



2023 Cultural funding summary report

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Introduction

The City of Ottawa values the contribution that local not-for-profit cultural organizations, professional artists, and heritage workers make to our community, and it annually invests in arts, heritage, and culture through 17 Cultural funding and awards programs. These programs are managed by the Cultural funding support unit. All funds, except those administered through Purchase of service agreements, endowment funds, or honoraria, use a peer assessment model in the evaluation process, involving professionals who are active within their cultural communities.

This report outlines all the applicants who were awarded funding in 2023, as well as the peer assessors who reviewed the applications. In total, the City processed 602 submissions and provided over \$11.9 million in funding through 401 allocations through cultural funding programs: 358 contributions, 21 awards, 2 Purchase of Service Agreements, 4 Rich Little Endowment Fund payments and 16 honoraria.

All funded activities meet the objectives of the program through which they were funded. Detailed information about cultural funding programs and their objectives can be found on the [City of Ottawa website](#) or by contacting infoculture@ottawa.ca.

Cultural funding support unit values

The Cultural funding support unit assists independent, local, not-for-profit organizations, as well as professional artists and heritage professionals in the presentation of arts and heritage events and activities that reflect a broad representation of communities within Ottawa.

The City of Ottawa supports cultural activity that is inclusive of Ottawa's diverse community, including people from a diversity of ancestries, abilities, ages, countries of origin, cultures, genders, incomes, languages, races and sexual orientations.

The City of Ottawa encourages submissions from First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, IBPOC (Indigenous, black, people of colour), persons with disabilities and members of the 2SLGBTQIA communities.

The City of Ottawa is built on unceded Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Territory. The Cultural funding support unit honours the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation as Host Nation.

The Cultural Funding Support Unit is committed to supporting cultural activities that respond to the Calls to action of the Truth and reconciliation commission.

The City of Ottawa recognizes both official languages as having the same rights, status and privileges, and therefore accepts applications in both English and French.

2023 Funding priorities

Following the peer-assessed evaluation of submitted proposals, the Cultural funding support unit prioritized applications from the following Indigenous and equity-seeking communities:

- Anishinabe Algonquin Nation
- First Nations
- Inuit
- Métis
- IBPOC (Indigenous, Black, People of Colour)
- People with visible and invisible disabilities
- Non-ambulatory persons
- D/deaf people
- Refugees / Immigrants / Newcomers
- 2SLGBTQIA
- People living in poverty
- Rural residents
- Francophones
- Seniors / Older adults
- Women+
- Youth

The City of Ottawa recognizes that people identify themselves in many ways. Terms used to self-identify are continually evolving. With this understanding, the Cultural funding support unit uses terms recommended by community members through various consultations.

Arts funding program

The objective of the Arts funding program is to spark and support the creation, production, presentation, exhibition, and dissemination of the literary, performing, visual, and media arts, as well as independent film and video.

Open to all disciplines, operating and project funding is made available to professional and amateur organizations. Funding from this program addresses the need to support arts education, arts training, community-based artistic activities, and professional groups that develop local arts audiences and provide valuable arts programs and services.

2023 was a reporting year for organizations receiving two-year operating funding, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

Amateur arts - Music

Jury members: Marlene Cruz Lozano, Tahlia DeCorso, Lane Lamb

Amateur arts - Music - Project

Recipient	Amount
The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band	\$3,000

Amateur arts - Music - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
All Voices Community Choir	\$7,500
Coro Vivo Ottawa	\$9,500
Ewashko Singers	\$5,500
Strings of St. John's Chamber Orchestra	\$4,500

Amateur arts - Music – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Canadian Centennial Choir	\$8,300
Cantata Singers of Ottawa	\$20,300
Kiwanis Music Festival - National Capital Region	\$45,000
Oto-Wa Taiko Group	\$5,600

Arts events - Small festival

Jury members: Bala Brahmanandam Madaparathi, Ingrid Cabezas, Martyna Turczynowicz

Arts events - Small festival - Project

Recipient	Amount
Association Kunadia	\$6,000
Canadian Tulip Festival	\$4,000
Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival Inc.	\$13,500
Origins Arts and Community Center	\$8,000
Philippine Dance Troupe of Ottawa	\$10,000
Riverbed Reading Series	\$6,900
Sangamam: Ottawa Tamil Youth Cultural Society	\$4,000
World Multicultural Festival	\$8,600

Arts events - Small festival - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
CRANIUM Arts Project	\$17,000
Debaser	\$18,000

