



Rise and Report (Items Released from Closed Meeting)

On July 30, 2021, the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board of Directors authorized the following information to be released to the public following completion of any conditions:

- **2020 and 2021 Exempt Staff Compensation**

That the MVRD Board approve 2% and 2% general Increase for exempt staff salaries for the years 2020 and 2021 respectively, to be applied to the exempt salaries in accordance with the *Board Salary Administration System for Exempt Employees Policy*.

Released: August 3, 2021

- **Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants Regional Projects**

Report dated July 22, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants Regional Projects".

Released: August 9, 2021

- **Crippen Regional Park - Licence Agreement with Bowen Island Municipality for Construction of a Multi-Use Path**

That the MVRD Board approve the licence, by way of licence agreement, of approximately 420 square metres of land within Crippen Regional Park to Bowen Island Municipality for a five-year term and a nominal licence fee of \$10.00 for the term.

Released: February 21, 2023

CLOSED MEETING

To: MVRD Board of Directors

From: Regional Culture Committee

Date: July 22, 2021

Meeting Date: July 30, 2021

Subject: **Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects**

REGIONAL CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

a) approve the allocation of the 2021 Metro Vancouver cultural project grants as follows:

Arts Club Theatre Company	10,000
Arts Umbrella Association	8,000
Bill Reid Foundation (Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art)	5,000
Blueridge Chamber Music Society	10,000
Chinatown Today Society	3,000
Coquitlam Heritage Society	5,000
Dancers of Damelahamid Society	5,000
Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Society of Vancouver	5,000
East Vancouver Community Music School Society	2,500
Fort Langley Jazz and Arts Festival Society	10,000
Fraser Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society of BC (Fraser Valley Musical Theatre)	10,000
Health Arts Society	5,000
Hellenic Canadian Congress of British Columbia	5,000
Italian Cultural Centre Society	2,500
Latincouver Cultural and Business Society	10,000
Little Mountain Gallery Community Arts Performance Association	5,000
Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council (The ACT Arts Centre)	5,000
Maple Ridge Historical Society (Maple Ridge Museum)	5,000
Massey Theatre Society	5,000
Medusa Theatre Society	3,500
Monster Creative Productions Society	5,000
New Performance Works Society	3,000
Newworld Theatre Society	5,000
Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre	5,000
Peninsula Production Society	3,000
Presentation House Cultural Society (Presentation House Theatre)	5,000

Richmond Art Gallery Association	4,000
Richmond Arts Coalition	5,000
Richmond Gateway Theatre Society	5,000
Roedde House Preservation Society	2,500
Royal Academy of Bhangra Society	10,000
Sanjh Foundation	8,000
Satellite Video Exchange Society (VIVO Media Arts Centre)	5,000
Seismic Shift Arts Society (Dance House)	5,000
Shot of Scotch Dance Society	5,000
Some Assembly Arts Society (Some Assembly Theatre Company)	5,000
Still Moon Arts Society	10,000
Surrey City Orchestra Society	5,000
Theatre Terrific Society	5,000
Theatrix Youtheatre Society	5,000
United Scottish Cultural Society	5,000
Vancouver Art Gallery	10,000
Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre	5,000
Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society	5,000
Vancouver Cantonese Opera	3,000
Vancouver Comic Arts Association	5,000
Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra Society	5,000
Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	5,000
Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre Society	5,000
Vancouver Men's Chorus	10,000
Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra Society	5,000
Vancouver Society for Early Music (Early Music Vancouver)	2,500
Vancouver West Side Theatre Society (The Chutzpah! Festival and the Norman and Annette Rothstein Theatre)	5,000
West Van Theatre Company	4,500
Total 2021 Cultural Grants	300,000

- b) authorize the Corporate Officer to release to the public the report dated June 29, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects" including only attachments 1 to 5.

At its July 21, 2021 meeting, the Regional Culture Committee considered the attached report titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects", dated June 29, 2021. The Committee subsequently passed the recommendation as presented above.

This matter is being presented at a closed meeting pursuant to *Community Charter* provision(s) Section 90 (1)(j) as follows:

- “90 (1) A part of the meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.”

