



2010 Cultural Operating Grants / Arts, Culture & Festivals Grants / Sport Tournament Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

September 28, 2009- Is your community group looking for funding? The City of Nanaimo recognizes the social and economic impact of arts, cultural and sporting activities held within our community. As such, the City has made available grant opportunities to assist community groups in the organization and implementation of programs and events.

Three grant programs are available to local organizations: The 'Cultural Operating Grant', is available to non-profit arts and cultural organizations to assist with operating costs. Seed money is also available to new and emerging organizations. 'Sport Tournament Grants' and 'Arts, Cultural and Festival Grants' are available to assist local organizations in the hosting of events that utilize services and facilities within the City of Nanaimo.

According to Liz Williams, Manager, Sport Tourism and Marketing for the City of Nanaimo, "The grant programs are designed to support local groups in their efforts to provide arts and cultural programming and/or to host local events or attract events to our community. Events or tournaments held in Nanaimo have a significant economic impact in the city, as well as contributing to our community spirit and pride."

The City of Nanaimo 'Cultural Operating Grant', the 'Arts, Cultural and Festivals Grant' application deadline is Monday, November 2, 2009. The deadline for the 'Sport Tournament Grant' is also November 2, 2009 for events occurring between January 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010. A second deadline of May 1, 2010 is for events occurring July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Application forms are available at Beban Park Recreation Centre, Bowen Park Recreation Centre and Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. They can also be found online at www.nanaimo.ca. Eligibility and evaluation guidelines are included within the forms. For more information about the City of Nanaimo 2010 'Operating Grant' or the 'Arts, Cultural and Festival Grant', please contact Bob Kuhn, Recreation and Culture Manager, at 250 755 7512. For information about 2010 Sport Tournament Grants contact Liz Williams, Manager, Sport Tourism and Marketing, at 250 755 7514.

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