



2024 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 2024, as well as the peer assessors who reviewed the applications. In total, the City processed 626 submissions and provided over \$12.2 million in funding through 412 allocations through cultural funding programs: 376 contributions, 16 awards, 3 purchase of service agreements, 3 Rich Little endowment fund payments and 14 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.

2024 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.

Amateur arts – Music

Jury members: Alyssa Fluit, Catherine O’Grady, Lucile Hildesheim

Amateur arts - Music - Project

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Piano Festival	\$4,000

Amateur arts - Music - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Hypatia’s Voice	\$13,500

Amateur arts - Music – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Canadian Centennial Choir	\$8,900
Cantata Singers of Ottawa	\$22,000
Coro Vivo Ottawa	\$9,000
Ewashko Singers	\$7,000
Kiwanis Music Festival - National Capital Region	\$39,000

Oto-Wa Taiko Group	\$5,800
Strings of St. John's Chamber Orchestra	\$5,000

Arts events and arts festivals

Jury members: Emma Francis, William Lau, Davy-Anthony Sabourin

*Independent assessor: Patrice James

Arts events and arts festivals - Project

Recipient	Amount
Apartment613 Community Initiatives	\$5,800
Latin American Festival Latino	\$3,700
Ottawa Chinese Musicians Association	\$5,000
Ottawa Grassroots Festival	\$12,000
Re:Imagine Collective	\$4,000
Riverbed Reading Series	\$6,000
Sangamam: Ottawa Tamil Youth Cultural Society	\$5,000
Saravah	\$15,000
SubDevision Collective	\$7,000
The Improv Embassy Theatre Company	\$7,000
West Side Pride	\$4,000

Arts events and arts festivals - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Cranium Arts Project	\$22,000
Debaser	\$30,000
Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival Inc. *	\$15,000

Arts services and arts venues

Jury members: Mélanie Bureau, Alexandre Gauthier, Marie-Hélène Leblanc

Arts services and arts venues - Project

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Glassblowing Co-op	\$6,000
Réseau Ontario des arts de la scène inc.	\$25,000

Arts services and arts venues - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Live Arts Community	\$15,000
Studio Space Ottawa	\$14,000
TACTICS	\$21,000
The Gladstone Theatre	\$50,000
Théâtre Action	\$15,000

Arts training and arts education – Multidisciplinary

Jury members: Émilie Barrette, Jacqui Du Toit, Jeff Stellick

Arts training and arts education - Multidisciplinary - Project

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Black Film Festival	\$7,000

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

Recipient	Amount
Gloucester Pottery School	\$80,376
Propeller Dance	\$73,000
School of the Photographic Arts: Ottawa (SPAO)	\$20,780
The Ottawa School of Theatre	\$56,500
The School of Dance	\$134,620

Arts training and arts education – Music

Jury members: Mary-Margaret Annab, Megan Benjafield, Randy Kakegamick

Arts training and arts education - Music - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
JazzWorks	\$12,000
Lotus Centre for Special Music Education	\$14,000
OrKidstra – Sistema Ottawa	\$94,000
Ottawa Regional Youth Choir	\$7,000
Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy	\$25,000

Arts training and arts education - Music - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Children's Choir	\$30,000

Dance

Jury members: Kay Kenney, Emmanuelle Lê Phan, Jordan Samonas

Dance – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Dance Directive	\$90,000
Tara Luz Danse	\$58,700

English theatre

Jury members: Laurie Fyffe, Richard Lee, Vishesh Abeyratne

English theatre - Project

Recipient	Amount
Cirquonscient	\$4,500

English theatre – Amateur arts - Annual operating

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

English theatre - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
A Company of Fools	\$73,000
Fresh Meat Festival	\$24,000
Horseshoes & Hand Grenades Ontario Theatre Society	\$12,000
Skeleton Key Theatre	\$32,000

English theatre - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Odyssey Theatre	\$108,700
Rag and Bone Puppet Theatre	\$24,000
Theatre 4.669	\$32,400

Film and video

Jury members: Mylène Augustin, Émilie Martel, Iyore Edegbe

Film and video - Project

Recipient	Amount
Ghost Rooster Collective	\$7,000
Lightproof Film Collective	\$6,000
Ottawa Independent Film Festival	\$13,000

Film and video – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Digital Arts Resource Centre (DARC)	\$162,000

