

**To:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Mark Haney, Manager of Arts and Culture  
**Subject:** **Acceptance of Grant Funding**

**Date:** June 2, 2025

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### **Recommendation(s)**

1. That Council approve \$250,000 in expenses for Clarke Theatre lighting and sound upgrades with funding from Heritage Canada's Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund;
2. That Council approve \$29,601 in expenses for Clarke Theatre and Cafetorium upgrades with funding from the BC PowerSmart rebate;
3. That Council approve \$1,500 in expenses for the illustrated Mission map being installed in Heritage Park with funding from Stó:lō Community Futures and Community Futures North Fraser; and That the City's 2025-2029 Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

### **Purpose**

To provide Council with information on outside funding awarded to the Clarke Theatre and Arts and Culture, and receive approval for the spending.

### **Background**

On February 20, 2024 Council approved an application for \$300,000 to the Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund.

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Moved by Councillor Hamilton

### **RECOMMENDED:**

1. That Council authorize staff submitting an application to the Heritage Canada Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund – Specialized Equipment Program in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of upgrading the theatre lighting and sound system at the Clarke Theatre, naming the Manager of Arts and Culture as signing authority for the application; and
2. That the City's Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

### **CARRIED**

### **Discussion and Analysis**

The Clarke Theatre was approved for \$250,000 from the Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund- Specialized Equipment Program to completely update the sound and lighting systems at the theatre. The funds will be dispersed over two years with \$225,000 being paid in Q2 of 2025, and \$25,000 on completion of the upgrades in 2026.

The overall cost of this project is more than \$900,000 and is part of the upgrades funded through the Growing Communities Fund in the current financial plan. This additional funding will help offset increases in other areas of the project and allow for more upgrades to audience areas.

As a result of the lighting upgrades which included replacing all stage lights with LEDs, BC Hydro PowerSmart awarded a rebate of \$29,601. SD75 is the account holder for the Clarke Theatre but has passed the rebate on to the City.

Staff recommend this rebate be used to fund the removal of the railings from the Cafetorium, making it a more attractive and viable community space (\$15,000), and the remainder put towards capital improvements for the Theatre.

Stó:lō Community Futures and Community Futures North Fraser have awarded \$1,500 in funding towards the illustrated map that is being installed in Fraser River Heritage Park. The map helps to raise awareness of the Mission Wayfinder and is housed in a carved frame created by Peter Wayne Gong and Matthew Gong.

### **Financial Implications**

The City's Financial Plan will need to be amended to approve the additional spending.

### **Communication**

No communication is necessary.

### **Summary and Conclusion**

Staff are seeking approval for the acceptance and spending of outside funding for Clarke Theatre and Cafetorium improvements and an illustrated map of Mission.

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**Reviewed by:** Andrew Crowe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

**Approved for Inclusion:** Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer