

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: 11-S-006 FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANT APPLICATION – SMALL SCALE EVENT – FINLAND HOUSE SOCIETY

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

1. THAT Council award a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Finland House Society for a new event, FinnWest 2011, to be held 2011 July 29-31.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2011 April 21, received the *attached* report evaluating a Festivals Burnaby grant request from Finland House Society.

Due to the high number of Festivals Burnaby Grant applications received to date and the potential to receive additional applications before the next deadline, the Committee recommended Council award a Festivals Burnaby grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Finland House Society for FinnWest 2011, the 72nd Finnish Canadian Grant Cultural Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow Chair

Councillor P. Calendino Vice Chair

Councillor P. McDonell Member

Copied to: City Manager Director Parks, Recr. & Cult. Services Director Finance



TO:CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCILDATE:2011 April 11

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE: Grant Approval Request

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be requested to award a Festivals Burnaby Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Finland House Society for a new event, FinnWest 2011, to be held 2011 July 29 - July 31.

REPORT

Festivals and Special Events: Small Scale

Grant File 11-S-006: Finland House Society (FHS)

Application received:	2011 March 15
Project Budget:	\$92,000
Project Request:	\$10,000

An application request for \$10,000 has been received to support FinnWest 2011, the 72nd Finnish Canadian Grant Cultural Festival to be held 2011 July 29-July 31 at the Scandinavian Centre. The first festival was held in Sudbury in 1939 as part of the fundraising to support Finland during WWII. Since then, its focus has shifted to promoting and preserving Finnish culture and heritage in Canada. The festivals are now held annually in different cities across the country. This is the first time in 12 years that Finnish Canadians in Metro Vancouver will host the event. FinnWest 2011 is endorsed and licensed by the Finnish Canadian Cultural Federation and is expected to attract numerous entertainers, lecturers, artists and artisans.

The application by the Finland House Society has been completed in full and the applicant has demonstrated in the proposal and supplementary materials that they have the capacity to complete the project.

The City's grant would be directed solely towards the entertainment programming, supporting the visiting musicians with honorariums, their performances and stay while in the community.

It is recommended that the Executive Committee and Council award a Festivals Burnaby grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Finland House Society for FinnWest 2011, 2011 July 29-July 31.

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