Arts events - Small festival – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
House of PainT	\$68,000

[Arts services and arts venues](#)

Jury members: Lori Marchand, Karine Ricard, Doreen Taylor-Claxton

Arts services and arts venues - Project

Recipient	Amount
Réseau Ontario des arts de la scène inc.	\$25,000
Théâtre Action	\$10,000

Arts services and arts venues - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Live Arts Community	\$22,680
TACTICS	\$26,000
The Gladstone Theatre	\$50,000

Arts training and arts education – Multidisciplinary

Arts training and arts education – Multidisciplinary – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Gloucester Pottery School	\$80,000
Propeller Dance	\$70,000
School of the Photographic Arts: Ottawa	\$20,780
The Ottawa School of Theatre	\$55,000
The School of Dance	\$131,220

Arts training and arts education - Music

Jury members: Sador Bereketab, Gabrielle Brochu, Andres Tucci Clarke

Arts training and arts education - Music - Project

Recipient	Amount
Capital Strings and Voices Collective	\$7,770

Arts training and arts education – Music – Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
OrKidstra – Sistema Ottawa	\$94,000
Ottawa Children's Choir	\$25,000
Ottawa Regional Youth Choir	\$7,800
Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy	\$28,000

Arts training and arts education - Music – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
JazzWorks	\$14,000

Dance

Jury members: Tanveer Alam, Esther América Caron, Rachel Domaratzki

Dance - Project

Recipient	Amount
Al-Arz Lebanese Art Group	\$9,000
Capital Region Bachata	\$13,000
Jannat Performing Arts	\$3,000
Upasana the Spirit of Dance	\$10,000

Dance – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Dance Directive	\$85,000
Tara Luz Danse	\$58,700

English theatre

Jury members: Karim Hamdy, Marcel Stewart, Ekaterina Vetrov

English theatre - Project

Recipient	Amount
Burning Passions Theatre	\$7,000
Horseshoes & Hand Grenades Ontario Theatre Society	\$10,000
Levity Theatre Co.	\$4,000
Speaking Vibrations	\$20,000

English theatre – Amateur arts - Project

Recipient	Amount
Lost Baggage Musical Theatre	\$4,000

English theatre - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
A Company of Fools	\$70,000
Fresh Meat Festival	\$24,000
Skeleton Key Theatre	\$32,000

English theatre – Amateur arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Little Theatre	\$7,000
Youth Infringement Festival	\$20,000

English theatre – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Odyssey Theatre	\$108,605
Rag and Bone Puppet Theatre	\$19,300
Theatre 4.669	\$32,000

Film and video

Jury members: Mailyne K. Briggs, Stéphane Mukunzi, Daïchi Saïto

Film and video - Project

Recipient	Amount
Lightproof Film Collective	\$8,000
Ottawa Independent Film Festival	\$8,000

Film and video – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Digital Arts Resource Centre (DARC)	\$155,500

French theatre

Jury members: Djennie Laguerre, Karine Ricard, Doreen Taylor-Claxton

French theatre - Project

Recipient	Amount
Projet Arbres	\$6,000

French theatre – Amateur arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Théâtre Tremplin	\$20,000

French theatre – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Compagnie Vox Théâtre	\$78,000
Créations in Vivo	\$65,000
Théâtre du Trillium	\$111,000
Théâtre Catapulte	\$102,000
Théâtre de la Vieille 17	\$115,000

Literary arts - English

Jury members: Aara Macauley, Shanice Nicole Yarde, Mary-Lou Zeitoun

Literary Arts - English - Project

Recipient	Amount
Bywords	\$4,800
Canthus: Feminism and Literary Arts	\$8,000
The Rockets Words Society	\$2,500
Urban Legends Poetry Collective	\$4,700

Literary Arts - English – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
ARC Poetry Magazine	\$43,800
Ottawa Storytellers	\$26,000
VERSe Ottawa	\$20,000

Literary Arts - French

Jury members: Kalula Kalambay, Mireille Piché, Jennifer Tremblay

Literary Arts - French - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Association des auteures et auteurs de l'Ontario français	\$66,500
Les Éditions David	\$55,000
Les Éditions L'Interligne	\$49,500

Music

Jury members: Cheryl Duvall, Catherine Molina, Saeideh Rajabzadeh

Music - Project

Recipient	Amount
Operottawa	\$10,650

Music - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Choral Society	\$37,000
Ottawa New Music Creators	\$11,000
Ottawa Symphony Orchestra	\$120,000

Music – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Bach Choir	\$24,145
Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra	\$50,000

Visual arts

Jury members: Emily Rose Michaud, Dyana Ouvrard, Melanie Yugo

Visual arts - Project

Recipient	Amount
Nosy Mag	\$6,000

Visual arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Artengine	\$99,000
Le Centre d'artistes Voix Visuelle	\$48,000

Visual arts – Amateur arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Arteast	\$13,000

Visual arts - Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Galerie SAW Gallery	\$137,500
Gallery 101	\$100,000

Visual arts – Amateur arts - Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Valley Weavers' and Spinners' Guild	\$17,600

Creation and production fund for professional artists

The Creation and Production fund for professional artists supports local artists for the creation and production of new work or the completion of works in progress. Funding is awarded to individual emerging, mid-career, and established artists in the literary, visual, media, and performing arts.

Dance

Jury members: Tanveer Alam, Esther América Caron, Rachel Domaratzki

Dance - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Huggett, Jessie	\$5,500
Sharma, Saveeta	\$5,500

Dance - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Todd, Jocelyn	\$4,000

English theatre

Jury members: Maryse Fernandes, Karim Hamdy, Ekaterina Vetrov

English theatre - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Fyffe, Laurie	\$5,500
Piercey, Megan	\$5,500

English theatre - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Abeyratne, Vishesh	\$4,000
Reis, Ludmylla Mar dos	\$4,000
Wells, Velvet	\$4,000

Film and video

Jury members: Mailyne K. Briggs, Stéphane Mukunzi, Daïchi Saïto

Film and video - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Bedford, Nicole	\$5,500
Blundell, Nicole	\$5,500
McCann, Penny	\$5,500
Redmond, Christopher	\$5,500

Film and video - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
DeVries, Conor	\$4,000
Forgues, Alexandre	\$4,000
McNaule, Kirsten	\$4,000
Taylor, Denise	\$4,000
Telford, Ben	\$4,000

Literary arts - English

Jury members: Amy Dempsey, Sandra Ridley, Mary-Lou Zeitoun

Literary arts - English - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Clayton, Conyer	\$5,500
Forrester, Faizal	\$5,500
Jennings, Chris	\$5,500
O'Meara, David	\$5,500
Rhodes, Shane	\$5,500
Roy, Ian	\$5,500

Literary arts - English - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Hancock, Brecken	\$4,000
Hong-Michael, Chang Woo	\$4,000
Madhavan-Reese, Sneha	\$4,000
Mang, Sara	\$4,000
Moffatt, Jordan	\$4,000

Literary Arts - French

Jury members: Kalula Kalambay, Mireille Piché, Jennifer Tremblay

Literary arts - French - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
L'Heureux, Lisa	\$5,500

Music

Jury members: Simone Provencher, Ferline Regis, Adam Smith

Music - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Ager, Andrew	\$5,500
Armstrong, John Gordon	\$5,500
Cancura, Petr	\$5,500
Donkin, Catherine	\$5,500
Essoudry, Michael	\$5,500
Francis, Angelique	\$5,500
Glossop, Ben	\$5,500
Hanson, Lynne	\$5,500
Hui Litster, Jack	\$5,500
Huizinga, Troy	\$5,500
Jerome, Megan	\$5,500
Klausener, Rolf-Carlos	\$5,500
Kontes, Zoltan "Return of the Jaded"	\$5,500
Lafreniere, Philippe "Phil Motion"	\$5,500
Losier, Emili	\$5,500
Lowe Warnakulasuriya, Amanda	\$5,500
Martin, Darius	\$5,500

Mendonsa, Shane	\$5,500
Muse, Abdul "KAR33M"	\$5,500
Nerenberg, Laura	\$5,500
Sterling, Alanna	\$5,500
Sunstrum, Kimberly "OK Naledi"	\$5,500

Music - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Cloutier, Jean	\$4,000
Lindsay, Jessy	\$4,000
Meagher, Kyle	\$4,000
Pierre, Anthony Isaac "Lonely Boy"	\$4,000
Rogers, Malia	\$4,000
Seccareccia, Antonio	\$4,000
Yohannes, Eden "Eazy Finesse"	\$4,000

Visual arts

Jury members: Stéphane Alexis, Jennifer Macklem, Anna Shah Hoque

Visual Arts - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Arpin, Pascale	\$5,500
Doyle, Maura	\$5,500
Emori, Eiko	\$5,500
MacRae, Alisdair	\$5,500
Margo, Deborah	\$5,500
Stec, Ryan	\$5,500
Stelmackowich, Cindy	\$5,500
Stewart, Carl	\$5,500
VanStarkenburg, Sharon	\$5,500
Vingoe-Cram, Katharine	\$5,500
Williams, Anna	\$5,500