This matter is now before the Board for its consideration.

Attachment

“Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects”, dated June 29, 2021

CLOSED MEETING

To: Regional Culture Committee

From: Sarah Faucher, External Outreach Coordinator, External Relations

Date: June 29, 2021 Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: **Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) approve the allocation of the 2021 Metro Vancouver cultural project grants as follows: <<as determined by the Regional Culture Committee on July 21, 2021>>.
 - b) authorize the Corporate Officer to release to the public the report dated June 29, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects" including only attachments 1 to 5.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Culture Committee adjudicates the annual Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects, which are intended to support region-serving arts and culture projects. The allocation of 2021's grants factor in additional considerations related to COVID-19 impacts and adapted project delivery resilient to evolving public health measures. A record-breaking 106 grant applications have been received with a requested total of \$768,011. At the July 21, 2021 Regional Culture Committee meeting, members will discuss and review 54 shortlisted applications based on established criteria in order to finalize the recommendation for 2021 grant allocations to the MVRD Board for final approval and disbursement. Metro Vancouver's Cultural Grants Reserve will fund \$150,000 in annual cultural grants. As part of Metro Vancouver's safe restart and recovery support from the Province of BC's "COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments", the 2021 Regional Culture Project Grants also include a one-time increase of \$150,000 for a total disbursement of \$300,000.

PURPOSE

To undertake the adjudication and recommended allocation of the Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects in accordance with the Metro Vancouver cultural grants policy.

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BACKGROUND

Each year Metro Vancouver administers a process to determine the disbursement of cultural grants to successful applicants. The regional project grants support creation, production, dissemination, audience development, research, project staff and/or administrative capacity building. Project grants are awarded to a maximum of \$10,000 each.

The cultural project grants criteria (Attachment 1) require grant recipients to complete a follow-up report. Receipt of this report is a pre-condition for consideration of an organization's future grant applications. As a courtesy, a letter was sent to all 2020 recipients in March 2021 reminding them of their commitment to Metro Vancouver (Attachment 2). All successful applicants from 2020 supplied either a final or interim progress report on their project. All projects are tracking to reach completion, even if original timelines or delivery needed to be slightly modified in response to COVID-19 public health orders.

2021 Cultural Grants Announcement

Announcement of the 2021 Metro Vancouver regional cultural project grants was distributed on April 6, 2021 (Attachment 3). Social media channels, the April 2021 issue of Metro Vancouver's online newsletter, the *Metro Vancouver Update*, and a curated mailing list were used to promote the grant program and remind potential applicants of the deadline (Attachment 4). In addition, several regional culture organizations posted information in newsletters, blogs and on websites.

Recovering from COVID-19 Impacts

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the arts and culture sector. Across the spectrum of artistic and creative endeavours, restrictions on gatherings, changes in consumer behaviour (voluntary or otherwise), and severe unemployment have taken a devastating economic toll. Similar to the 2020 grants, the allocation of the 2021 grants incorporates additional considerations related to COVID-19 impacts, such as adapted project delivery options resilient to evolving public health orders.

As per a *BC Arts & Culture COVID-19 Impact Survey* (Reference 1), if organizations were offered unrestricted funds today, the priority category selected by the most survey respondents would be to invest in the creation of arts and culture programming.

An unprecedented grant application intake shattered previous records in both the number of applications received as well as the total amount of funds requested. To compare, in 2020, Metro Vancouver awarded \$140,000 in Regional Culture Project Grants to 29 organizations, ranging in value between \$1,500 and \$8,000. These grant projects were selected from a total of 54 received applications seeking a total of \$377,230. This year, both figures almost doubled. We received 106 applications – our highest number of applicants in a single year by far – seeking \$768,011 of funding support for proposed projects. Over the last five years the highest total requests were \$520,440 and 74 applicants, and previously we have never given out more than 31 grants in a single year.