French theatre

Jury members: Félix-Antoine Boutin, Roger Gaudet, Véronique Lavoie-Marcus

French theatre – Amateur arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Théâtre Tremplin	\$20,000

French theatre - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Créations in Vivo	\$65,000
Théâtre Rouge Écarlate	\$30,000

French theatre - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Compagnie Vox Théâtre	\$79,600
Le Théâtre du Trillium	\$111,000
Théâtre Catapulte	\$107,100
Théâtre de la Vieille 17	\$117,800

Literary arts – English

Jury members: Hanieh Khoshkhou, Emi Pinto, Jenica Shivkumar

Literary arts - English - Project

Recipient	Amount
Bywords	\$4,394
Multifaith Housing Initiative	\$10,700
The Rocket Words Society	\$2,500
Urban Legends Poetry Collective	\$9,500

Literary arts - English - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
ARC Poetry Magazine	\$44,676
Ottawa Storytellers	\$26,000
VERSe Ottawa	\$20,000

Literary arts – French

Jury members: Shanna Aristil, Rachid Hachi, Lara Mainville

Literary arts - French - Project

Recipient	Amount
Mustique Interculturelle	\$15,080

Literary arts - French - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Association des auteures et auteurs de l'Ontario français	\$67,830
Les Éditions L'Interligne	\$50,490

Literary arts - French - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Les Éditions David	\$60,000

Music

Jury members: Amahl Arulanandam, Christopher Ducasse, Neil Spaulding

Music organizations - Professional - Project

Recipient	Amount
Consort baroque d'Ottawa / Ottawa Baroque Consort	\$6,000
Pony Girl	\$8,570

Music organizations - Professional - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Symphony Orchestra	\$120,000
Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra	\$39,000

Music organizations - Professional - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Bach Choir	\$25,830
Ottawa Choral Society	\$39,000

Visual arts

Jury members: Serge Olivier Fokoua, Anya Gansterer, Vickie Séguin

Visual arts - Project

Recipient	Amount
Enriched Bread Artists of Ottawa	\$4,000

Visual arts – Amateur arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Arteast	\$13,000

Visual arts - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Artengine	\$102,200
Le Centre d'artistes Voix Visuelle	\$51,000

Visual arts – Amateur arts - Three-year operating

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

Visual arts - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Galerie SAW Gallery	\$142,000
Gallery 101	\$106,000

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: Kay Kenney, Emmanuelle Lê Phan, Jordan Samonas

Dance - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Bowes, Denbeigh	\$5,500
Emond-Stevenson, Elizabeth	\$5,500
Fridgen, Nicola	\$5,500
Hong, Yeonji	\$5,500
Mukherjee, Stuti	\$5,500

Dance - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Mainville, Meghan	\$4,000

English theatre

Jury members: Laurie Fyffe, Richard Lee, Vishesh Abeyratne

English theatre - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Akbari, Jamaal	\$5,500
Gauthier, Patrick	\$5,500

English theatre - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Oryschak, Breanne	\$4,000
Pereira, Shanice	\$4,000

Film and video

Jury members: Mylène Augustin, Émilie Martel, Iyore Edegbe

Film and video - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Alsaweer, Deena	\$5,500
Hallé, Matthieu	\$5,500
Maxwell, Jelan	\$5,500
Nawrocki, Tina	\$5,500
Wadud, Saiful	\$5,500

Film and video - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Boisette, Kerbens	\$4,000
Forgues, Zachary	\$4,000

French theatre

Jury members: Félix-Antoine Boutin, Roger Gaudet, Véronique Lavoie-Marcus

French theatre - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Lauzon, Alain	\$5,500

Literary arts - English

Jury members: Mayurika Chakravorty, Conyer Clayton, Nduka Otiono

*Independent assessor: Sonia Saikaley

Literary arts - English - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Boyle, Frances	\$5,500
Falkner, Jennifer	\$5,500
Fejzic, Sanita	\$5,500
Garcia, Rebecca Hirsch	\$5,500
Heartfield, Kate	\$5,500
Lalande, Dan	\$5,500
Ng, Wayne	\$5,500
Ridley, Sandra	\$5,500
Stewart, Michael F.	\$5,500

Literary arts - English - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Huggett, Nancy	\$4,000
Johnson, Chris *	\$4,000
LaPierre, Margaret *	\$4,000