Visual arts - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Passafiume, Tania	\$4,000
Piché, Ann	\$4,000
Yik, Shirley	\$4,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund

The Equity and inclusion in the arts fund aims to reduce barriers and advance artistic expression within Indigenous and equity-seeking communities by providing opportunities for self-expression, capacity building, visibility, and celebration. This program was revised in 2021, as per the recommendation of the Cultural Funding Support Unit’s Equity and inclusion committee, to offer clearer objectives, easier access to municipal funds and assessment criteria, and application questions that are more reflective of Indigenous and equity-seeking applicants.

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project – English

Jury members: Erin Ball, Anykrystal Coppet, Naledi Sunstrum

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project – Organization - English

Recipient	Amount
Africa Live Canada	\$10,000
AIDS Committee of Ottawa	\$12,000
Al-Arz Lebanese Art Group	\$10,000
BEING Studio	\$19,300
Canadian Centre for Victims of Armed Conflict	\$4,500
Capital Rainbow Refuge	\$12,000
Caribbean Nations Canada Organization	\$10,000
Farmaish Media Communications Inc.	\$5,000
Firegrove Studio	\$19,900
Flo's Seniors Health and Care Programs Network Inc.	\$8,000
Friends of Yemen	\$10,000
Ghost Rooster Collective	\$19,800

Haiyan Dance Studio	\$9,325
Living Room Song Interpretation (LRSI)	\$7,000
M.O.R.E	\$5,000
Multifaith Housing Initiative	\$10,000
Music.Art.Ppl	\$15,000
NDÉ Ottawa – Gatineau	\$5,000
Origin Arts and Community Center	\$12,000
Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization	\$5,000
Social Planning Council of Ottawa	\$12,000
Speaking Vibrations	\$19,000
Spectrum of Redemption	\$5,000
The Iraqi Canadian Society - Ottawa Chapter	\$9,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project - Individual - English

Recipient	Amount
Belayneh, Hanna Mekonnen	\$12,000
Bhutani, Nutan	\$5,000
Blondin, Naomi	\$15,000
Clarke, Sharlene	\$7,000
Fezic, Sanita	\$6,632
Gomez-Umana, Maria	\$3,500
Hatashita, Kaylie	\$7,200

Onuk, Edikan	\$9,000
Patil, Anjali	\$4,000
Pierre, Anthony Isaac "Lonely Boy"	\$4,500
Row - Smith, Adrienne	\$9,000
Roy, Veronica	\$10,000
Segawa, Takako	\$12,000
Stocks, Taylor	\$16,000
Swim, Kingsley	\$7,400
Wells, Velvet	\$6,000
Whitcomb, Sukitja Kai	\$5,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project – French

Jury: Geraldine Marie Bayala, Anykrystel Coppet, Yaovi Hoyi

Equity and Inclusion in the Arts Fund – Grow grant – Project – Organization – French

Recipient	Amount
Coopération Intégration Canada Inc. (CICAN)	\$7,500
Dynamique Afro-Vision / Dynamic Afro-Vision	\$10,000
Mosaïque Interculturelle	\$13,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project - Individual - French

Recipient	Amount
Ouattara, Ama	\$8,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund - Annual operating

Jury: Sarah Eves, Nyamulola Kambanji, Tiffanie Tri

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Aroha Fine Arts	\$30,000
Capital Pride	\$80,000
Capital Ukrainian Festival	\$50,000
Multicultural Artists' Coalition	\$20,000
Tone Cluster	\$15,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Seed award – Spring

Jury members: Glenn Nuotio, Ninette Nyiringango, Tam-Ca Vo-Van

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund - Seed award – Spring

Recipient	Amount
Abdourahman, Sarah-Mecca	\$2,000
Alcena, Celeste	\$2,000
Betancourt Silva, Arnaldo	\$2,000
Bilaka, Héritier	\$2,000
Canbell, Georgina “pito”	\$2,000
Cetinkaya, Yekta Berk	\$2,000
Dale, Brittany	\$2,000
de Castro, Alea	\$2,000
Gough, Xavior	\$2,000
Jimenez, Rudie	\$2,000
Meyers, Halima	\$2,000
Osman, Abdalazeem "Amari Jr"	\$1,800
Sundram, Radha	\$2,000
Tan, Meral	\$2,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Seed award – Fall

