

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Accepting Applications for 2016 Culture and Heritage Grants**

*Deadline for submission is Monday, 2015-OCT-19 at 8:30 am*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications from community organizations seeking financial assistance to support their cultural organization or events. Two grants are available to local non-profit organizations:

-- 2016 Culture and Heritage Operating Grants-- 2016 Culture and Heritage Project Grants

Guidelines, criteria and application forms can be found on the City's website ([www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) > Departments > Culture and Heritage > Culture and Heritage Grants), attached to this news release, in person at the Service & Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street), or by contacting the Culture & Heritage Department directly. The deadline for application submission is Monday, October 19, 2015 no later than 8:30 am.

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*Strategic Link:* These programs support Cultural Vitality, one of the four pillars of the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan. As well, they support the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo's strategy to support ongoing and stable core funding to non-profit arts and cultural organizations to enable them to leverage funding from other sources.

#### **Key Points**

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#### **Quotes**

"These grant programs help to underpin activities of Nanaimo's culture and heritage organizations, all of which contribute to our city's cultural and economic vitality."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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