

Catalyst Artistic/Organisational

Fort St. John

Lead Organization: Northern Dance Theatre Society

Initiative Title: Northern Dance Summer School

Amount Awarded: \$8,500

Initiative Description: Northern Dance Theatre Society will expand their annual 2 week summer school to include ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop. The initiative will bring higher profile instructors from outside Fort St. John and expose their dance students to a level of instruction not usually available in the region. In addition, the initiative will add musical theatre and acrobatics to the available classes.

Salmon Arm

Lead Organization: Shuswap Theatre Society

Initiative Title: Shuswap Summer Theatre

Amount Awarded: \$19,000

Initiative Description: Shuswap Summer Theatre is a semi-professional summer pilot production that will launch the establishment of a regular, self sustaining, professional or semi-professional summer stage at Shuswap Theatre featuring the celebration of Canadian Plays.

Vancouver

Lead Organization: Pink Ink Theatre Productions (AKA PI Theatre)

Initiative Title: Strategic Resource Development Initiative

Amount Awarded: \$6,100

Initiative Description: PI Theatre will focus on fundraising and sponsorship development, and implement a newly developed 2-phase resource building strategy that will assist in realizing the financial needs of the company's artistic and administrative objectives over the next four seasons.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Heritage Foundation

Initiative Title: Preserving the Past by Building for the Future - A Strategic Plan for the Vancouver Heritage Foundation

Amount Awarded: \$6,000

Initiative Description: Following the recommendations of an Internal Organizational Assessment, the Vancouver Heritage Foundation (VHF) Board of Directors and staff will undertake a strategic planning initiative during the spring and summer of 2006 that will guide VHF activities and fundraising over the next 3 years.

Victoria

Lead Organization: Story Theatre Company, The

Initiative Title: CD Rom Resource Guide

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Initiative Description: The Story Theatre Company will create an interactive CD Rom Resource Guide on the topic of bullying to enhance their production of "Hey Bully, Bully" for elementary schools in British Columbia. The Guide is intended to act either as a complement to their production, or as a stand-alone resource for teachers dealing with the ongoing problem of coping with bullying.

Catalyst Audience/Markets

Burnaby

Lead Organization: Burnaby Art Gallery

Initiative Title: BAG in a Box

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: BAG in a Box is a regionally-based contemporary art education program that functions as a catalyst for the development of visual arts literacy in Lower Mainland schools. The program includes the creation of four distinct, themed art/social studies boxes that incorporate original artists' work and related hands-on activities. In addition to providing increased accessibility and an enhanced learning experience, students will also have an opportunity for artists featured in the boxes to visit their classrooms and work with them.

Campbell River

Lead Organization: Campbell River & District Museum & Archives Society

Initiative Title: Connecting Kids to Campbell River's History

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: The Campbell River Museum's goal with the initiative is to transform the image and accessibility of their programs towards attracting, engaging and educating younger visitors. By designing, programming and marketing new, interactive kid-friendly areas, the Museum hopes to strengthen the community's assets and attractions, and to increase visitors to the museum in an effort to improve their financial sustainability.

Fort St. John

Lead Organization: Fort St. John Association for Community Living

Initiative Title: Fort St. John Players 2006: Expanding Audience Demographics in the North Peace

Amount Awarded: \$6,000

Initiative Description: The Fort St. John Players is looking to expand its audience beyond traditional peer audiences to the community at large. Towards this, the organization will market their activities to service groups and city representatives, as well as undertake a three-show run at the North Peace Cultural Centre as part of Community Living Month in October 2006.

Madeira Park

Lead Organization: Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society ("Lagoon Society")

Initiative Title: The Natural World - An Artist's Celebration

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: In partnership with the Sunshine Coast Arts Council, the Lagoon Society will host an Art Meets Nature Celebration from April to September 2007 at the Iris Griffith Interpretative Centre. To deepen understanding of artistic expression related to the natural environment, artists-in-residence working onsite will provide arts workshops for centre visitors.

