

**Service 615 Electoral Areas Arts and Culture
Proposed Direct Community Group Grants**

PURPOSE

- To describe the proposed contributions to community arts and culture facilities and groups

BACKGROUND

- The service, established in 2014, supports grant funding to arts and culture facilities and groups in the Comox Valley by the electoral areas.
- Many grant recipients have received funding since the service was established
- Funding is primarily used to support facility operations.
- In 2022, \$15,000 of grant funding was approved to help fund the City of Courtenay Cultural Plan. Once complete further consideration of contracts or other funding strategies will be brought forward for consideration.
- Each community group must submit documentation annually in support of their proposed grant funding. As part of the grant re-engineering initiative, grants over \$30,000 will shift to a contract-based model, while smaller grants will remain application-based.

KEY POINTS

- Below grant contributions summary in relation to the overall operating expenditures of the organization put forth for either 2024 or 2025.

Organization	2024 Approved Grant	2025 Amount Requested	Overall Operating Budget+	Use of Grant
Comox Archives and Museum Society	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$68,250	Support operations and programming of museum exhibits
Courtenay and District Museum and Paleontology Centre	27,061	27,602	493,156	Support operations and programming of museum exhibits
Comox Valley Art Gallery	16,000	17,000	780,600*	Support operations and programming of an art gallery including
Cumberland Museum and Archives	6,500	7,000	301,000	Support operations and programming of museum exhibits
Comox Valley Community Arts Council	10,200	10,200	233,200	Support public events and staff wages

Organization	2024 Approved Grant	2025 Amount Requested	Overall Operating Budget+	Use of Grant
Comox Valley Farmers Market	4,080	4,080	209,500	Support operating costs including rental fees of exhibition grounds and wages
McLoughlin Gardens	-	3,500	19,200	Support operations including workshops and consultations from resident writer
Sid William Theatre	37,500	40,000	1,500,000*	Support operations of theatre for live performances
Unallocated	5,000	\$5,000	n/a	Placeholder for new requests to support art and culture events
Total Approved / Proposed Budget Line 214 Grants Conditional and 214 Unallocated	\$111,441	\$119,482		

*as provided by community group within 2025 grant request submission.

+figures are approximate and drawn from current and/or prior year grant request documentation.