

**Date:** February 17, 2026

**To:** **Committee of the Whole.**

**Name and title:** Andy Beesley, Director of Civic Facilities & Events

**Subject:** Annual Reporting Existing Multiyear Funding Grant Agreements

**Attachment(s):**

1. Council Policy Multiyear Funding Grants
2. 2026 Multiyear Grant Holders – Annual Reporting Summary
3. Annual Reporting Existing Multiyear Funding Grant Agreements - Presentation

#### Recommendation(s):

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council:

1. RECEIVE the summary of annual reporting and requests for existing multiyear funding grant agreement holders, outlined in the February 17, 2026 report from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events titled “Annual Reporting Existing Multiyear Funding Grant Agreements”; and
2. DIRECT Administration on next steps.

#### Purpose:

This report (and attached summary report) summarizes the annual reporting submitted by eight organizations with standing/existing multiyear funding grant agreements, in alignment with the Council Policy: Multiyear Funding Grants.

#### Background:

Under the Council Policy, a standing (existing) grant within the multiyear funding framework provides up to four years of ongoing financial support to eligible not-for-profit organizations delivering sustained, high-quality community services and demonstrating diversified financial sustainability. This funding stream supports operational or ongoing program needs rather than one-time projects.

As outlined in the Policy, organizations with standing (existing) multiyear grant agreements may, through the annual reporting process, submit a request for additional funding or request a term renewal (if they are in the final year of their agreement term).

Prior to the adoption of the Policy, there was no formal mechanism to manage such requests. The Policy was established to provide a transparent and consistent approach for reviewing both new and existing multiyear funding requests.

Through the Committee of the Whole, multiyear funding requests are received and reviewed and may be recommended to Council. While the Policy outlines a governance role for Council in overseeing multiyear funding, there is no obligation for Council to approve any request or commit to continued

multiyear funding. The submission of a request is part of the established process and does not constitute a commitment or guarantee of approval or ongoing funding.

**Discussion:**

**Existing multiyear funding grant agreement holders annual reporting summary themes**

Funded organizations deliver year-round services across key community areas, including arts and culture; seniors’ health and independence; homelessness response and public health; downtown cleanliness, safety, economic vitality; and affordable recreation. Annual reports indicate increased participation and service demand over the past two years, driven by inflation and cost-of-living pressures, housing insecurity, a post-COVID return to public events, and expanded accessibility efforts.

Inflation continues to impact operating costs, including staffing, facilities, maintenance, and program delivery. At the same time, senior-level government funding has remained relatively stable. Based on the annual reporting review, organizations appear operationally stable and are meeting their core service mandates. However, most operate with limited financial surpluses and modest reserves, which may reduce flexibility in responding to future cost pressures or capital replacement needs. The funding increase requests presented are primarily intended to address inflationary pressures and sustain existing programs.

Municipal funding contributes to outcomes aligned with Council priorities, including inclusion, community safety, and quality of life. Overall, the multiyear funding framework supports service continuity in a higher-cost operating environment.

**Multiyear funding grant recipients requesting a funding increase**

Under the Policy, funding for multiyear grants is incorporated into the City’s annual operating budget process and remains subject to Council approval. Should Council approve the requested funding increases, they would be included for consideration in the 2027 operating budget. The organizations requesting funding increases for 2027 are listed below.

**Table 1:** Organizations requesting a funding increase for 2027

Organization	Current Amount of Annual Funding	Amount requested (Increase)	Total (if it were approved by Council for 2027)	Rationale for Funding Increase Request
Prince George Native Friendship Centre	\$96,580	\$ 1720	\$98, 300	Provide staff wage increase (2%) and increase the personal storage service to keep up with the growing demand in the downtown community
Prince George Council of Seniors	\$10,000	\$17,000	\$27,000	to sustain core operations, expand service capacity, and meet rapidly growing demand for senior-focused supports in Prince George. Rising housing costs, food insecurity, transportation barriers, and social isolation have significantly increased the number of seniors seeking assistance, placing sustained pressure on frontline services, staffing, and infrastructure.
Theatre North West	\$233,065	\$19,330.02	\$252,395.02	Over the past 12–18 months, the cost of virtually every aspect of our operations has increased, including artist and staff compensation, production materials, technical services, insurance, utilities,

				and facilities maintenance. As a professional producing theatre, we are committed to maintaining industry-standard pay and safe working conditions; however, rising costs place increasing pressure on a fixed operating base.
Prince George Symphony Orchestra	\$119,627	\$5000	\$124,627	An increase of funding to counteract inflation will help us continue to operate at the same level, delivering over twenty performances to varied audiences in the city of PG, as well as supporting initiatives like the Youth Orchestra and Orchestra North summer program and festival. Need to avoid raising ticket prices to remain accessible. Rising production and venue rental costs Musician & Production Salaries and Wages
Downtown PG	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000	Additional funding to revive the Graffiti Removal Program in downtown Prince George. This program will directly enhance the appearance and safety of our downtown core while providing meaningful employment and rehabilitation opportunities through a partnership with PG Activator Society.
Community Arts Council of Prince George & District	\$90,338	\$0	\$90,338	N/A
Prince George Folkfest Society (ColdSnap Festival)	\$20,122	\$0	\$20,122	N/A
Outdoor Ice Oval Society of Prince George	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$649,732</b>	<b>\$53,050</b>	<b>\$702,782.</b>	

**Table 2:** Organizations approved by council to transition to the existing/standing grant stream and will be required to complete annual reporting in 2027

Organization	Funding Amount Remains the same for 2027
*Royal Canadian Legion- Branch 43	\$10,000
*Lheidli T'enneh First Nation	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

The total amount for 2027 existing multiyear funding grant agreements (table 1 and table 2 totals) is **\$732,782.**

#### Strategic Priorities:

Multiyear Funding Grants support the City's 2023–2026 Strategic Plan, particularly the goal of enhancing social health and well-being by ensuring delivery of effective, equitable, and sustainable programs and services, valuable to the community.

#### Summary and conclusion:

This report summarizes the annual reporting submitted by eight existing multiyear funding grant recipients funded through the multiyear funding framework, in accordance with Council Policy. Administration is requesting that the Committee of the Whole consider the funding increase requests and provide direction to Administration.

Respectfully submitted:

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