Masset

Lead Organization: Tluu Xaada Naay Society

Initiative Title: Making Haida History

Amount Awarded: \$20,000

Initiative Description: Tluu Xaada Naay Society is a non-profit organization in Old Masset, BC that serves to encourage the development of the Haida Arts and Culture in visual, written, vocal, dance, traditional and modern forms. As part of its inaugural programming for its new longhouse, the organization will create an audio and visual presentation that will act as an introduction to their dance, story and song performances that focus on the cultural history of Haida Gwaii.

Nelson

Lead Organization: Association des francophones des Kootenays Ouest

Initiative Title: Cinémania, The Francophone space in 24 shots / second

Amount Awarded: \$14,000

Initiative Description: Cinémania will promote and disseminate French film by developing French 7eme art resources accessible to community members throughout the Kootenays. In addition, the Association will educate youth about French film and culture, and improve French language skills by developing Art Movie workshops throughout French Immersion secondary schools in the Kootenays.

Lead Organization: Kootenay School of the Arts at Selkirk College (KSA)

Initiative Title: KSA Alumni Exhibition

Amount Awarded: \$8,000

Initiative Description: Kootenay School of the Arts, in partnership with the Nelson Museum, Archives and Art Gallery (MAAG), will host three exhibitions at the new facility between March 16 and April 29, 2007. These exhibitions will feature the work of the institutions faculty, alumni and students graduating in 2007. The initiative is seen as a way to increase awareness of the successes of KSA graduate towards increasing enrollment in the institutions programs.

Powell River

Lead Organization: Malaspina Arts Society

Initiative Title: Bringing artists together in Powell River

Amount Awarded: \$3,500

Initiative Description: The Malaspina Arts Society will work with a consultant to facilitate a one-day meeting that will assess and identify the assets of the existing visual arts community in Powell River. This is the first step in identifying opportunities for collaboration and partnership in the region.

Rosland

Lead Organization: Heritage Federation of South-Eastern BC

Initiative Title: Heritage Profile Pages - Kootenay Rockies Heritage and Culture Guide

Amount Awarded: \$12,000

Initiative Description: The initiative, in partnership with Kootenay Rockies Tourism, will create a heritage-resource publication to increase public awareness of the diversity of heritage resources and attractions in the south-eastern region of British Columbia. Organizations of all sizes will have a profile page that will include information and images specific to each. The guide will be distributed through the extensive network of Kootenay Rockies Tourism, BC Tourist Information Centres, and in locations in Alberta and the Pacific Northwest.

Vancouver

Lead Organization: Charles H. Scott Gallery

Initiative Title: Vancouver Special Artists Book Project

Amount Awarded: \$20,000

Initiative Description: The Vancouver Special Artists Books Project is an audience development and marketing initiative for the Gallery that will consist of a series of books by local artists, a collection of music by Vancouver artists/musicians, an outdoor concert and a one-day symposium on artists' books. This will be the first opportunity for the Gallery to become a self-publisher of international-quality publications by artists.

Lead Organization: Firehall Theatre Society

Initiative Title: Website Re-Design and Capacity Upgrade

Amount Awarded: \$8,000

Initiative Description: The Firehall Theatre Society will undertake an extensive redesign of its website to include an in-house box office service supplemented by web based sales. The Firehall needs to increase its online sales capacity in order to more efficiently operate its in-house box office with its existing small staff to better serve its growing audiences. In addition, the Firehall will launch its new logo and branding and signage as part of the redesign of the website.

Lead Organization: Karen Jamieson Dance Society

Initiative Title: The Karen Jamieson Dance Company - Legacy Project - Phase #1

Amount Awarded: \$14,200

Initiative Description: By conserving an important part of Canadian Dance History, the initiative will preserve and make available documentation of the seminal work of Karen Jamieson, a senior Canadian dance artist. The initiative will digitize and edit the vast and significant body of work of Karen Jamieson from deteriorating videotapes, and make it available through the company's website, as well as being used as an educational and marketing tool for the company.