Jury members: Carissa Coe, Mark Duah, Tiffanie Tri

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund - Seed award - Fall

Recipient	Amount
Ali, Ladane	\$1,900
Bacic, Laura	\$2,000
Basudde, Maya	\$2,000
Dusabe, Sandra	\$2,000
El Ashkar, Gaby	\$2,000
Hassan, Bilan	\$2,000
Kawahara, Manami	\$600
Keys, Madelyn	\$2,000
Mehraban, Malala	\$2,000
Mounkam, Marline	\$2,000
Nyante Ngukep, Jean-Marie Vianney	\$2,000
Orimoloye, Abayomi	\$1,898
Sarwar, Zahira	\$2,000
Soleimanian, Parastou	\$2,000
Sollows, Vivian	\$2,000
Tejero, Tristan	\$2,000

Equity and inclusion committee

In the fall of 2018, the Cultural funding support unit established its first Equity and inclusion committee following an open call for members. In 2023, the composition and the role of the Committee continued to evolve, but the goal and objectives remain the same: to bring together community members reflecting priority groups identified in the City of Ottawa’s Equity and inclusion lens to provide insight into issues and barriers facing equity-seeking communities when accessing cultural funding programs, and to work collaboratively towards a more responsive and accessible funding format for all. The [7 recommendations](#) brought forward in 2019 by the Committee continues to guide this work.

2023 Equity and inclusion committee

Recipient	Amount
Balbaa, Islam	\$650
Bitchoka, Wilfrid	\$50
Chazou-Essindi, Germaine	\$650
Coe, Carissa	\$550
Compton, Irene	\$650
Duah, Mark	\$750
Edet, Ruby	\$300
Kakegamick, Randy	\$700
Mohtashami-Maali, Arash	\$550
Nkerabigwi, Larissa	\$700
Nuotio, Glenn	\$500
Nyiringango, Ninette	\$850
Owusu-Akyeeah, Debbie	\$750
Sarazin, Naomi	\$600

Tri, Tiffanie	\$850
Vo-Van, Tam-Ca	\$700

Arts service agreement program

The Arts service agreement program is designed to address the needs of Ottawa's arts service organizations that assist the City in building and maintaining a solid infrastructure of arts services and facilities.

The services and activities of these organizations have a major impact on the development of the broader local arts community and contribute significantly to the overall growth of the cultural sector in Ottawa.

Arts service agreement program

Jury members: Marianne Breton, Menon Dwarka, Caroline Ferland

Arts service agreement program – Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Great Canadian Theatre Company	\$440,400

Arts service agreement program – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Arts Network Ottawa	\$317,884
La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins	\$454,509
MASC	\$137,427
Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (MIFO)	\$190,400
Ottawa Art Gallery	\$764,263
Ottawa Arts Council	\$200,000
Ottawa School of Art	\$396,517

Heritage funding program

The objectives of the Heritage funding program are to spark, support and promote activity in all heritage fields related to fostering awareness, education, preservation, and appreciation of the distinct local history and heritage of Ottawa and its communities.

Heritage funding program – Indigenous

Jury members (Indigenous projects): Sandra Diabo, Heidi Metcalfe, Christine Toulouse

Heritage Funding Program – Indigenous - Project – Organizations

Recipient	Amount
ISARUIT Inuit Women's Sewing Centre in Ottawa	\$23,500
Minwaashin Lodge - Indigenous Women's Support Centre	\$10,000
Odawa Native Friendship Centre	\$6,000

Heritage Funding Program – Indigenous – Project – Individual

Recipient	Amount
Cayer, Helene	\$7,500
Miller, Lili	\$13,000

Heritage funding program - Bilingual

Jury members: Louis Patrick Comeau, Emélie Perron-Clow, Aaliyah Strachan

Heritage funding program – Project – Organizations

Recipient	Amount
Coopérative multiservices francophones de l'Ouest d'Ottawa (CMFO)	\$7,000
Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo St. Teckle Haimanot Church in Ottawa	\$7,000
Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair Committee	\$3,000

Heritage funding program – Project – Individuals

Recipient	Amount
Kwan, Donald	\$10,000
Rogers, Kobie	\$7,000
Tandan, Nand	\$3,000

Heritage funding program - Annual Operating

Recipient	Amount
Black History Ottawa	\$12,000
Cumberland Township Historical Society	\$2,500
Gloucester Historical Society	\$4,800
Historical Society of Ottawa	\$4,000
Huntley Township Historical Society	\$3,000
Rideau Township Historical Society	\$10,000
Société franco-ontarienne du patrimoine et de l'histoire d'Orléans	\$61,700
Workers' History Museum	\$47,000

Museum service agreement program

The Museum service agreement program supports community museums and provides them with the resources necessary to enhance capacity and improve research, programming, exhibits, publications, and visitor services in support of telling the Greater Ottawa stories.