Literary arts – French

Jury members: Shanna Aristil, Rachid Hachi, Lara Mainville

Literary arts - French - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Bah, Valérie	\$5,500
Cook, Margaret Michèle	\$5,500
Martin, Marie-Josée	\$5,500
Stratford, Madeleine	\$5,500
Tremblay, Jennifer	\$5,500

Literary arts - French - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Dao, Jeanne	\$4,000

Music

Jury members: Angelique Francis, Lyle Odjick, Connaisseur Ticaso

Music - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Di Millo, Mackenzie	\$5,500
Diteodoro, Tony	\$5,500
Eagles, Wayne	\$5,500
Fahim, Ashique	\$5,500
Fidelia, Luigi "City"	\$5,500
Frayne, Robert M	\$5,500
Gorley, Dominique	\$5,500
Homère, Jeff "LeFLOFRANCO"	\$5,500
Hum, Peter	\$5,500
Kaskiw, Kim	\$5,500
Kibalenko, Daniel "Aspects"	\$5,500
Qamaniq, Charlotte	\$5,500
Regis, Ferline	\$5,500
Sauvé, Daniel	\$5,500
Simon "Simmons", Jessica "Jessie"	\$5,500
Sturton, Catriona	\$5,500
Wellman, Linsey	\$5,500
Xia, Chang Feng "Cathy"	\$5,500

Music - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Cui, Fangrao	\$4,000
Desir, Daniel "Goldstripes"	\$4,000
Dorcilhomme, Doressa	\$4,000
François , Samantha Christ	\$4,000
Inniss-Parchment, N'nerjie	\$4,000
Kenmoe, Sorel Patricia "Soreel"	\$4,000
Keuleman, Marianne "Oddeline"	\$4,000
Nguyen, Kaede "Kaiday"	\$4,000
Pegan, Maryn	\$4,000
Petti, Dan	\$4,000
Salaudeen, Damilola "Banggz"	\$4,000

Visual arts

Jury members: Hugo Gaudet-Dion, Danielle Printup, Adrienne Row-Smith

Visual arts - Individual A

Recipient	Amount
Bilaka, Heritier	\$5,500
Chartrand, Valérie	\$5,500
Conrod, Heidi	\$5,500
Elliott, Maren Kathleen	\$5,500
Gervais, Chantal	\$5,500
Gray, Rachel	\$5,500

Johnston, Olivia	\$5,500
Jones, Lee	\$5,500
Kwan, Donald	\$5,500
Pantieras, Christos	\$5,500
Sundram, Sanjay	\$5,500
Sweeney, Elizabeth	\$5,500
Thomas, Jeff	\$5,500
Yu, Jinny	\$5,500

Visual arts - Individual B

Recipient	Amount
Akahome, Jovita	\$4,000
Mazzarello, Alexa	\$4,000
Pope, Shealagh	\$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: Rose-Ingrid Benjamin, Naomi Blondin, Toni Jacob

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

Recipient	Amount
Africa Live Canada	\$10,000
Autumn Melody Collective	\$9,000
Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan	\$7,012
Caribbean Nations Canada Organization	\$15,000
Colombian-Canadian Community of Ottawa-Hull	\$18,526
In Our Tongues	\$10,000
Jewish Family Services Ottawa	\$10,000
Lost Baggage Musical Theatre	\$11,250
Moov, Bouge, Danza	\$17,000
Ottawa Black Film Festival	\$20,000
Ottawa Chinese Musicians Association	\$9,000
PAND Settlement Services	\$12,000
Shokoofeh Iranian Association of Ottawa	\$15,000

The Great India Festival	\$20,000
The Lighter Touch Art Collective	\$3,254
World Multicultural Festival	\$19,000

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

Recipient	Amount
Akahome, Jovita	\$18,000
Akangah, Andy	\$20,000
Apampa, Taiwo	\$18,000
Balladelli, Claudia	\$14,000
Harder, Maggie	\$10,000
He, Bing	\$8,000
Khalil, Joe	\$10,398
Kwan, Edward	\$12,000
Lee, Jordon	\$9,000
Maayteh, Nardin	\$16,200
Mahdi, Asli	\$13,360
Omer, Sahra	\$7,000
Purcell, Cody	\$20,000
Rogers, Kobie	\$20,000
Rose, Isabelle	\$20,000
Sunstrum, Kimberly	\$6,000
Sweeney, Elizabeth	\$12,000

Whitelocke, Paula	\$10,000
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Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Grow grant - Project – French