Lead Organization: Morris & Helen Belkin Art Gallery

Initiative Title: Discovering BC's Studio Pottery Movement

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: The Morris & Helen Belkin Art Gallery will undertake the publication of the first book to highlight the legacy of BC's Studio Pottery movement from the 1960s and 1970s. The project will bring together artists, historians, critics and curators in this important field of BC's craft history. The book will be released in October 2007.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra

Initiative Title: Music of the Whole World

Amount Awarded: \$4,100

Initiative Description: The Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra will present a 6 part educational series on intercultural music at the Vancouver Public Library. The aim of the series is to develop a dedicated audience for intercultural music and to educate people about intercultural music by guided music listening, live performances, and study materials, all free of charge.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Multicultural Society

Initiative Title: Vancouver Diversity Festival

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: Following the success of 2005's Vancouver Diversity Festival, the Society will expand this innovative event that looks to incorporate Vancouver's mono-ethnic festivals in one setting. The 2nd Annual Vancouver Diversity Festival will be a weekend of activities featuring the best in cultural shows; business exhibitions; food-tasting from restaurants and ethnic outlets; and world entertainment.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Opera

Initiative Title: First Nations-infused touring production of Mozart's The Magic Flute

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: Vancouver Opera is creating a new production of Mozart's The Magic Flute, designed by a team of First Nations artists and professional theatre designers. To complement this, the Vancouver Opera will create a touring production and curriculum study guide that will reach schools throughout the province, including members of the Association of First Nations Schools, which have not previously had access to touring productions of this kind.

Whistler

Lead Organization: Vicious Circle (Whistler's Writers Collective), The

Initiative Title: Whistler Writers Festival and Retreat 2006

Amount Awarded: \$6,000

Initiative Description: The Vicious Circle (Whistler's Writers Collective) in partnership with Tourism Whistler, the Whistler Arts Council, the Whistler Public Library and the Municipality of Whistler will run the 2nd Annual four-day Writers Residency Program in Whistler matching 18 emerging writers with three professional writers/instructors. In addition, the organization will develop a reading series, open to the public, featuring both local and established professional writers.

Catalyst Mentorship/Consultancy

Langley

Lead Organization: Langley Community Music School (LCMS)

Initiative Title: Policy and Governance Initiative

Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Initiative Description: The Langley Community Music School will work with two consultants on human resource policies and redefining organizationally-appropriate relationships between the Board and administration.

Nelson

Lead Organization: Kootenay Cooperative Radio

Initiative Title: Volunteer Radio Programmer Training Project

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

Initiative Description: Kootenay Cooperative Radio will work with three consultants to help upgrade their training program for their numerous on-air and administrative volunteers.

Prince George

Lead Organization: Central BC Railway and Forest Industry Museum Society

Initiative Title: All Aboard - a Marketing Plan

Amount Awarded: \$8,000

Initiative Description: The Central BC Railway will work with a consultant to identify a marketing program to capture identified target audiences including young families and senior couples outside the Prince George region.

Tumbler Ridge

Lead Organization: Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation

Initiative Title: Archiving

Amount Awarded: \$20,000

Initiative Description: Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation will acquire the knowledge of an archivist to properly prepare and store collected documents, articles,

photographs, etc. and to teach Foundation volunteers correct archival procedures so that they may continue the process into the future.

Vancouver

Lead Organization: Co. ERASGA Dance Society

Initiative Title: Mentorship: Business and Financial Practices using Computer Programs

Amount Awarded: \$3,240

Initiative Description: Co.ERASGA will work with a mentor to develop business and financial planning practices, using the latest computer applications and software.

