

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2017 MAY 11

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES **FILE NO:** 02410-20

**SUBJECT:** FESTIVALS BURNABY PROGRAM – NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT  
17-N-006 CULTURE CHATS BC ASSOCIATION

**PURPOSE:** Grant Approval Request

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Festivals Burnaby Grant request from Culture Chats BC Association for Intercultural Community Reading Festival to be held on 2017 September 21-23 be received.

**REPORT**

Festivals and Special Events: Neighbourhood Event

Grant File 17-N-006: Culture Chats BC Association

Application Received: 2017 March 10  
Project Budget: \$11,200  
Project Request: \$ 2,700

Previous Support: New Festivals Burnaby Grant Application

An application request for \$2,700 has been received from Culture Chats BC Association for International Community Reading Festival on 2017 September 21-23 at Tommy Douglas Library. This three day festival is comprised of workshops, readings and presentations to promote literary arts and English language literacy. This festival aims to reach diverse community members in Burnaby, newcomers who speak English as a second language and their families who are able to access the programs easily at their local library branch. This festival will include three activities: Intercultural Book Reviews, Intercultural Story Time and Learning through games: Language and Literature. Activities will focus on the history of Burnaby as Burnaby celebrates 125 and the history of Canada 150.

To: Financial Management Committee  
From: Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Re: Festivals Burnaby Program - Neighbourhood  
Event

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Culture Chats BC Association is focused on building intercultural connections and on celebrating the cultural diversity of Burnaby through the literary arts. Culture Chats BC Association currently runs two book clubs and associated events with members from both Canadian born and immigrant backgrounds that are able to build stronger connections through a common interest in reading and writing. The books selected each month portray immigrant experiences or are written by authors from other cultures.

The application has been completed in full. Festivals Burnaby funds would be allocated toward eligible project expenses related to programming, marketing/promotions and administration.



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