2021 Application Review Process

A total of 106 applications were received. Following the June 23, 2021 meeting of the Regional Culture Committee, staff provided a shortlisted package of 54 applications to the committee members for their review. Each member received a set of guidelines and scoresheets for use in their assessment (Attachment 5). The adjudication criteria assess organizations' and proposed projects' regional impact, merit, and budget plan, also evaluating proposed timing and additional considerations for reasonably incorporating COVID-19-related adjustments. At the July 21, 2021 Regional Culture Committee meeting, members will discuss and review the shortlisted applications to finalize the recommendation for the 2021 grant allocations.

The applications were of a high calibre overall, representing a wide range of arts and culture disciplines from across the region. 55 of the 2021 submissions were from applicants that have never received a Metro Vancouver regional cultural project grant before. Staff compiled a spreadsheet of all 2021 applications which includes historical grant information for those that have been past recipients of Metro Vancouver's regional culture grants from 2011 - 2020, in order to provide additional context for 2021's allocation decision process (Attachment 6).

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) approve the allocation of the 2021 Metro Vancouver cultural project grants as follows: <<as determined by the Regional Culture Committee on July 21, 2021>>.
 - b) authorize the Corporate Officer to release to the public the report dated June 29, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects" including only attachments 1 to 5.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated June 29, 2021, titled "Metro Vancouver 2021 Cultural Grants: Regional Projects" and take no further action.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The MVRD Cultural Grants program is funded from the Cultural Grants Reserve. The 2021 allocation from the Cultural Grants Reserve is \$150,000.

To help address the challenges and fiscal impacts of COVID-19, the Province of BC provided the Metro Vancouver Regional District a total of \$3,801,000 in funding to support safe restart and recovery initiatives. Combining \$150,000 from the Cultural Grants Reserve with \$150,000 from the Provincial "COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments", a total of \$300,000 in 2021 project grants will support regional arts and culture.

CONCLUSION

The MVRD Board awards cultural grants annually to region-serving arts and cultural organizations. To aid in the Board's decision, the Regional Culture Committee completes a review of the 2021 applications and recommends award amounts for eligible organizations. The allocation of the 2021 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects considers the continued support of recipients who have made a long-standing commitment to serving the region, while fostering the efforts of new recipient organizations who have committed to expanding to a regional audience. The allocation of this year's grants incorporates additional considerations related to COVID-19 impacts, such as

adapted delivery options to address evolving public health measures. Recognizing the pandemic's devastating impacts on the arts and culture sector, the 2021 grant disbursement includes \$150,000 funded annually through the Cultural Grants Reserve and a one-time increase of \$150,000 through the Provincial "COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments" for a total of \$300,000.

Attachments (*orbit doc #46498547*):

1. 2021 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects - Criteria and Application Form
2. Letter to 2020 Grant Recipients with Declaration Form, dated March 12, 2021
3. Media Release: "\$150K in Cultural Grants – Apply by May 10", issued April 6, 2021
4. Sample mailing list notice – deadline reminder dated May 4, 2021
5. 2021 Metro Vancouver Regional Cultural Project Grants Score Sheet
6. 2021 Regional Cultural Project Grant Application List Including Historical Grants
7. 2021 Regional Cultural Project Grant Applications

Reference:

[COVID-19 Impact Report - British Columbia Arts & Culture Sector, dated April 30, 2021](#)

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2021 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects

Funding assistance is available to arts and culture organizations for regional projects. The regional project grants support creation, production, dissemination, audience development, research, project staff and/or administrative capacity building. Project grants are awarded to a maximum of \$10,000 each, though most grant amounts previously awarded range between \$2,500-\$5,000. The 2021 total allocation will not exceed \$150,000.

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

The timeline for 2021's regional cultural project grants will follow the schedule below:

1. May-June: Received applications reviewed by Metro Vancouver staff;
2. June-July: Adjudication by Metro Vancouver's Regional Culture Committee;
3. July-August: Final grant allocations approved by Metro Vancouver's Board; communication to all applicants, including dissemination of cheques for successful grants.