2023 was a reporting year for organizations receiving three-year operating funding, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

Museum service agreement program – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum	\$306,016
Goulbourn Museum	\$218,000
Musée Bytown Museum	\$332,000
Muséoparc Vanier Museopark	\$269,984
Osgoode Township Rural Museum	\$171,000
Watson's Mill Manotick	\$225,000

Heritage service agreement program

The Heritage service agreement program supports key local heritage service organizations that have a citywide mandate to provide a broad range of professional services such as networking, access to information, research, marketing, and education.

The City of Ottawa is built on unceded Anishinabe Algonquin territory and honours the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation as Host Nation. This program acknowledges the leadership role of the two Host Nation cultural centres, and supports these facilities to enhance their capacity, conduct research, and offer programming, exhibits, publications and visitor services in support of telling the Anishinabe Algonquin story.

Heritage service agreement program

Jury members: Cheryl Blackman, Jim Mountain, Tracey Taylor

Heritage service agreement program – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Capital Heritage Connexion	\$177,500
Heritage Ottawa	\$63,000
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Pimadjiwownogamig	\$44,000
Omàmiwinini Pimàdjwown	\$52,334
Ottawa Museum Network	\$327,440

Major agricultural fairs program

The Major agricultural fairs program's objectives are to support major local agricultural fairs that attract audiences and celebrate the distinct rural nature of their communities through their operations, community engagement, and event activities.

Supporting these local fairs helps enhance the quality of life in Ottawa by providing opportunities for community participation, social interaction and cultural involvement while helping to build their capacity and increase their sustainability.

Agricultural Fairs

Jury members: Liz O'Gorman-Smit, Ann Munroe, Gloria Mejia

Agricultural fairs – Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Carp Agricultural Society - Carp Fair	\$27,000

Agricultural fairs - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Cumberland Township Agricultural Society - Navan Fair	\$31,370
Metcalf Agricultural Society - Metcalfe Fair	\$38,130

Major arts and cultural festivals program

Festivals enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike through the presentation of a wide variety of activities that increase understanding and appreciation of the unique character of our community. Festivals celebrate our cultural heritage and shine a spotlight on contemporary artists and art forms.

Arts festivals

Jury members: Heather Daley, Gwen Madiba, Veronica Roy

Arts festivals - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Festival franco-ontarien	\$117,860
Music and Beyond	\$125,000
Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival	\$35,000
Ottawa Fringe Festival	\$105,000
RBC Bluesfest	\$125,000

Arts festivals – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
CityFolk Festival	\$90,000
Ottawa Chamberfest	\$162,850
Ottawa International Animation Festival	\$83,150
Ottawa International Children’s Festival	\$110,000
Ottawa International Writers Festival	\$102,000
Ottawa Jazz Festival	\$161,000

Cultural festivals

Jury members: Gwen Madiba, Beverley McKiver, Veronica Roy

Cultural festivals - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Indigenous Experiences	\$133,625
Ottawa Italian Week Festival	\$13,375

Festival service agreement

The Festival service agreement program is designed to address the particular needs of local organizations that assist the City in building a solid infrastructure of services to cultural organizations.

The services and activities of Ottawa festivals have a major impact on the development of the broader local festival, fair, and special event communities, and contribute significantly to the overall growth and development of this sector in Ottawa.

Festival service agreement

Jury members: Marianne Breton, Menon Dwarka, Caroline Ferland

Festival service agreement – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Festivals	\$234,600

Cultural facilities fund

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects)

The Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) is designed to improve community-owned or leased cultural spaces and facilities across the city of Ottawa. This program provides not-for-profit cultural organizations with funds for major capital projects, i.e., renovation, construction, restoration projects or purchase of specialized equipment with costs exceeding \$60,000. Eligible projects in the program include:

- pre-feasibility studies for new projects over \$60,000
- feasibility studies for more advanced projects costing more than \$200,000
- purchase of specialized equipment needed for programming
- renovation, restoration, or construction projects related to major capital assets

This program is managed by the Cultural development and initiatives unit of the Arts and heritage development branch.

