

ATTACHMENT 1 – APPLICATIONS SUMMARY FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANT – Spring Intake 2025

LARGE SCALE:

Philippine Days Festival

Grant File #	25-L-001	
Title of Event:	Taste of Manila Festival	
Project Budget:	\$95,000	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$25,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$9,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$8,000
	2023 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$8,000
	2022 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$8,000
	2019 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$8,000
	(different organization – same board director and festival)	

An application request for \$25,000 has been received from the Philippine Days Festival for the Taste of Manila Festival to be held on July 12 – 13, 2025 at Central Park. The event is expected to attract over 5000 people. The actual attendance number reported was 5,000 last year from information in the final report and demonstrated growth over the years from 1,500 attendees.

The festival is a celebration of the Filipino culture and heritage featuring cultural dances, food, music, and arts. The family-oriented event will encourage community participation, promote community spirit and camaraderie between Burnaby's diverse communities. The Society will host programs and activities with the intent to create opportunities for positive interactions between cultural communities.

Grant funding will go towards assisting with programming, marketing, and administration costs. Other sources of funding are anticipated from event sponsors, and revenues derived from booth rentals.

The Philippine Days Festival was established in 2010 with the mandate to provide productive and meaningful events and activities to the Filipino community in particular, and the multicultural publics of British Columbia in general, with the objective of integrating the values and traditions for better growth and development of communities.

Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre

Grant File #	25-L-002	
Title of Event:	Nikkei Matsuri Family Festival	
Project Budget:	\$191,350	
Free Admission:	No	
Amount Requested:	\$20,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$12,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$12,000

2023 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
2022 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
2019 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
2018 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$11,000

An application request for \$20,000 has been received from the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre for Nikkei Matsuri Family Festival to be held on August 30– 31, 2025 at the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre. The event is expected to attract approximately 10,000 attendees and the Final Report in 2024 confirms the same attendance number.

The Nikkei Matsuri Family festival is a two-day celebration of Japanese culture promoting multiculturalism. The family-friendly event will feature a fusion of Japanese cultural arts with local Canadian artistry and performances, as well as food vendors, a children’s game zone, local craft vendors, community booths. It serves as a platform for preserving cultural practices and traditions by offering community members the chance to actively interact with performances and participate in traditional practices.

Grant funding will go towards assisting with programming, marketing, and administration costs. The applicant is pursuing other sources of funding from both the Canadian Heritage - Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Grant & the Government of BC Fairs Festivals & Events Fund.

The Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre was established in 2000 with the mandate to promote and work with other organizations and cultures for a better understanding and appreciation of Japanese Canadian culture; an awareness of the contribution of Japanese Canadians to Canadian society; and closer relations between Canada, Japan as well as the many other cultures that represent Canada.

Canadian Community Action & Restorative Empowerment Society

Grant File #	25-L-003	
Title of Event:	Canada Bubble Tea Festival	
Project Budget:	\$126,500	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$25,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$15,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
	2023 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000

An application request for \$25,000 has been received from the Canadian Community Action & Restorative Empowerment Society for the Canada Bubble Tea Festival to be held on August 9 -10, 2025 at Swangard Stadium. The event is expected to attract approximately 10,000 attendees over two days. Attendance in 2024 was 4,700 over the three days of the festival, which was impacted by

the hot weather and larger events taking place on the same weekend. Demographics indicated that 75% of attendees were from Vancouver, Richmond and region while 25% were from Burnaby.

The Canada Bubble Tea Festival is a large-scale, two-day event held at Swangard Stadium, celebrating bubble tea culture alongside diverse culinary and entertainment experiences. The festival features over a hundred booths, including street food vendors, local artisans, and cultural performances such as traditional dances and music. Attendees can enjoy stage performances, outdoor movies, picnics, and fostering community engagement. The 2025 event will take place over two days instead of three days.

Grant funds will support venue/equipment rental, administration and marketing costs. Other revenue is pending from sponsorship and vendor fee income.

