

Memorandum

To: Kristine Douglas - Budget Standing Committee

Cc: Shelley Chemnitz

From: Steve Solski, Executive Director of FirstOntario PAC

Date: November 13, 2017

Subject: FirstOntario PAC Grants

Hi Kristine,

As per The Budget Committee's request, below is a list of all the grants the FirstOntario PAC intends to apply for in 2018. Please note, the amounts are speculative and will be confirmed if the grant applications are successful.

Name of Grant	Date	Amount TBD - not guaranteed	Intended use of funds
Department of Canadian Heritage Local Festivals (for Celebration of Nations)	Jan. 2018	\$50, 000	To support production and artist fees for the Celebration of Nations festival in 2018
Ontario Arts Council (OAC Theatre Connects)	Feb. 2018	\$20, 000	To cover workshops for community engagement
Ontario Arts Council (OAC Dance Program)	Mar. 2018	\$20, 000	To cover workshops for community engagement
<i>Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH Arts Presentation Fund)</i>	<i>See chart below</i>		
Niagara Investment in Culture	Fall 2018	\$20, 000	To support enhancements related to the 2018 edition of Celebration of Nations
Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH Cultural Infrastructure)	Open deadline TBD	TBD	Available to PAC as matching funds grant to support the purchase of assets

Province of Ontario, Celebrate Ontario	2018	\$86,500.00 (TBD – submitted Nov 9, 2017. If confirmed, this will fall under 2018 grants received).	Celebration of Nations- 3 day festival Sept 8-10 2018 to support production and programming enhancements
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Programming staff are currently researching more 2018 opportunities with Canada Council, as well as other foundations and funds.

In 2016-2017, the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre was granted over \$400, 000 in grants. Over half of the granting funds received went to the **Celebration of Nations Festival** which took place September 8-10 and showcased Aboriginal Arts and Culture. This event was the first of its kind, fostering many community partnerships and securing funding from both the Federal and Provincial government. The intent is for this festival to be an annual gathering.

2016-2017 Grant Summary:

Name of Grant	Date	Amount Received	Use of funds
Canada Council for the Arts Dreamwalker Dance (2016)	Feb. 2016	\$22, 000	Creative Residency: To host DreamWalker Dance 7 days in St. Catharines for the participating Shebang artists in April and 7 days for Shebang artists in Burlington in June. End of the project June 5th, 2016
Ontario Arts Council (OAC) Ontario Dances (2016-17) Moonhorse Dance Theatre workshops	Mar. 1, 2016	\$24,000	Dance workshops led by Claudia Moore May 27-31 & June 3
Depart. Of Canadian Heritage – C150 program	Nov. 2016	\$187,000.00	Celebration of Nations- 3 day festival Sept 8-10, production and artist fees
Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Specialized Equipment	Dec. 2016	\$99,500.00	These funds were to bring the centre's production equipment up to industry standard as many production items were missing in

			<p>the base build due to budget cuts.</p> <p>Money went to added lighting in the black box, video screens, film house computer, video equipment and an intercom communications system for backstage staff.</p> <p>The money was spent between June 30, 2016 and March 31, 2017. They were matched by the Canadian Investment Fund.</p> <p>Specialized Equipment =Specialized Experience File #4760-039483-20162017-3-1</p>
Province of Ontario – O150, Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport	Jan. 2017	\$70, 000	Celebration of Nations- 3 day festival Sept 8-10, production and artist fees
Niagara Investment in Culture (NIC) Celebration of Nations	April 2017	\$22,500.00	Celebration of Nations- 3 days festival Sept 8-10- hiring of Assistant Programmer
Ontario Arts Council (OAC) Theatre Connects Audience Development	Feb. 2017	\$12,500.00	Theatre Connects Audience Development grant
Ontario Arts Council (OAC) Ontario Dances Supplementary Dance Program	April 2017	\$14,000.00	Santee Smith of Kaha:wi Dance Theatre to lead youth workshop of new choreography to be presented at the Celebration of Nations (Sept 8-10, 2017)
Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH Arts Presentation Fund)	2015-2018	\$45, 000 per year	Annual programming support This grants up to 45K per year for 3 years (2015-2018) but PAC needs to apply each year. This grant has been budgeted for in our base budget.

The summary above is also tracked through the City's centralized SmartSheet database. This online database was implemented in June of 2017 to establish a consistent, central way of tracking grant applications across the City. The FirstOntario Performing Arts centre will continue to update this sheet as applications are submitted.

Summary

There are many granting avenues available for a municipally run art centre to seek out new money for various opportunities. The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre is eligible for program-related grants, which are designed to create performing opportunities for artists and help with the development of various art and culture genres showcased throughout the country.

Performing Arts Centre staff are always seeking grants that can enhance our programming. This was demonstrated by the Celebration of Nations gathering that received \$280,000 in combined grants to allow us to bring this important celebration to our community. The concept to obtain the necessary funding from various sources for the Celebration of Nations program was conceived and executed by FirstOntario PAC staff. This initiative is a reflection of how diligent and driven centre staff are at attracting and executing funding and community support.

Each grant contribution has strict criteria of eligible expenditures with defined expected outcomes that must be met as part of the grant agreement. All grants require a final report to audit expenditures and summarize program outcomes. The contributions obtained from grants enhance programming of entertainment and outreach initiatives for our community. Grant monies received are spent fully according to grant agreements, resulting in zero impact on the bottom line of the FirstOntario PAC's day-to-day operating budget.

The FirstOntario PAC is grateful for the added support that grants offer the organization to develop new programming and expand offerings to the community.

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