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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2019 SEPT 24

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

**SUBJECT:** **FESTIVALS BURNABY PROGRAM – NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANT  
19-N-013 NIDHI FOUNDATION**

**PURPOSE:** Grant Approval Request

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Festivals Burnaby Grant request from Nidhi Foundation for the VKK Deepawali (Festival of Lights) and Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations to be held on 2019 November 03 be received.

**REPORT**

Festivals and Special Events: Neighbourhood Event

Grant File 19-N-013: Nidhi Foundation

Application Received: 2019 August 20

Project Budget: \$5,625

Project Request: \$ 1,850

Previous Support: New Festivals Burnaby Application

An application request for \$1,850 has been received from Nidhi Foundation for their Vancouver Kannada Kuta (VKK) Deepawali (Festival of Lights) and Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations to be held on 2019 November 03 at Bonsor Banquet Hall, Metrotown, Burnaby. Deepawali is a major festival celebrating the diverse cultures of India and highlighting the good or evil battles of life. Kannada (of Karnataka state) is a major Indian Language and both Deepawali and official sate formation occurs in November. Small local communities celebrate these events as a socio-cultural festival focusing on its diverse rich heritage, history, music and food.

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The Nidhi Foundation's primary focus is on education, environment and health. VKK's focus is on socio-cultural community building, serving the Kannada language community.

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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19-N-013 Nadhi Foundation