Lead Organization: Turning Point Ensemble

Initiative Title: From self-management to professional administration: a blueprint for long-term success

Amount Awarded: \$4,500

Initiative Description: Turning Point Ensemble will engage an arts consultant to create a legacy document that will serve as a blueprint for the transition from self-managed administration to professional administration. The consultant will then mirror the transition to ensure the effective transformation of the organization's structure.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Out on Screen Film & Video Society

Initiative Title: Audience Development Assessment Project

Amount Awarded: \$6,000

Initiative Description: Vancouver Out on Screen Film & Video Society will work with a consultant on an Audience Development Assessment towards developing a long-term Audience Development Plan. The goal is to increase their capacity and enable a transition to a year-round presenter of queer cultural programs.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Symphony Society

Initiative Title: Implementing Innovation - Training for Tessitura

Amount Awarded: \$20,000

Initiative Description: The Vancouver Symphony Society will engage the services of a Vancouver-based IT consultant to train and mentor staff and select volunteers on Tessitura, an integrated fundraising, marketing, financial, and ticketing system software.

Innovations Community Initiatives

Bowen Island

Lead Organization: Bowen Island Arts Council

Initiative Title: Second annual Voices in the Sound Festival - Celebrating Bowen Island

Amount Awarded: \$8,500

Initiative Description: Voices in the Sound Festival will be the second year of an annual outdoor festival on Bowen Island. The Festival integrates art, nature, and history, to celebrate the abundance of arts and culture on Bowen Island. The festival will support and feature professional and emerging island artists and help broaden the role and influence of the arts on the island.

Burnaby

Lead Organization: Japanese Canadian National Museum

Initiative Title: Ohanashi - Japanese Canadian Life Stories

Amount Awarded: \$12,500

Initiative Description: Ohanashi is a digital filmmaking project recording stories of Japanese Canadian community elders, internment survivors, fishermen, miners and shopkeepers. These stories, together with those of younger generations, will be collected to create a library series of videos to share with community centres, museums and schools across British Columbia.

Courtenay

Lead Organization: Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association

Initiative Title: Local Colour Arts and Culture Festival

Amount Awarded: \$8,800

Initiative Description: The Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association, in partnership with the Comox Valley Art Gallery and the Comox Valley Community Arts Council, will mount a three day arts festival to take place on the streets of Downtown Courtenay. Working with local businesses, the festival will showcase local artists, food producers, performers, and crafts people in several venues throughout the downtown area.

Lead Organization: Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry

Initiative Title: Building the Circle

Amount Awarded: \$5,500

Initiative Description: Building the Circle focuses on building the artistic and cultural skills and expertise of people of Aboriginal ancestry who no longer live in their traditional territories. Learning skills including beading, regalia making, drum making and drumming, participants will be able to fully engage in activities including Pow-wows and other cultural events.

Cranbrook

Lead Organization: Canadian Museum of Rail Travel

Initiative Title: Steaming Along

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

Initiative Description: Cranbrook currently lacks any summer festival or live entertainment. To address this, the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel will oversee the commissioning of a play by a local playwright that incorporates elements of local history. The play will be presented at the Royal Alexandra Hall at the Museum, targeting both local and tourist audiences during the summer.

Denman Island

Lead Organization: Arts Denman

Initiative Title: The Denman Island Arts Centre Project

Amount Awarded: \$4,130

Initiative Description: Coinciding with the opening of the new Denman Island Arts Centre in a restored heritage building in the heart of Denman Island, Arts Denman will

launch an inaugural program of visual arts workshops. These workshops are intended to expand the range of arts and cultural activities and skills available to residents of Denman Island.

Kimberley

Lead Organization: Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Initiative Title: Arts on the Edge 2006, Kimberley's Festival of the Arts

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Initiative Description: Building on the unprecedented success of 2005, Arts on the Edge 2006, the 2nd annual Kimberley's Festival of the Arts, will bring together visual, performing, and literary artists to exhibit, demonstrate, and perform in public settings in Kimberley from August 10th to 13th 2006. Residents and cultural tourists will view exhibits and performances and participate in workshops.