Jury members: Rose-Ingrid Benjamin, Kadé Rémy, Komi Seshie

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

Recipient	Amount
Association Kunadia	\$7,000
Centre africain d'accueil de développement et d'intégration (CAADI)	\$5,000
Dynamic Afro-Vision	\$16,000
Mosaïque Interculturelle	\$17,000

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund – Sustain – Annual operating

Jury members: Erin Flynn, Patrice James, Richard Lee

Equity and inclusion in the arts fund - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Aroha Fine Arts	\$32,654
Capital Pride	\$85,000
Capital Ukrainian Festival	\$50,000
Multicultural Artists' Coalition	\$27,346
Tone Cluster	\$20,000

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

Jury members: Stephane Mukunzi, Kingsley Swim, Tiffanie Tri

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

Recipient	Amount
Addis, Abebe	\$2,000
Bassolé-Ouédraogo, Angèle	\$2,000
Desil, Raphael	\$2,000
Donato, Hanna	\$2,000
Egan, Brenna	\$2,000
Fejzic, Sanita	\$2,000
Hassanzadehzargari, Amirmahdi	\$2,000
Hong, Yeonji	\$2,000
Ivanco, Sarah	\$2,000
Jean, Fitch	\$2,000
Karklins, Erik	\$2,000
Leung, Hingman	\$2,000
Maxwell, Jelan	\$2,000
McCormack, Patrick	\$2,000
Mclean , Wesley	\$2,000
Meeks, Kiera	\$2,000
Ng, Katherine	\$2,000
Pereira, Shanice	\$2,000

Reimers, Camila	\$2,000
Rivera, Jesus	\$2,000
Salaudeen, Damilola "Banggz"	\$2,000
Simon "Simmons", Jessica "Jessie"	\$2,000
Stevens, Paul	\$2,000
Sweeney, Devon	\$2,000
Xia, Chang Feng "Cathy"	\$2,000

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

Jury members: Islam Balbaa, Randy Kakegamick, Larissa Nkerabigwi, Ninette Nyiringango

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

Recipient	Amount
Bangoub, Anie F	\$2,000
Banidja Ngalaken, Cynthia Sorelle	\$2,000
Belbachir, Imane	\$2,000
Bissonnette, Sacha	\$2,000
Cheung, Gabriel	\$2,000
Djia Ngassam, Franklin Hardy	\$2,000
DuBois, Stacy	\$2,000
El Ashkar, Gaby	\$2,000
El Faki, Samar	\$1,350
Felepchuk, Erin	\$2,000

Gallegos Colmenares, Carolina	\$1,000
Granger, Helena	\$1,500
Harb, Ghada	\$2,000
Hasan, Abrar	\$2,000
Jawish, Nour	\$2,000
Kalantari, Fariba	\$830
Ketchambia Mbami, Arsene-Boris	\$2,000
Kudriashov, Aleksandr	\$2,000
Lamontagne, Emma	\$2,000
Lyce, Mireille	\$2,000
Metcalfe, Heidi	\$1,500
Nguyen, Linh Vu Hai	\$2,000
Nketchu-Pamen, Joris	\$2,000
Nkouayi, Nicole	\$2,000
Shaw, Kathryn	\$1,200
Smith Chabot, Mariah	\$2,000
Takpannie, Katherine	\$2,000
Vingoe-Cram, Katharine	\$2,000
Vuong, Bao	\$2,000
Wells, Velvet	\$2,000
Will, Kimberly	\$1,931

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 2024, 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.

2024 Equity and inclusion committee

Recipient	Amount
Balbaa, Islam	\$600
Chazou-Essindi, Germaine	\$600
Coe, Carissa	\$200
Compton, Irene	\$100
Duah, Mark	\$500
Edet, Ruby	\$250
Kakegamick, Randy	\$350
Mohtashami-Maali, Arash	\$400
Nkerabigwi, Larissa	\$600
Nyiringango, Ninette	\$600
Owusu-Akyeeah, Debbie	\$100
Sarazin, Naomi	\$350
Tri, Tiffanie	\$350
Vo-Van, Tam-Ca	\$200

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.

