

## ATTACHMENT 1 – APPLICATIONS SUMMARY FESTIVALS BURNABY GRANT – January 2026

### Vancouver Cantonese Opera

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| Grant File #               | 26-L-001  |         |
| Title of Event:            | The Bamboo Theatre – Cantonese Opera Extravaganza                                       |         |
| Project Budget:            | \$32,758  |         |
| Free Admission:            | No  |         |
| Amount Requested:          | \$7,500   |         |
| <b>Amount Recommended:</b> | \$5,000   |         |
| Previous Support:          | 2024 Large Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$5,000 |
|                            | (*Grant was not paid out as the organization was unable to book a venue within Burnaby) |         |
|                            | 2023 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$4,500 |
|                            | 2020 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$3,500 |
|                            | (Cancelled due to COVID-19)   |         |
|                            | 2016 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$3,500 |
|                            | 2015 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$3,500 |

Attendance Forecast: 400 people

Actual Attendance from Prior Year/ most recent: 400 people

An application request for \$7,500 has been received from the Vancouver Cantonese Opera for *The Bamboo Theatre – Cantonese Opera Extravaganza* to be held on March 21, 2026 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre and a Pre-Show Workshop to be held at a Burnaby Public Library on March 7, 2026. The event is expected to attract over 400 people.

*The Bamboo Theatre – Cantonese Opera Extravaganza* is a festival with a series of opera performances that draws its inspiration from the historic festivals of China. Participants will have the unique opportunity to enjoy the traditional art form of Cantonese Opera. The event also includes a pre-show behind the scenes workshop. At the pre-show workshop, community members will go through the intricate details on the history and significance of the use of make-up in Cantonese opera.

Grant funding will go towards assisting with artist fees and programming. Other funding has been received from the Canada Council for the Arts and Gaming Fund. They have approached the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office for support.

The Vancouver Cantonese Opera was established in 2000 with the mandate to present the unique traditional art of Cantonese opera to both Chinese and non-Chinese audiences.

**Mali Kurdistanian Society**

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| Grant File #               | 26-SN-001                                 |         |
| Title of Event:            | Kurdish New Year Nawroz                   |         |
| Project Budget:            | \$14,500                                  |         |
| Free Admission:            | Yes                                       |         |
| Amount Requested:          | \$3,000                                   |         |
| <b>Amount Recommended:</b> | \$2,500                                   |         |
| Previous Support:          | 2024 Medium Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant | \$2,500 |
|                            | 2020 Small Scale Festivals Burnaby Grant  | \$2,000 |
|                            | (Cancelled due to COVID-19)               |         |

Attendance Forecast: 2000 people  
Actual Attendance from Prior Year/ most recent: 600 people

An application request for \$3,000 has been received from the Mali Kurdistanian Society for *Kurdish New Year Nawroz* to be held on March 22, 2026 at the Riverway Sports Complex Park. The event is expected to attract approximately 2000 people.

The event will be a celebration of the Kurdish New Year, a time of renewal and spring. The festival will offer an open and welcoming way to learn about Kurdish culture through music, dance, traditional clothing, art, and food. The festival is a public way for Kurdish families to share their customs and traditions and support cultural pride and belonging in Burnaby.

Grant funding will go towards artist’s fees, venue/equipment rental, and administration costs. Other sources from funding comes from businesses that support the event and contributions from the organization’s members and general operating funds.

The Mali Kurdistanian Society was established in 2019 with the aim to facilitate the Kurdish community in BC to integrate with the Canadian culture and system through seminars and events. They also aim to organize festivals and events.