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Attachments: Public Art Boost - Funding Allocations and Recommendations to date 2-25-19.xlsx

Greetings Mayor and Council

We had some questions from Councillors regarding the Art Boost Report. Please find below answers to questions and a spreadsheet attached with additional information on funding allocations.

Best

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

Questions on RTS 13029 with staff responses

1. On June 2, 2016 Council recommended a \$1.5M budget for the Public Art Boost, initially allocating \$755,000. Did that become a line item in the Innovation Fund or in which part of the budget is it being tracked?

Staff response: The Council Report of June 2, 2016 (RTS 11505) identified \$1.5M for Public Art Boost, with 500k from Innovation Fund and 1M from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan for Social and Cultural Grants. Innovation Funds were transferred to the Cultural Services Grants account at that time. The current report recommendations draw from those Innovation Funds. The attached spreadsheet shows all previous allocations and the current recommendations.

2. On page 2 the allocations of Public Art Boost funds (to January 31, 2018) add up to \$1,545,000.

Staff response: The ñCouncil Authority/ Previous Decisionsò section lists both appropriations and allocations, and doesn't clearly distinguish between them, inviting double-counting.

Table 3 on page 6 shows how the \$1.5M budget has been allocated: 755k listed as 2016 Quick Starts (including \$300k for two rounds of public art community grants allocated 2017-2018); 2017-18 New Projects (\$490k), and 2019 New Projects (255k, which we're asking to allocate \$167,115 of now, and will come back with recommendations for the remainder a bit later this year.)

Staff response: All Boost reports have drawn from the original \$1.5M allotted. We've come back with specific recommendations for Council approval of all specific allocations of that money. After this report, \$87,885 remains to be allocated in a final report.

- a. Did Council need to make another general allocation, or did our approvals on specific projects suffice?
Staff response: Council approved the original allocation, but staff needed specific grant approval.
- b. Why is this number more than the totals in Appendix , which also includes 2019 projects?
Staff response: As noted above the Council Authority section shows some figures twice, once as appropriations and then again as allocations.
- c. Why doesn't Appendix B capture the \$148,000 for 11 community led projects approved on March 29, 2017 and the \$152,000 for 12 more community-led public art projects allocated on January 31, 2018?
Staff response: They show as \$300K for Public Art Community Grants included in the \$755k for 2016 Quick Starts.

3. In Appendix B sources of funding are Innovation Funds and Capital. In which specific capital budgets are the Public Art Boost projects accounted for? Does the Innovation Fund have line items for umbrella allocations like the Public Art Boost?

Staff response: A \$1M line item was added to the Public Art 2015-2018 Capital Plan in 2017. The \$500k from Innovation Fund was transferred and is held in the Cultural Operating Grants budget. All allocations from that budget have or will come to Council.

	Innovation	Capital	Total
Public Art Boost			
<i>Previously Approved</i>			
Mural Festival 2016	200,000		200,000
Lumière Festival 2016	45,000		45,000
Imagination Zone – Partnership with City Studio & ECUAD		110,000	110,000
South Vancouver Musqueam Infrastructure - Artist Commission		100,000	100,000
Public Art Community Grants 2017		152,000	152,000
Public Art Community Grants 2018		148,000	148,000
Mural Festival 2017 & 2018		200,000	200,000
Public Art Boost Projects		290,000	290,000
<i>Current Report</i>			
First Nations Health Authority - Wild Salmon Caravan	20,000		20,000
Collingwood Neighbourhood House	5,000		5,000
Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens	16,250		16,250
Contemporary Art Gallery	25,865		25,865
Creative City Strategy Symposium	100,000		100,000
Subtotals	412,115	1,000,000	1,412,115
Remaining unallocated	87,885		87,885
Total Funding for Public Art Boost	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000

Comments