Founded in 2019, the Canadian Community Action & Restorative Empowerment Society is committed to supporting youth, startup business owners, and newcomers in British Columbia. The organization promotes community engagement, economic empowerment, and cultural exchange to foster inclusivity and collaboration among diverse communities.

Korean Cultural Heritage Society

Grant File #	25-L-004	
Title of Event:	23rd Annual Korean Cultural Heritage Festival	
Project Budget:	\$117,000	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$25,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$22,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$22,000
	2023 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$22,000
	2022 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$12,000
	2019 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$20,000
	2018 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$20,000

An application request for \$25,000 has been received from the Korean Cultural Heritage Society for the 23rd Annual Korean Cultural Heritage Festival, set to take place on July 19, 2025 at Swangard Stadium. The event is expected to attract approximately 32,000 attendees. The actual attendance reported in 2024 was 20,000.

As the largest Korean cultural event in British Columbia, the festival fosters multiculturalism by celebrating Korean traditions, modern culture, music, and cuisine, while also featuring performances from diverse ethnic groups. Highlights include the Kukkiwon Taekwondo Demonstration Team, traditional Korean art performances, a K-pop contest, and interactive booths offering hands-on experiences in Korean crafts such as traditional pottery. A variety of food vendors will serve both Korean and Western cuisine, ensuring a broad cultural appeal.

Grant funding will support artist fees and venue rental costs. Additional funding sources include sponsorships (notably from TD Bank), vendor booth fees, and program advertisements.

The Korean Cultural Heritage Society was established in 2002 with the core mission of promoting Korean culture and fostering intercultural connections within the Lower Mainland. The organization supports local Korean cultural events and hosts the annual Korean Cultural Heritage Festival, sharing both traditional and modern Korean culture with the Korean community and the broader Canadian public.

CCSA Canadian Community Services Association

Grant File #	25-L-005	
Title of Event:	2025 Chinese Culture Heritage Festival & 16th Vancouver Water Splashing Festival	
Project Budget:	\$95,000	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$25,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$16,500	
Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$16,500
	2023 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$16,500
	2022 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
	2019 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$15,000
	2018 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$10,000

An application request for \$25,000 has been received from the Canadian Community Services Association (CCSA) for the 2025 Chinese Culture Heritage Festival & 16th Vancouver Water-Splashing Festival, scheduled for July 26-27, 2025 at Swangard Stadium. The event is expected to attract approximately 20,000 attendees. In the Final Report submitted last year, the attendance was 20,000.

The Chinese Culture Heritage Festival & 16th Vancouver Water Splashing Festival features a diverse program showcasing Chinese cultural heritage through music, dance, and interactive activities. The water-splashing event, a highlight of the festival, represents a traditional celebration of the Dai ethnic group. The event is designed to be inclusive and family-friendly, offering activities for all age groups. The festival aims to promote cross-cultural understanding by welcoming participation from various cultural groups and providing a platform for artistic expression and community engagement.

Grant funding will support artist fees, venue rental, and production costs. Additional funding will come from businesses and member donations.

Established in 2002, the CCSA is a non-profit organization committed to serving local communities, fostering cultural exchange, and strengthening communication and cooperation among diverse groups.

MEDIUM SCALE:

African Sports and Culture Alliance

Grant File #	25-M-001	
Title of Event:	Annual African Sport and Culture Alliance Sports Festival	
Project Budget:	\$28,000	
Free Admission:	No	
Amount Requested:	\$11,200	
Amount Recommended:	\$3,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$4,000
	2023 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$7,000
	2021 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$6,500
	2019 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$6,500
	2018 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$6,500

An application request for \$11,200 has been received from the African Sports and Culture Alliance (ACSCA) for the Annual African Sports and Culture Alliance Sports Festival, scheduled to take place on August 16–17, 2025 at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. The festival is expected to attract approximately 500 attendees and the final report submitted last year noted attendance with over 700 people.

