

NEWS RELEASE

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Information Sessions for Cultural Grant Applicants

Introduction of changes coming to the City's cultural funding programs

Summary

The Culture & Heritage Department is hosting two information sessions designed for cultural grant applicants, in order to provide an overview of the upcoming changes to the City's cultural grant funding programs (Cultural Operating Grants / Events & Festivals Grants) in 2016 (to be applied for in late 2015).

Sessions will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in the Port Theatre Harmac Room with times as follows (please select one):

DAY SESSION: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

EVENING SESSION: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP is not required but appreciated. Please direct any questions you may have directly to the Culture & Heritage Department at cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca.

Strategic Link: Community Building Partnerships: Through its culture and heritage funding programs, the City of Nanaimo supports non-profit organizations in their provision of cultural vitality programs and services to the community.

Key Points

- In 2013, Council requested that a review of the City's cultural funding program process / criteria be undertaken as part of the cultural planning process.
- The purpose of the review was to ensure that the City's cultural funding programs reflected strategic investment based on clear and consistent criteria and was aligned with the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo and the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.
- A final report has been completed (City of Nanaimo Cultural Funding Program Review by Mollineaux Management) and outlines the recommended changes.
- Based on these recommendations, an updated grant program will be implemented for the fiscal year 2016 (to be applied for in late 2015).

Quotes

"The culture and heritage funding review process will help to better align the City of Nanaimo's cultural funding program with the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan and the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo, while supporting the community's non-profits in creating culture vitality."

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