

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve the Festivals Burnaby grant recommendations, as outlined in this report.

**REPORT****INTRODUCTION**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2020 February 05, considered Festivals Burnaby grant applications from community groups organizing small scale festivals in Burnaby.

**POLICY**

The provision of Festivals Burnaby grants to community groups is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

- A Connected Community
  - Social connection – enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
  - Celebrate diversity – create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity
  - Create a sense of community – provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life – encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors  
From Executive Committee of Council  
Re: Festivals Burnaby Grant Program Applications  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Committee of Council recommends the following Festivals Burnaby grants for Council's approval:

**#20-S-001 Mali Kurdistanian Society \$2,000**  
*Kurdish New Year Nawruz*

An application was received from the Mali Kurdistanian Society for the Kurdish New Year Nawruz to be held on 2020 March 21 at the Swangard Stadium. The festival includes musical performances (i.e. dancing, singing and poetry readings), Kurdish and Kurdish-inspired foods and beverages, family activities and picnics, and sharing of heritage and traditions with the community. Approximately 3,000 Kurds in Metro Vancouver participate in the celebration.

Request: \$6,000 CPA: 2019 - No Application  
2018 - No Application  
2017 - No Application

**#20-S-002 Vancouver Cantonese Opera \$3,500**  
*The Bamboo Theatre: A Cantonese Opera Festival*

An application was received from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for the Bamboo Theatre: A Cantonese Opera Festival to be held on 2020 May 30 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. The Bamboo Theatre is inspired by the historic festivals held in China, where travelling opera troupes performed on open-air bamboo stages, and strengthened community bonds through their performances. Cantonese opera is a unique combination of performing arts including singing, dancing, acting, miming and acrobatic movements. Since 2000, the Vancouver Cantonese Opera has produced more than 23 performances in Metro Vancouver.

Request: \$6,000 CPA: 2019 - No Application  
2018 - No Application  
2017 - \$3,500 (Small Scale Grant)\*

*\*Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2017 festival was cancelled and the grant was returned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
Chair

Mayor M. Hurley  
Vice Chair

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