

Fraser Valley Regional District
Hope & District Arts Council (HDAC) Grant-in-Aid Application 2018

Statement as to eligibility to apply for Grant-In-Aid funds:

HDAC is a local, registered, non-profit Community Arts & Cultural organization providing a variety of programs and events regularly attended by residents of Hope, Yale, Sunshine Valley, Laidlaw and surrounding areas. HDAC Notice to Reader financials, required by the BC Arts Council, Province of BC and Government of Canada are available upon request. We are run by a board of eight (4 executive/4 directors). We employ one part-time paid administrator as well as 7 part-time paid art instructors.

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

Your financial assistance will help us to continue offering year round arts and crafts programming at The Art Machine community arts facility in Hope, BC while keeping costs to participants as low as possible – some free of charge. This allows residents from all ages and income brackets to attend. In 2017 the BC Arts Council cut our funding by \$3,000.00 and HDAC was able to absorb the costs. This year our funding was further reduced by another \$5,000.00 with very little warning or notice. We learned this year that these reductions were due to the BC Arts Council dropping the Performance Award from their funding package in their efforts to restructure how they disperse their funds. HDAC used to receive the full amount yearly on average. HDAC doesn't have any surplus revenue to adjust for these shortfalls and we will have to find other avenues to make up for this loss either from grants or fundraisers. HDAC is presently in the process of our Art Machine Relocation/Renovation project that we expect will be complete at the latest in July 2018. Going forward, upon completion of the project we anticipate some reduced facility costs which will help.

Statement as to how these funds will benefit the community, or an aspect of the community:

We believe the arts are essential to the health and well being of individuals and the community at large. The Art Machine community arts program offers arts and cultural awareness, education and opportunities for socialization and sharing. A grant in aid of \$4,000.00 will assist HDAC absorb the unexpected loss of BC Arts Council funding. It will help us to continue The Art Machine programming for children and adults of all ages while keeping costs at a minimum, providing hands on, educational arts/craft and cultural programming to all community members. The funds will be spent on arts/craft materials, instructor's wages, facility rent and utilities, etc. The extra funds that we have requested this year will be used towards all of the above. Participants have continued to benefit from our programming even during the AM Renovation project and will ultimately benefit once the Art Machine moves into its new facility. Hope and area is unique in that we have community arts programming such as The Art Machine rarely seen in small communities. Support from local government such as the District of Hope and the FVRD show community support and help HDAC to acquire funding from other available sources.

A 2017 report was sent to FVRD in January, 2018. The HDAC 2018 AGM was held on February 21 and our 2017 financial Notice to Reader report has recently been completed and are available upon request. Please do not hesitate to ask for any other information you require.

Update re: AM renovation – New roof on, interior demolition and new walls complete, new windows installed, rough in plumbing complete and all new electrical being installed. Hopefully we will be offering classes there sooner than July!