2024 was a reporting year for all but one organization, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

Arts service agreement program

*Independent assessors: Caroline Ferland, Andreja Kovac

Arts service agreement program – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Arts Network Ottawa	\$317,884
Great Canadian Theatre Company *	\$449,200
Ottawa Arts Council	\$200,000

Arts service agreement program – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
La Nouvelle Scène Gilles Desjardins	\$454,509
Multicultural Arts in Schools and Communities (MASC)	\$137,427
Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (MIFO)	\$190,400
Ottawa Art Gallery	\$764,263
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: Emily Akikodjiwan Brascoupe-Hoefler, Carissa Coe, Ember Sarazin

Heritage funding program – Indigenous – Project – Individual

Recipient	Amount
Armitage-Smith, Tagwanabisan	\$19,500
Bignell, Elaine	\$5,000
Stevens, Glenda	\$10,000

Heritage funding program – Indigenous – Project – Organization

Recipient	Amount
Minwaashin Lodge - Indigenous Women's Support Centre	\$10,500

Heritage funding program – Indigenous - Annual operating – Organization

Recipient	Amount
ISARUIT Inuit Women's Sewing Centre in Ottawa	\$35,000

Heritage funding program – Bilingual

Jury members: Sophia Conradie, James Jensen, Ama Ouattara

Heritage funding program – Project – Individual

Recipient	Amount
Neogi, Dr Prabir	\$4,500
Romano, Anna	\$3,500

Heritage funding program – Project – Organization

Recipient	Amount
Canadian Tulip Festival	\$8,000
City for All Women Initiative (CAWI)	\$10,500
Khayrhaye Somali Cultural Museum	\$13,000
NDÉ Ottawa – Gatineau	\$4,500
Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair Committee	\$3,500

Heritage funding program - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Black History Ottawa	\$15,000
Gloucester Historical Society	\$4,800
Goulbourn Township Historical Society	\$3,000
Historical Society of Ottawa	\$4,000
Huntley Township Historical Society	\$4,000
Rideau Township Historical Society	\$10,000
Société franco-ontarienne du patrimoine et de l'histoire d'Orléans	\$63,000
Workers' History Museum	\$48,700

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.

2024 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
Bytown Museum	\$332,000
Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum	\$306,016
Goulbourn Museum	\$218,000
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.

2024 was a reporting year for organizations receiving three-year operating funding, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

Heritage service agreement program – Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Capital Heritage Connexion	\$177,500
Heritage Ottawa	\$63,000
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Pimadjiwownogamig	\$44,000
Omamiwinini Pimadjiwown	\$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.

2024 was a reporting year for organizations receiving three-year operating funding, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

*Independent assessor: Liz O'Gorman-Smit

Agricultural fairs – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Carp Agricultural Society - Carp Fair *	\$27,000
Richmond Agricultural Society – Richmond Fair *	\$28,500

Agricultural fairs - Three-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Cumberland Township Agricultural Society - Navan Fair	\$31,370
Metcalfe 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.

2024 was a reporting year for organizations receiving three-year operating funding, and therefore, they were not assessed in jury.

Arts festivals

Jury members: Lisa Shawongonabe Abel, Osmel B. Guerra Maynes, Patrick McCormack

Arts festivals - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Festival franco-ontarien	\$123,000
Music and Beyond	\$127,500
Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival	\$30,000
Ottawa Fringe Festival	\$120,000

Arts festivals – Two-year operating

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Bluesfest	\$127,500

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: Lisa Shawongonabe Abel, Osmel B. Guerra Maynes, Patrick McCormack

Cultural festivals - Annual operating

Recipient	Amount
Indigenous Experiences	\$120,000
Ottawa Italian Week Festival	\$23,000

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.

2024 was a reporting year for this organization, and therefore, it was not assessed in jury.

Festival service agreement

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)

Jury members: Sophie Côté Godin, Anne Gutknecht, Barry Hobin

Cultural facilities fund (Major capital development projects) - Project

Recipient	Amount
Artengine	\$10,000
Indigenous Experiences	\$75,000
Khayrhaye Somali Cultural Museum	\$29,970
Osgoode Township Rural Museum	\$14,800

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: Sophie Côté Godin, Anne Gutknecht, Megan Piercey Monafu

Cultural facilities fund (Minor projects) - Project

Recipient	Amount
Bytown Museum	\$3,200
Cumberland Township Agricultural Society - Navan Fair	\$7,500
Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival Inc.	\$5,200
Digital Arts Resource Centre (DARC)	\$7,500
Ensemble Non-Profit	\$7,500
Le Centre d'artistes Voix Visuelle	\$7,500
Ottawa School of Art	\$1,500
School of the Photographic Arts: Ottawa (SPA0)	\$7,500
Studio Space Ottawa	\$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: Erin Coyle, Misse Misse, Arash Mohtashami-Maali