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) - Spring

Jury members: Ben Gianni, Madeleine Meilleur, Paul Samborsky

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) - Spring

Recipient	Amount
Coopérative multiservices francophone de l'Ouest d'Ottawa (CMFO)	\$18,000
Haiyan Dance Studio	\$15,000
La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins	\$35,000
Studio Space Ottawa	\$15,000
Watson's Mill Manotick	\$10,000

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) - Fall

Jury members: Danielle Coté, Kim Copland, Lee-Christine Bushey, Kristen Van Houten

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) - Fall

Recipient	Amount
BEING Studio	\$10,000
Indigenous Experiences	\$47,000
Ottawa Family Cinema	\$24,250

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects)

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Recipient	Amount
SAW Gallery*	\$23,900

*SAW Gallery’s application was assessed in jury in 2022; however, funds were released in 2023.

Cultural facilities fund (Minor projects)

The Cultural facilities fund (minor projects) supports improvements to cultural facilities and venues in Ottawa by providing eligible cultural organizations support for minor capital renovation projects, restorations related to heritage sites, equipment purchases, or capital feasibility studies to a maximum of \$7,500.

Cultural facilities fund (Minor projects)

Jury members: Jaime Alink, Peter Kealey, Lydia Talajic

Cultural facilities fund (Minor projects) - project

Recipient	Amount
Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival Inc.	\$4,400
Digital Arts Resource Centre (DARC)	\$6,000
Ensemble Non-Profit	\$5,000
Hypatia's Voice Women's Choir	\$1,800
Lost Baggage Musical Theatre	\$4,300
MASC	\$7,500
Ottawa Dance Directive	\$7,500
Ottawa Jazz Festival	\$7,500
Ottawa School of Art	\$3,400
Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy	\$7,500
The Gladstone Theatre	\$7,500
The School of Dance	\$2,600

Capacity building program

The Capacity building fund supports Ottawa's cultural communities by funding activities that increase access and engagement in local culture and assist organizations in building strategic and/or organizational capacity.

Capacity building program

Jury members: Marilyne Chery, Amy Desrosiers, Guylaine Lemaire

Capacity building program - Project

Recipient	Amount
Apartment613 Community Initiatives	\$9,000
Capital Heritage Connexion	\$15,000
Capital Ukrainian Festival	\$10,000
Cranium Arts Project	\$9,000
Ensemble Non-Profit	\$7,000
Goulbourn Museum	\$9,000
Le Centre d'artistes Voix Visuelle	\$5,000
MASC	\$15,000
Odyssey Showcase	\$15,000
Once Upon a Kingdom Theatre	\$8,000
Origin Arts and Community Centre	\$5,000
Ottawa Italian Week Festival	\$8,000
Ottawa School of Art	\$5,300
Propeller Dance	\$15,000

Réseau Ontario des arts de la scène inc.	\$10,000
The Bytown Fire Brigade	\$1,200
Théâtre Action	\$8,500
Théâtre de la Vieille 17	\$15,000

Youth in culture pilot program

The Youth in culture pilot program directly supports youth (aged 18–30) toward professional careers within the culture sector in Ottawa. It empowers youth to identify needs and gaps in their career development, and to support initiatives that lead to or benefit the applicant’s career in arts, heritage or culture. Designed, implemented and assessed with a ‘for youth by youth’ approach, this program continues to engage, develop and empower young local cultural workers and artists.

Youth in culture pilot program – Spring

Jury members: Zoe Argiropulos-Hunter, Iyore Edegbe, Caity Smyck

Youth in culture pilot program - Spring

Recipient	Amount
Addison, Kate	\$1,000
Azevedo, Emilie	\$1,000
Ciccarelli, Joelle	\$1,000
Dusabe, Sandra	\$1,000
Jean, Fitch	\$1,000
Kronen, Naomi	\$1,000
Lamontagne, Emma	\$1,000
Mariaca, Nicolas Benoit	\$1,000
Meyers, Halima	\$1,000
Onuk, Edikan	\$1,000
Rama, Rebecca	\$1,000
Rogers, Malia	\$1,000

Swim, Kingsley	\$1,000
Uyanze, Candide	\$1,000

Youth in culture pilot program – Fall

Jury members: Tolorunlogo Akinrinola, Yolande Laroche, Candide Uyanze

Youth in culture pilot program - Fall

Recipient	Amount
Abdourahman, Sarah-Mecca	\$1,000
Boisette, Kerbens	\$1,000
Edegbe, Iyore	\$1,000
Huda, Shababa	\$1,000
Ivanco, Sarah	\$1,000
Karklins, Erik	\$1,000
Letarte, Florence	\$1,000
Maxwell, Jelan	\$1,000
Zosymenko, Anastasiia	\$1,000

Ottawa book awards and Prix du livre d'Ottawa

The Ottawa book awards and Les prix du livre d'Ottawa recognize published books of literary excellence written by local authors. Since 1985, these award programs have succeeded in shining a light on the local writing community and celebrating its accomplishments.

