

Edmonton Arts Council

Mandate

The Edmonton Arts Council exists to support and promote the arts community in Edmonton. It is supported in this by the City of Edmonton through a service agreement .

Overview

The Edmonton Arts Council works with the City, its agencies, and the arts community in Edmonton for the benefit of all citizens. The Edmonton Arts council was founded in 1995 and has over 450 members.

Major Services & Activities

- Support to not-for-profit arts and festival organizations and individual artists
- Development of arts and cultural policies
- Implementation of percent for art program and public art master plan
- Support and production of special projects involving the arts and culture
- Participation in civic forums and committees.

Explanatory Notes

The revenue and cost impacts include inflation (at CPI 2%) for expenditures.



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Operational Challenges

- Increased economic activity has created a deficit of space for arts and cultural activities—programs to address this have been initiated and are beginning to be effective and must be maintained.
- Increased population growth and cultural diversity of people moving to Edmonton has created a need to integrate arts and culture and validate ongoing cultural connections.
- Maintain adequate support to the arts and festivals in the current economic downturn

Focus Area and Priority Alignment:

- Social and Cultural development
- Facilitate revitalization of neighbourhoods in need
- Encourage accessible and ethno-culturally sensitive services

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Proposed 2010 Operating Budget

	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	Revenue & Cost Impacts*	Service & Budget Review	Service Needs	2010 Budget	% Change '09-'10	2011 Forecast
Revenues								
User fees, Fines, Permits, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues & Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures								
Festivals	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,179	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,203	2.0	\$ 1,227
Arts Organizations	1,860	1,941	39	-	-	1,980	2.0	2,019
Individual Artists	214	222	4	-	-	226	2.0	231
Multicultural outreach	100	102	2	-	-	104	2.0	106
Arts & Museum Facilities	540	1,015	20	-	-	1,035	2.0	1,056
Arts Council Operating	368	633	13	-	825	1,471	2.0	659
Parade/Celebration Grant	54	55	1	-	-	56	2.0	57
Community Public Art	107	110	2	-	-	112	2.0	114
Total Expenditures & Transfers	4,373	5,257	105	-	825	6,187	17.7	5,469
Net Operating Requirement	\$ 4,373	\$ 5,257	\$ 105	\$ -	\$ 825	\$ 6,187	17.7	\$ 5,469
Full-time Equivalents			-	-	-	-		

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Current Service Level

- 35 established Festival Organizations funded. 6 new/emerging Festival Organizations funded. Funding support, to a limited degree, in order to produce a festival within the corporate limits of the City of Edmonton in 2009.
- 99 Arts Organizations funded. Funds support, to a limited degree, the ongoing operational expenses of eligible organizations whose primary activities must be in the arts and must take place within the corporate limits of the City of Edmonton.
- 18 Individual Artists supported. Funds support the creation, development, curation, exhibition or production of work in any art form by an individual artist.
- Funds recognize and support Edmonton artists from ethnically diverse cultural backgrounds, and engage those artists in the broader Edmonton community.
- 21 Arts facilities and Museums funded. Funding supports a portion of the costs associated with maintaining clean, well-lighted, heated and secure facilities to ensure that costs are manageable, and that facilities remain primarily dedicated for use by a range of not-for-profit arts and cultural groups and that it will be accessible by the public.
- Includes annual operating funds for Edmonton Arts Council and Arts Habitat Association of Edmonton.
- 3 major parades and 7 one day celebrations funded. Funding assists, through limited financial support, with the production of one-day celebratory events and/or major parades within the City of Edmonton.
- 2 Community Public Art projects funded. Funding to Edmonton community groups or organizations which, through the creation of public art, may want to address social issues, celebrate community or cultural identity, beautify public spaces, commemorate an event or increase the appreciation of the arts in general.

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Service Package

Brought Forward as Directed by City Council /Committee

Funded

Arts Council - Public Art Conservator and Inventory Project Year 2

incremental (\$000)	2010				2011				2012			
	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs
New Budget Annualization	150		150		(150)		(150)		-		-	
Total	150	-	150	-	(150)	-	(150)	-	-	-	-	-

Description

A professional assessment of the state of repair and value of Edmonton's public art collection began in 2009 with funding from City Council. This information is being entered into a database for use by the City. The inventory includes the origin of each piece in the collection, re-production guidelines (in the case of loss or theft), current value and maintenance schedule and procedures. These funds are required to complete this process and were identified in the service package approved in the 2009 budget.

Justification

City of Edmonton masterplan for public art identified the critical need to professionally assess the current state of the City's valuable collection of public art. This requires specialized expertise. In addition, an inventory of the collection including technical detail was recommended. This funding is necessary to deal with a historical neglect in this area. Once the collection is fully assessed and the information entered into a suitable information management system, the task will be on-going and will not require additional funding.

Links to Strategic Goals & Departmental Outcomes

Master Plan for Public Art approved by Council in 2008.

- Alignment with 2007-08 Strategic Direction: Focus Areas and Priorities:
- Outcome area: Social and Cultural
- Focus area: Vibrant Communities
- Priorities: Promote Edmonton as an arts and cultural center/Encourage recreational, cultural, artistic and entertainment opportunities for all residents.

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Funded

Arts Council - Winter Light Festival

incremental (\$000)	2010				2011				2012			
	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs
New Budget Annualization	675		675		(675)		(675)				-	-
Total	675	-	675	-	(675)	-	(675)	-	-	-	-	-

Description

Funds to support the planning and implementation of a festival events starting in the winter of 2009 from January to March 2009. This service package only funds planning and implementation of the festival for 2010 and 2011. Fund raising will also contribute \$75k towards funding this event.

Justification

On May 13, 2009 City Council passed a motion that required the Edmonton Arts Council to prepare a funding package for the 2010 Budget in the amount of \$675,000 for ongoing operations of a winter festival, and, that the Edmonton Arts Council coordinate the planning and implementation of a winter festival.

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