Given the above schedule, applicants applying for grant funding should include project timelines that would begin no earlier than September 2021. Proposed projects should also reasonably consider anticipated COVID-19-related delivery options to adhere to ongoing physical distancing measures, with resilience to adjust as necessary to evolving public health orders.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to qualify for a grant, the applicant must:

- promote arts and culture as its primary purpose;
- provide public arts programs and services on an ongoing basis within Metro Vancouver;
- be open and accessible to anyone who wishes to become involved;
- be a "stand-alone" and not merely part of an organization whose function or purpose extends beyond an arts and culture mandate;
- be a non-profit society, registered under the BC Societies Act for at least 2 years;
- demonstrate that it is a well-run organization with a well-defined arts and culture mandate, sound administration and solid business plan;
- obtain funding from diverse sources.

Grants are intended to support regional arts and culture projects, not ongoing operational/general funding.

Required Documentation

- ☐ Signed copy of the regional cultural project grant application;
- ☐ Current Board of Directors list – *name and position only (do not include personal contact information)*;
- ☐ Most recent Financial Statements – *signed by the appropriate Board executive*;
- ☐ Regional Cultural Project Budget – *please use the template provided*;
- ☐ Table of contents from a business plan, strategic business framework or equivalent document;
- ☐ Support material – *optional and will not be returned*.

Project Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to complete a follow-up report for Metro Vancouver. Receipt of this report will be a precondition for consideration of the organization's future grant applications.

Selection Criteria

The selection of projects will be based on the following assessment criteria. The relative weight given to each criterion is indicated in brackets.

Regional Impact (30%)

- Uniqueness of the project in its offering to the regional arts and culture landscape.
- Potential number of regional participants impacted/reached with this project.
- Is the project region-serving and going to be presented beyond a single municipality?

Merit (40%)

- Merit of the project, based on past excellence and proven ability of the applicant organization.
- Clearly communicated project goals and relevance to arts and culture in the region.
- Measurable success.
- Demonstrated community support/involvement.
- Project delivery anticipates COVID-19-related considerations to adhere to ongoing public health measures, with resilience to reasonably adjust as necessary.

Budget Plan (30%)

- Clear and concise budget plan for the reasonable use of grant funding.
- Other sources of realistic funding support identified and/or in place.
- Budget plan reasonably incorporates COVID-19 impacts to revenues and funding.
- Requested funds are specific to the proposed project, not ongoing operational/general funding.

Deadline & Submission Instructions

Submit complete applications **by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021** via email or hard copy (not both).

Electronic application packages can be emailed to CulturalGrants@metrovancover.org. Email submissions should be contained within a **single email no larger than 10MB** in total file size.

Subject Line: 2021 Grant Application – <Organization Name> – <Project Title>

The following email attachment file formats are acceptable:

- ✓ **PDF (preferred)**, Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- ✓ JPG, PNG, GIF, and other image files
- ✓ MP4 and other video files provided they are small enough (hyperlinks preferred instead)

The following email attachment file formats are **not** acceptable and will **not** be opened if received:

- ✗ ZIP files
- ✗ EXE, and other executable programs, scripts or macros

Hard copy application packages can be mailed or couriered to:

Metro Vancouver's Regional Cultural Project Grants
External Relations Department
4730 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6

If you have any questions about the application process or eligibility of your proposed project, email CulturalGrants@metrovancover.org or contact Sarah Faucher at 604-456-8828.

2021 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects

APPLICATION

Project title

\$

Requested grant amount

Name of the organization (legally registered name)

Name of the business/organization (if operating with a different name from the legally registered organization)

Organization full address (street, city, province, postal code)

Mailing address if different (street, city, province, postal code)

Key application contact name and title

Email address

Telephone

Website

Number of staff in your organization

Number of volunteers in your organization

\$

Annual budget

Year founded

BC Societies Act Number

Organization & Project Information

Please provide the following information. Be brief and use plain language. Write as if you are describing your organization and project to someone who doesn't know anything about you.