Ottawa book awards

Ottawa book awards – English fiction

Jury members: Kristen den Hartog, Rhonda Douglas, Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail

Ottawa book awards – English fiction

Recipient	Amount
Van Loon, Jean	\$7,500
Faulkner, Jennifer	\$1,000
Hanna, Natalie	\$1,000
Heartfield, Kate	\$1,000
McEwen, Jim	\$1,000

Ottawa book awards – English non-fiction

Jury members: Anita Lahey, Diana Nemiroff, Donna Sharkey

Ottawa book awards – English non-fiction

Recipient	Amount
Cook, Tim	\$7,500
Bourrie, Mark	\$1,000
Greenfield, Nathan M.	\$1,000
Poloz, Stephen	\$1,000
Robichaud, Bonnie	\$1,000

Prix du livre d'Ottawa

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French fiction

Jury members: Soufiane Chakkouche, Paul Ruban, Michèle Vinet

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French fiction

Recipient	Amount
Vickers, Nancy	\$7,500
Lacelle, Andrée	\$1,000
Lacombe, Gilles	\$1,000
Lahaie, Claudia	\$1,000
Latour, Gilles	\$1,000

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French non-fiction

Jury members: Étienne Beaulieu, Anne Gilbert, Melchior Mbonimpa

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French non-fiction

Recipient	Amount
Henrie, Maurice	\$7,500
Bernier Arcand, Philippe	\$1,000
Brun Del Re, Ariane	\$1,000
Messadié, Janine	\$1,000
Pellerin, Brigitte	\$1,000

Karsh award

Ottawa City Council established the Karsh award in 2003 to honour the late photographers, Yousuf and Malak Karsh.

In 2018, the Karsh award was reviewed through a targeted community consultation. The award, which is bestowed every four years, is to be presented to a mid-career/established local artist for their outstanding body of work and significant contribution to the artistic discipline in a photo/lens-based medium.

Over the subsequent three-year period, the laureate will be invited to hold an exhibition of their work at the Karsh-Masson gallery, mentor within the local artistic community and participate in the Karsh Continuum exhibition.

We were happy to announce Christine Fitzgerald as the 2023 Karsh award recipient.

Jury members: Rosalie Favell, Chantal Gervais, Jah Grey

Karsh Award

Recipient	Amount
Christine Fitzgerald	\$7,500

Rural arts initiative

The Rural arts initiative supports artistic activity in rural areas. Funding has resulted in increased arts programming in both French and English to rural residents, as well as rural arts residencies.

Rural arts initiatives

Recipient	Amount
MASC	\$27,000

Rich Little endowment fund

The Rich Little endowment fund was designed to assist young performers in the continuation of pre-professional training in the performing arts (dance, theatre and music).

In 2023, four local arts training organizations with solid track records of providing pre-professional arts training to young adults were invited to act as third-party recommenders in a partnership approach to award funding.

Rich Little endowment fund for the performing arts

Recipient	Amount
Ensemble Non-Profit	\$600
Ottawa Regional Youth Choir	\$800
The School of Dance	\$900
Youth Infringement Festival	\$700

Firestone collection of Canadian art agreement

Originally established by Ottawa residents O.J. and Isobel Firestone in the early 1950s, the Firestone collection of Canadian art is a significant collection of works that spans the modern period (1900-1980). In 1972, the Firestone family donated their collection to the Ontario heritage foundation.

In 1992, the Foundation transferred ownership of this collection to the City of Ottawa with custodianship given to the Ottawa Art Gallery. The Ottawa Art Gallery receives funds through an agreement each year to care for, manage, and exhibit the City-owned Firestone collection of Canadian art.

Firestone collection of Canadian art agreement

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Art Gallery	\$102,327

Arts court theatre

The City of Ottawa's Arts court facility is operated in partnership with local arts organizations working together to provide artistic programs and services to the public. The arts court theatre is funded through a purchase of service agreement with a resident arts organization to manage, operate and promote activities in the Arts court black box theatre, studio, library, courtroom and ancillary spaces.

Arts court theatre

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Fringe Festival	\$155,884