
CITY OF KELOWNA
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2001
File No.: 1853-20
To: City Manager
From: Cultural Services Manager
Subject: Festival Fund Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve a Festival Fund Grant of \$2,500.00, with funding allocated from the existing 2001 budget to The Okanagan Film Festival Society.

BACKGROUND:

The Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee accepts applications for funding from the Festival and Special Events Initiative. The Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee, a Council Committee of arts and tourism professionals, administers these funds. Non-profit organizations in Kelowna are eligible to apply for funding to create a new Festival or Event that would support and enhance the City's cultural tourism initiative. Existing events and those receiving other civic grants are not eligible.

City Council approved \$100,000 for 2001 to stimulate and initiate Arts Festivals and Special Events that will deliver a dynamic and professional product to the citizens of Kelowna.

The Okanagan Film Festival Society is producing their second Festival, March 8-11, 2001. Although their budget has increased slightly, their request has been reduced from last year. The Festival includes a substantial children's program and film opportunities for young people. Venues include the Paramount Theatre, the Kelowna Art Gallery, and the Public Library.

Once again the Festival will provide opportunities for people in the Central Okanagan to see Canadian and foreign films that have either had a limited release in British Columbia or none at all. These adjudicated films represent some of the finest work created last year.

Ian Forsyth,
Cultural Services Manager

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Cc: Director of Parks and Leisure Services