of Strathcona County	Special Event or Festival	Arty Party Workshop	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
	X		Art Society of Strathcona County	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Workshops	\$4,270.00	\$4,270.00
	X		Art Society of Strathcona County	Special Event or Festival	2019 Open Art Studio Tour	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	X		Carleen Ross	Individual Artist Development	Book Publishing Expenses	\$750.00	\$750.00
	X		Elk Island Regional Honor Choirs Association	Special Event or Festival	Annual "Imagine" Concert	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	X		Sherwood Park Festival Singers	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Festival Singers Fall Workshop and Christmas Concert	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Gerry Dotto	Individual Artist Development	Creation of Artwork	\$750.00	\$750.00
	X		Josephburg Agricultural Society	Arts Development/ Program/Project	"Josephburg Presents" Concert	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Josh Harnack	Individual Artist Development	Travel Expenses for Creation of Artwork	\$750.00	\$750.00
	X		Sharon Rubuliak	Individual Artist Development	Coursework	\$750.00	\$750.00
	X		Sherwood Park Music Festival	Special Event or Festival	Annual Performing Arts Festival	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Strathcona County Heritage Foundation	Arts Development/ Program/Project	Time Travelling Science Camp	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	X		Suzan Berwald	Individual Artist Development	Coursework	\$750.00	\$0.00

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	X		Tania Garner-Tomas	Individual Artist Development	Materials/tools purchases	\$750.00	\$0.00
	X		Writers Foundation of Strathcona County	Organizational Development	Website Upgrade	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
PHASE 1 TOTAL						\$50,570.00	\$49,110.00

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### YEAR OVERVIEW

	# GRANT REQUESTS	GRANTS REQUESTED	GRANTS AWARDED	ADJUDICATORS HONOURARIUM	TOTALS
2018 PHASE 1	15	54,057.50	39,682.00	450	
PHASE 2	18	68,147.20	35,998.50	450	
	33	122,204.70	75,680.50	900	76,580.50
2019 PHASE 1	19	50,570	49,110	450	49,560