

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City of Nanaimo responds to need and opportunity in the arts & culture community**

*Intake now open for the City's 2021 Resilience Grant*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for a special, one-time Resilience Grant, which supports arts and culture activity in 2021. The grant is administered through Culture & Events.

This grant opportunity is specially designed to respond to the emerging needs of Nanaimo's arts and culture community with flexible, rapid one-time funding. Offering awards in the range of \$1,000 to \$5,000, the program is intended to help recipients navigate changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, while supporting local initiatives that contribute to the stability of the arts and culture ecosystem, help with community resiliency, create public value, and take advantage of emerging opportunities.

Individual artists, collectives and non-profit organizations with an arts and culture mandate are eligible to apply. Full details about eligible activities, costs and funding priorities are contained in the program guidelines.

Guidelines, criteria and application forms are available online ([www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants](http://www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/grants)), attached to this news release, or by contacting the Culture & Events office directly. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2021 at midnight. Please reference application package for more information.

**Strategic Link:** The Resilience Grant 2021 aligns with the goals of the City of Nanaimo's Strategic Plan and the Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo by: creating a vibrant culture of innovation, stewardship and partnership to encourage a diverse and healthy economy now and into the future; supporting arts and culture as an integral part of everyday life; and strengthening the creative sector by investing in organizations and people who animate our cultural spaces.

#### **Key Points**

- The Resilience Grant offers one-time funding in the range of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to Nanaimo-based individual artists, organizations or collectives with an arts or culture mandate.
- The program is designed to promote new, one-time programs, events, or initiatives taking place in 2021, and organizational activities designed to adapt or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The deadline for applications is March 1, 2021 at midnight.

#### **Quotes**

"This rapid-response grant program has been specially designed for Nanaimo's arts and culture community in 2021. It's intended to contribute to community resiliency by supporting vibrancy and innovation in the sector. The City is listening and we are responding to our community's needs, and this grant represents one of the ways we're working to ensure that arts and culture is an integral part of every day life in Nanaimo."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor of Nanaimo

"Though the past months have presented hardship and uncertainty, it's also been a time of learning, creativity and opportunity. To support artists and organizations as they navigate change and make the most of new opportunities, this program prioritizes projects that build administrative and/or creative capacity, activities that pursue goals of equity, diversity, accessibility and inclusion, and outcomes linked to community wellness and prosperity."

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