

September 20, 2023

Civic Arts Grant Program 2024 Fee for Service request

Attn. Mayor and Council, City of Grand Forks

In accordance with the 2023 Funding Agreement with the City of Grand Forks, the Grand Forks Art Gallery Society (GFAGS) hereby submits a request for continued Fee for Service funding for the Civic Arts Grant Program effective January 1, 2024.

We are not requesting an increase at this time – the funding request for 2024 is \$8,000.

- a) Community Benefit:** Gallery 2 administers Civic Arts Grant funding on behalf of the City of Grand Forks for the benefit of the community. The grants provide crucial funding support for local artists and organizations, contributing to the fabric of civic life. Gallery 2 collects applications and coordinates review, applications are approved by a rotating jury of community stakeholders. In addition to funding, the grant program provides applicants opportunities to improve their grant application skills and feedback for future applications.
- b) Use of Funding:** Applications are currently open for the 2023 funding cycle; we anticipate full subscription of available funds. 2023 recipients include:
 - The GEM Theatre on behalf of the Downstage Performing Arts Society to present the Axis Theatres' A Troll Grandfather- a live show for young audiences.
 - Grand Forks Choral Society to support ongoing operating expenses.
 - The Hip Sisters to produce present a community dance performance with locally sourced global cuisine.
 - Community activator Rocio Graham to offer arts mentorship to youth at risk.
 - Quilter Sam Alberts to become a registered quilting judge through the Canadian Quilters Association.
- c) 2024 deliverables:** At this time, there are no anticipated changes to the deliverables
- d) Operating surplus:** All Civic Arts Grant funds have been dispersed.

The Civic Arts Grant Fee for Service enables support from the City of Grand Forks to be efficiently and effectively dispersed to local artists and cultural organizations. Gallery 2 is pleased to play our part in building a stronger arts and culture ecosystem in the Boundary.

Regards,



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Director/Curator | Gallery 2