



City Cultural Operating, Events & Festivals, Sport Tournament Grants Available

For Immediate Release

September 29, 2010- The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications from community organizations needing financial assistance to support their cultural or sport organization or events. Three grants are available to local non-profit organizations: Cultural Operating Grant, Arts, Cultural and Festivals Events Grant and the Sport Tournament Grant.

The City of Nanaimo recognizes the integral contribution arts, cultural and sport activities bring to the City of Nanaimo. "The economic and social benefits generated by our local organizations is impressive", says Liz Williams, Manager of Tourism Services. "To these ends, the City of Nanaimo affirms its ongoing commitment to encourage and support an active and successful art, culture and sport sector within the community".

Cultural Operating Grants are available to non-profit arts and cultural organizations to assist with operating costs. Seed money is also available to new and emerging organizations. Eligibility and evaluation guidelines are included on the application form which can be found online at www.nanaimo.ca . Applications must be received by November 1st, 2010. The Cultural Committee of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission will be reviewing the applications before the end of 2010.

There are two deadlines for the Sports Tournament Grant application: November 1st for events hosted between January 1 to June 30 and May 1st for events hosted between July 1st and December 31st. Sport Tournament applications will be reviewed by the Recreation Committee of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Application forms for this grant are also available online at www.nanaimo.ca

Committee recommendations are forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and City Council for final approval.

If you have any questions about the grants and grant criteria please call Bob Kuhn or Liz Williams at 756-5200.

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