The festival aims to showcase African heritage while embracing multiculturalism through sports, arts, music, and food. The event will feature diverse performances, interactive workshops, and cultural exhibits, highlighting traditional and contemporary African culture. The main focus of the event will be the sports soccer competitions that will be complemented by live entertainment, food vendors offering African cuisine, and hands-on experiences in arts and crafts. It is a legacy applicant working to enhance the cultural aspects of their active special event. In 2024 the Society did not present any cultural elements due to budget limitations with lower funds raised through registrations and sponsorships.

Grant funding will be used for artist fees, venue fee, marketing/publicity, and some administration costs. Additional financial support will come from membership fees, soccer registrations and sponsorships.

Founded in 1994, ACSCA is dedicated to promoting cultural diversity and community engagement. The organization hosts annual events that celebrate African traditions and provide a platform for cultural exchange, economic growth, and social cohesion within Burnaby and beyond.

Huaren Choir of Vancouver Society

Grant File #	25-M-002	
Title of Event:	9th Vancouver Mid-Autumn Festival Concert	
Project Budget:	\$30,000	
Free Admission:	No	
Amount Requested:	\$9,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$4,000	

Previous Support:	2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$4,000
	2023 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$5,000

An application request for \$9,000 has been received from the Huaren Choir of Vancouver Society for the 9th Vancouver Mid-Autumn Festival Concert, scheduled to take place on September 12, 2025 at Michael J. Fox Theatre. The event is expected to attract approximately 550 attendees and the final report submitted in 2024 noted a similar number

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a cultural celebration for the Chinese community, symbolizing reunion and togetherness. Since 2013, Vancouver Mid-Autumn Festival Concert has provided a platform to showcase traditional and modern Chinese music, dance, and theatrical performances. The festival will feature renowned Chinese-Canadian artists, community ensembles, and student groups, blending traditional Chinese instruments such as the guzheng, erhu, and pipa with contemporary artistic expressions. There are no other public engagement elements.

Grant funding will be allocated towards artist fees, venue and marketing/publicity costs. Additional financial support will come from member donations, corporate fundraising, and donations from Columbia Music Dance School and the Vancouver Chinese Film Festival.

Founded in 2012, the Huaren Choir of Vancouver Society is dedicated to serving the Chinese community in Canada while fostering communication and collaboration among diverse ethnic groups. The organization actively supports the integration of Chinese Canadians into society, advocates for equal rights, and works to promote equality, harmony, and unity within Canada's multicultural landscape.

SMALLSCALE/NEW:

Culture Chats BC Association

Grant File #	25-SN-001	
Title of Event:	Multicultural Art Celebration	
Project Budget:	\$3,000	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$1,200	
Amount Recommended:	\$1,200	
Previous Support:	2024 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$1,500
	2023 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$1,500
	2022 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$1,340
	2019 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$1,100
	2018 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$1,100

An application request for \$1,200 has been received from the Culture Chats BC Association for Multicultural Art Celebration, scheduled to take place on November 16th, 2025 at the Bonsor Community Centre. The event is expected to attract approximately 200 attendees and the attendance was 90 people last year

The Multicultural Art Celebration plans to feature multicultural dances, live music by local community artists, art and craft activities for children, as well as exhibition and multicultural story reading.

Grant funding will be allocated towards programming, artist fees, and marketing/publicity costs. Additional financial support will come from private donations and from Vancouver Foundation to cover the craft section of the festival.

Founded in 2017, Culture Chats BC Association is a not-for-profit community-based association promoting cultural diversity through engagement with literary and other arts among local communities in BC. The mission of Culture Chats BC Association is to create a platform for local community members to strengthen community connections through innovative programming promoting literary and other arts.

