



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4 (b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Council
Meeting Date:	November 23, 2022
Subject/Title:	Reinstate the Community and Cultural Grant Program
Submitted by:	Mayor West

WHEREAS the Community and Cultural Grant Program was a recommendation of the 2011 Cultural Plan. In February 2015, Council approved the Community and Cultural Grant Program (amalgamated the Mayors Endowment Fund for the Arts and the City’s Community Grant Program) with an annual funding allocation of \$65,000.

WHEREAS the purpose of the program was to provide project funding to community and cultural organizations, as well as individual artists whose projects support a more vibrant Richmond Hill through the delivery of programs, services or activities.

WHEREAS applications were eligible to receive a grant to fund 50% of a project, up to a maximum of \$5000. Between 2016 and 2019, an average of \$2,200 was allocated to 87 applications.

WHEREAS on February 12, 2020, the previous Council voted not to approve issuing 2020 Community and Cultural Grants. .

WHEREAS the arts and cultural community has suffered over the past three years in the absence of the Community and Cultural Grant Program.

WHEREAS support for arts and culture is vital to ensure our community remains rich and vibrant with a strong sense of belonging.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Staff be directed to include the Community and Cultural Grant Program in the 2023 Operating Budget.

Moved by:	Mayor West
Seconded by:	Councillor Cilevitz