1. Describe your organization, its history in the region, mandate and programs. If your organization has a business plan or strategic framework document, enclose a copy of its table of contents or executive summary with your application package.
2. Briefly describe the proposed project, its objectives and the benefits it would provide to Metro Vancouver's region, artists, and your organization. Why are you undertaking this project? What are the anticipated results? What makes the project unique and innovative? Reference considerations surrounding COVID-19 impacts, such as adjustments to address potentially ongoing physical distancing and public health measures.
3. Is this a new project or an expansion of an existing initiative?
4. List the main participants involved in carrying out the proposed project (paid staff, contract employees, volunteers).
5. Describe any partnerships or collaboration involved in creating or producing the proposed project. Please attach letters of support.

Project Planning & Financial Information

6. Please describe or attach a project timeline.
7. How would Metro Vancouver be acknowledged for their funding contribution? (Attach sample previous promotional material, sponsor package, etc. if available.)
8. How will you evaluate this project's success? What measurable outcomes will you use in your evaluation?
9. Please complete the provided *Regional Cultural Project Budget* table. What would Metro Vancouver's funding contribution be specifically used for?

Regional Cultural Project Budget

	Cash	In Kind*	Total
REVENUE			
Metro Vancouver Grant (requested amount)			
Other Grants (please specify as confirmed, requested, or pending):			
-			
-			
-			
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-			
Sponsorships			
Donations			
Ticket Sales/Admissions/Registration Fees			
Other (please specify):			
-			
-			
TOTAL REVENUE:			
EXPENSES			
Artist Fees			
Production Costs			
- Services			
- Rentals			
- Other			
Marketing and Promotion Costs			
- Design			
- Printing			
- Other			
Administration and Overhead Costs (please specify):			
-			
-			
-			
-			
-			
Other Costs (please specify):			
-			
-			
TOTAL EXPENSES:			

**Please specify nature of in-kind revenue/expense*

Required Application Package Documentation (Please check ☒ the boxes below)

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- ☐ Table of contents or executive summary from a business plan, strategic framework or equivalent document;
- ☐ Support material – *optional and will not be returned*.

Conditions & Signature

- Grant recipients must acknowledge the support of Metro Vancouver on all promotional materials related to the funded project.
- Organizations making significant changes to the information provided in this application must discuss such changes with Metro Vancouver staff prior to the implementation.
- Grant recipients will be required to complete a follow-up report for Metro Vancouver. Receipt of this report will be a precondition for consideration of the organization's future grant applications.
- Information provided in this regional cultural project grant application may be subject to disclosure under the *BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

By signing this form, we do solemnly declare that, to the best of our knowledge, the information provided in this application package is complete and true in every respect.

Submitted by:

Key application contact name and title

Name of organization

Signature of key application contact

Name of Chair/President of the Board of Directors

Signature of Chair/President of the Board of Directors

MAR 12 2021*External Relations Department*
Tel. 604 432-6993 Fax 604 453-0293

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<Title> <First Name> <Last Name>, <Position>
<Organization>
<Address>
<City>, <Prov> <Postal Code>
VIA EMAIL: <Email Address>

Dear <Title> <Last Name>:

2020 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grant: Regional Project Report

As a grant recipient, you are required to complete a report for Metro Vancouver regarding your regional culture project. Receipt of a project report by Monday, April 26, 2021 will be a precondition for consideration of your organization's future grant applications. If the project has not yet been completed, an interim project report outlining its current progress and status must be submitted before this deadline.

Please refer to the enclosed outline. Email or mail report packages to:

Sarah Faucher, External Outreach Coordinator
Metro Vancouver External Relations Department
CulturalGrants@metrovancouver.org
4730 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 0G6

If you are receiving this follow-up letter but have already submitted a report, or if you have any questions, please email or call Sarah Faucher at 604-456-8828.

Sincerely,



Heather Schoemaker
General Manager, External Relations Department

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Encl: 2020 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects Final Report and Evaluation
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2020 Metro Vancouver Cultural Grants: Regional Projects Final Report and Evaluation

All grant recipients are required to complete a follow-up report for Metro Vancouver.

