

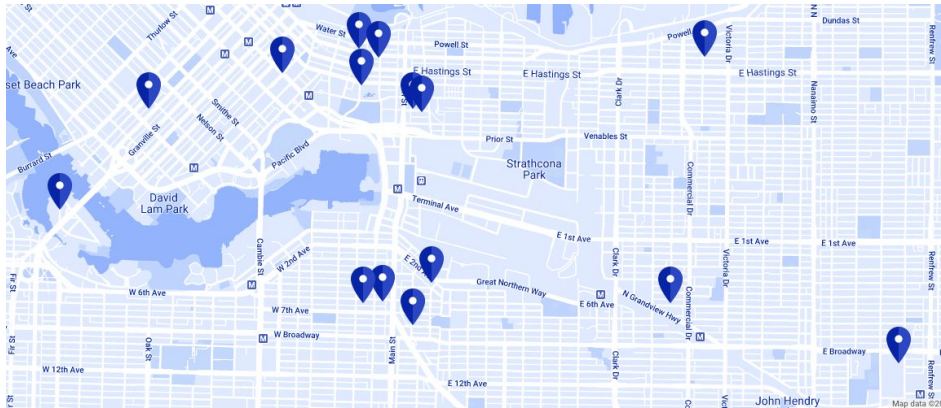
PAARC

The Pacific Association
of Artist Run Centres

March 27, 2020

To: Mayor Kennedy Stewart and City Council

Re: Cultural Grants & Covid-19 Emergency Funding



Map of member centres of PAARC in Vancouver.

The Pacific Association of Artist Run Centres represents 21 non-profit cultural organizations based in Vancouver. These centres were established starting in the 1960s to democratize the production of art and make sure artists drive culture.

We are writing to urge the city council to:

- 1. APPROVE the 2020 Cultural Grants as presented within the March 31, 2020 council report;**
- 2. RELAX the use of the operating funds for the purposes of addressing emergency issues related to Covid-19; and**
- 3. RE-ALLOCATE unspent funds within the Cultural Services towards additional emergency funding for arts and culture.**

The severe impact of Covid-19 has created a downward spiral of economic challenges. Cancelled events, performances, festivals has seen a staggering loss of self-generated and private sector funding.

At this time, PAARC is calling on the City of Vancouver to vote in favour of the allocation of operating funds to **halt the insolvency of non-profit cultural organizations** that would further stress the economy and end decades of cultural development. Deeply rooted neighbourhood businesses and cultural centres were already under stress prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. These organizations take decades to develop and are extremely exposed to the economic hardship brought on by the pandemic.

**With respect;
on behalf of the members of PAARC,**

221A
Access Gallery
Alternator Centre for Contemporary Art
Arnica Open Studio & Gallery
Artspeak
Cineworks
Gallery Gachet
grunt gallery
LIVE Biennale
Malaspina Printmakers Society
Ministry of Casual Living
New Forms Festival
Open Space
Or Gallery
Other Sights for Artists' Projects Association
Oxygen Art Centre
Fillip / Projectile Publishing Society
UNIT/PITT
VIVO Media Arts Centre
Western Front
Xchanges Artists' Gallery & Studios
The James Black Gallery
Duplex Duplex
Dynamo Arts Association
Arts Assembly
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