Capacity building program - Project

Recipient	Amount
Arts Network Ottawa	\$14,000
Cap City Cyphers	\$4,770
Créations in Vivo	\$15,000
Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival Inc.	\$12,000
Digital Arts Resource Centre (DARC)	\$13,500
JazzWorks	\$12,000
Lotus Centre for Special Music Education	\$15,000
Osgoode Township Rural Museum	\$7,000
Ottawa Children's Choir	\$1,150
Ottawa Music Industry Coalition (OMIC)	\$13,815
Ottawa School of Art	\$13,100
The Gladstone Theatre	\$3,600
The Ottawa School of Theatre	\$6,100
Théâtre Action	\$15,000

Théâtre Rouge Écarlate	\$13,500
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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: Rebecca Ballarin, Vanessa Lovell, Zahira Sarwar

Youth in culture pilot program - Spring

Recipient	Amount
Azevedo, Emilie	\$1,000
Bacic, Laura	\$1,000
Bandukwala, Manahil	\$1,000
Benoy, Miriam	\$1,000
Demirel, Ferhat	\$1,000
Donato, Hanna	\$1,000
Doucet, Philippe	\$1,000
Forgues, Alexandre	\$1,000
Rogers, Malia	\$1,000
Wegner, Harley	\$1,000

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Youth in culture pilot program – Fall

Jury members: Laura Bacic, Sandra Dusabe, Abdul Muse

Youth in culture pilot program - Fall

Recipient	Amount
Edegbe, Iyore	\$1,000
Elutilo, Michael	\$1,000
Gagnon, Louie	\$1,000
Gomez, Mariana	\$1,000
Ivanco, Sarah	\$788
Nobrega Ribeiro Chaves Lima, Joao Victor	\$1,000
Stocking, Jacob	\$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: Manahil Bandukwala, Sonia Saikaley, Jean Van Loon

Ottawa book awards – English fiction

Recipient	Amount
Ridley, Sandra	\$7,500
Garcia, Rebecca Hirsch	\$1,000
Madhavan-Reese, Sneha	\$1,000
Ng, Wayne	\$1,000
Randall, Scott	\$1,000

Ottawa book awards – English non-fiction

Jury members: Nathan M. Greenfield, Bonnie Robichaud, Mary-Louise Zeitoun

Ottawa book awards – English non-fiction

Recipient	Amount
Mukbil, Huda	\$7,500
Chitpin, Stephanie	\$1,000
MacLean, Natalie	\$1,000
Popplewell, Brett	\$1,000
Whitzman, Carolyn	\$1,000

Prix du livre d'Ottawa

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French fiction

Jury members: Suzanne Kemenang, Éric Mathieu, Alexis Rodrigue-Lafleur

Prix du livre d'Ottawa – French fiction

Recipient	Amount
Pierroz, Sébastien	\$7,500
Bélanger, Pierre-Luc	\$1,000
Vinet, Michèle	\$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.

2023 Karsh laureate, Christine Fitzgerald, selected three local lens-based artist to participate in the Karsh Continuum exhibition which will take place in 2026.

Karsh Award

Recipient	Amount
Barrucco, Angelina	\$2,000
Pottle, Barry	\$2,000
Taler, Laura	\$2,000

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 2024, three 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
Ottawa Regional Youth Choir	\$800
The School of Dance	\$900
Youth Infringement Festival	\$800

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	\$104,374

Purchase of service - 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.

Purchase of service - Arts court theatre

Recipient	Amount
Ottawa Fringe Festival	\$155,884

Ottawa poet laureate program

Launched in 2016-17, the Ottawa poet laureate program appoints English and French poets laureate for two-year terms, to serve as artistic ambassadors of Ottawa at local, national, and international levels. VERSe Ottawa manages the program through a purchase of service agreement with the municipality.

In September 2024, the poets laureate for the 2024-2026 term were announced as: David O’Meara (English) and Véronique Sylvain (French).

The Ottawa poet laureate program agreement is overseen by the Cultural development and initiatives unit, with funds administered through the Cultural funding support unit.

Ottawa poet laureate program

Recipient	Amount
VERSe Ottawa	\$25,000