Please include the following documents in your final report package:

1. Project information report (*please refer to your original application in your responses*):
 - a. Briefly describe the completed project noting any changes (if any) from the original proposal with reasons.
 - b. Highlight successes and achievements.
 - c. What was the Metro Vancouver grant money specifically used for?
 - d. Did the project reach its overall objectives? If yes, what do you feel contributed to the success? If no, why not?
2. Comparative revenue and expense statement showing the project budget versus actual. This may be provided in your own format.
3. Samples of marketing materials, website screenshots and/or programmes demonstrating the required use of Metro Vancouver's logo to acknowledge the funding received.
4. This cover sheet with the signed declaration. (*see reverse side of page*)

Receipt of a project report will be a precondition for consideration of the organization's future grant applications. If the project has not yet been completed by Spring 2021, an interim project report must be submitted outlining progress and status to date.

By signing this form, we do solemnly declare that, to the best of our knowledge, the information given in this report is complete and true in every respect.

Mail or email final report packages to:

Sarah Faucher
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4730 Kingsway
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Photos and/or video footage from regional cultural grant projects is always appreciated. If you are able to provide these to Metro Vancouver (via Sarah Faucher) for potential use in promoting Metro Vancouver's cultural grants program in the future, this is helpful (optional only).

If you have any questions please call Sarah Faucher at 604-456-8828.

REGIONAL CULTURE PROJECT REPORT

Report Date:	
Project:	
Organization:	
Project Completion Date:	
Grant Amount Received: \$	% of Project Budget:
Report Author:	
Report Author Contact Info <i>(phone and/or email)</i> :	

DECLARATION

Submitted by *(please print name)*

On behalf of *(organization)*

Signature *(report author)*

Date

Signature of Chair/President
of the Board of Directors

Date



MEDIA RELEASE

\$150K IN CULTURAL GRANTS – APPLY BY MAY 10

Metro Vancouver is accepting submissions for its annual regional cultural grants.

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“As demonstrated by last year’s grant submissions and awards, our region’s arts community is resilient and endlessly creative,” said Sav Dhaliwal, Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors. “We are pleased to support arts organizations in finding new ways to reach and enrich the lives of residents, while also staying within ongoing public health orders.”

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 10, 2021**.

The 2021 application form, project grant eligibility and selection criteria is available at www.metrovancouver.org/cultural-grants.

Questions may be directed by email to Sarah Faucher, External Outreach Coordinator at CulturalGrants@metrovancouver.org or 604-456-8828.

Media contact:

[Greg Valou](#), Communications Specialist, c. 778.558.0101

Metro Vancouver is a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation that collaboratively plans for and delivers regional-scale services. Its core services are drinking water, wastewater treatment and solid waste management. Metro Vancouver also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system and provides affordable housing. The regional district is governed by a Board of Directors of elected officials from each local authority.

Sarah Faucher

From: Metro Vancouver <CulturalGrants@metrovancover.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Sarah Faucher
Subject: Reminder: Metro Vancouver's 2021 Regional Cultural Project Grants - Apply by May 10



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2021 Regional Cultural Project Grant Application Score Sheet

Organization: _____ Project Title: _____

<p>Regional Impact (30%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniqueness of the project in its offering to the regional arts and culture landscape. • Potential number of regional participants impacted/reached with this project. • Is the project region-serving and going to be presented beyond a single municipality? <p>Comments:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">/ 30</p>
<p>Merit (40%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit of the project, based on past excellence and proven ability of the applicant. • Clearly communicated project goals and relevance to arts and culture in the region. • Measurable success. • Demonstrated community support/involvement. • Project delivery anticipates COVID-19-related considerations to adhere to ongoing public health measures, with resilience to reasonably adjust as necessary. <p>Comments:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">/ 40</p>
<p>Budget Plan (30%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and concise budget plan for reasonable use of grant funding. • Other sources of realistic funding support identified and/or in place. • Budget plan reasonably incorporates COVID-19 impacts to revenues and funding. • Requested funds are specific to the proposed project, and are not intended for ongoing operational/general funding. <p>Comments:</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">/ 30</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL SCORE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/ 100</p>

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