Ethiopian Community Association of British Columbia

Grant File #	25-SN-002	
Title of Event:	Ethiopian Community Summer Festival 2025	
Project Budget:	\$14,600	
Free Admission:	Yes	
Amount Requested:	\$4,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$4,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$4,000
	2023 Neighborhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$4,000
	2016 Small Scale festivals Burnaby Grant	\$2,500
	2015 Small Scale festivals Burnaby Grant	\$2,500
	2014 Small Scale festivals Burnaby Grant	\$3,000

An application request for \$4,000 has been received from the Ethiopian Community Association of British Columbia for the Ethiopian Community Summer Festival, scheduled to take place on August 10, 2025 at Swangard Stadium. The event is expected to attract approximately 1,500 attendees and the reported attendance from last year was 1,700 people

The Ethiopian Community Summer Festival will showcase traditional Ethiopian food, music, and performances representing various Ethiopian tribes, along with opportunities for local businesses and young entrepreneurs to exhibit and sell their products. Additionally, the event will highlight emerging Ethiopian artists and cultural performances, reinforcing the City's diverse cultural landscape.

Grant funding will be allocated toward artist fees, venue and equipment rental, kids activities, marketing/publicity, and some administration. Additional financial support will come from sponsorships, vendor fees, and donations.

Founded in 1986, the Ethiopian Community Association of British Columbia is dedicated to preserving and promoting Ethiopian culture while supporting the Ethiopian-Canadian community in

Metro Vancouver. The organization seeks to provide a platform for youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and cultural expression.

Pandit Jasraj School of Music Foundation

Grant File #	25-SN-003	
Title of Event:	Remembering Zakir Hussain (featuring brothers Pritam & Prithwi)	
Project Budget:	\$9,000	
Free Admission:	No	
Amount Requested:	\$3,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$2,500	
Previous Support:	2024 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$2,500
	2023 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$3,000
	2019 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$3,000
	2018 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$3,000
	2016 Neighbourhood Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$3,000

An application request for \$3,000 has been received from the Pandit Jasraj School of Music Foundation for *Remembering Zakir Hussain (featuring brothers Pritam & Prithwi)*, scheduled to take place on October 4, 2025 at Burnaby Hall. The event is expected to attract approximately 180 attendees, and the reported attendance was 120 in 2024.

The event is a celebration of the life of Zakir Huassain, a great tabla player who passed away last December. The event offers the people of Burnaby a great opportunity to enjoy the music of internationally acclaimed Pritam and Pritwhi who was a student of Zakir Hussain. No other public engagement activities are planned. Grant funds will support artist and performer fees, venue/equipment rental, marketing, and administration. Other sources of revenue are donations from patrons of the organization.

The Pandit Jasraj School of Music Foundation was founded in 1994 with the purpose to establish a school to provide instruction in Indian classical and folk music. They provide music instruction, workshops, seminars and recitals, youth development and teacher training.

Alegria Soy Cultural and Community Society

Grant File #	25-SN-004	
Title of Event:	World Party 2025	
Project Budget:	\$13,500	
Free Admission:	No	
Amount Requested:	\$4,000	
Amount Recommended:	\$4,000	
Previous Support:	2024 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant	\$4,000

An application request for \$4,000 has been received from the Alegria Soy Cultural and Community Society for *World Party 2025* scheduled to take place on July 12th, 2025 at Edmonds Park. The event is expected to attract approximately 500 attendees. The reported attendance last year was 450 people.

The World Party will be returning this year for the second time as a resident-led event that builds, values, embraces, and uplifts the diverse cultures within Edmonds. The event will consist of: cultural dance demonstrations, art exhibitions, children's craft tables, workshops, and cultural food booths. This festival helps to build residents' deeper investment in Edmonds as their home, especially the diversity of newcomers in the area, including African, Caribbean and Latin-American residents to be visible and celebrated through community programming. The organization is partnering again with the David Suzuki Foundation for support, volunteer engagement, and logistical resources.

Grant funds will support artist and performer fees, venue/equipment rental, marketing, and administration. Other sources of in-kind revenue are donations from volunteers and patrons of the organization estimated at \$12,000. Other sources of funding are coming from the Canadian Heritage multiculturalism and anti-racism program, SFU RADIUS, and donations from local businesses and financial institutions.

The Alegria Soy Cultural & Community Society was established in 2023 with the mandate to support the unique needs of Edmonds, Burnaby. The organization consists of a group of Edmonds residents who are committed to the cause of advancing social justice through arts and culture.