Nelson

Lead Organization: Kutenai Art Therapy Institute Association

Initiative Title: Innovations in Arts and Health Symposium

Amount Awarded: \$6,500

Initiative Description: The Innovations in Arts and Health Symposium, to be held in Nelson from June 8-10, 2006, will bring in presenters and participants to explore relationships between arts and health. Opportunities for partnerships, mentorships and collaborations will be encouraged between the health-care and arts community, laying the foundations for increased economic opportunities between the arts and health sectors in Nelson.

New Westminster

Lead Organization: Centre of Integration for African Immigrants (CIAI)

Initiative Title: AfroFest BC

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Initiative Description: AfroFest is a new 7 day initiative for immigrant African/Black artists to celebrate their talents, and to assist them in understanding the steps necessary to continue their artistic practices in a Canadian context. Locally established professionals in a variety of artistic fields will assist artists with organizational management and marketing of their talents through a series of skills-building workshops.

North Vancouver

Lead Organization: Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Initiative Title: Tsleil-Waututh Nation Cultural Arts Festival

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

Initiative Description: The Cultural Arts Festival will be a celebration of the heritage of Coast Salish culture. The one-day festival will be held at Cates Park/Whye-ah-Whichen, a traditional village site, and looks to educate the public on the artistic contributions of Coast Salish people. The festival will include cultural dance and drum groups, a traditional food fair, a visual arts display, as well as a showcase of regional arts and crafts vendors.

Prince Rupert

Lead Organization: Prince Rupert Community Arts Council

Initiative Title: Fraser Street Public Art Project

Amount Awarded: \$12,000

Initiative Description: The Fraser Street Public Art Project is a community-based mural project that will commemorate the rich history and diversity of the Fraser Street neighbourhood in Prince Rupert. The project will take place on a 6,084 square foot back wall of Overwaitea Foods, and involves an extensive community process of participation in the design and creation.

Qualicum Beach

Lead Organization: Old School House Arts Centre, The

Initiative Title: Qualicum Beach Harvest of Music

Amount Awarded: \$8,500

Initiative Description: The Old School House Arts Centre Society will organize, direct and deliver the Qualicum Beach Harvest of Music, a 5-day multi-genre, eclectic event scheduled for the Fall of 2007. The event will bring together the Oceanside Tourist Association, the Town of Qualicum Beach, artisans, residents and visitors in an effort to increase the range and scale of arts festivals in the region.

Richmond

Lead Organization: Gateway Theatre

Initiative Title: Sea of Stories

Amount Awarded: \$11,500

Initiative Description: Sea of Stories is an initiative that invites residents of Richmond's culturally-diverse community to tell their stories of change, immigration, family and culture. These stories will then be developed into 10 minute plays and presented in a reading series for the contributors, their families, friends and the general public at the theatre in 2007.

Lead Organization: Richmond Museum Society

Initiative Title: Musqueam First Nations School Resource Kit

Amount Awarded: \$4,000

Initiative Description: The Richmond Museum, in partnership with the Musqueam Band and the Richmond School District, will develop an interactive resource kit for elementary schools on Musqueam history in Richmond. The resource will include a variety of primary source materials (books, pamphlets, audio-visual material etc) as well as a teacher's manual connecting the kit to school curriculum. The content will encourage critical thinking as well as hands-on exploration and multi-disciplinary learning.

Vancouver

Lead Organization: Leaky Heaven Performance Society

Initiative Title: Leaky Heaven's Satellite Circus

Amount Awarded: \$6,900

Initiative Description: Leaky Heaven will provide a mentorship opportunity for young theatre artists to gain practical experience in socially-engaged arts practices. Through connecting emerging performers with mature theatre professionals, Leaky Heaven is looking to provide a bridge between education and practical arts experience. Over 35 young individuals will be included in the program, working on a collaboration that will debut at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, and other public gatherings throughout 2006.

Lead Organization: New Performance Works (Made in BC - Dance on Tour)

Initiative Title: Made in BC - Dance on Tour

Amount Awarded: \$16,000

Initiative Description: Made in BC will develop a network of regional presenters for dance, throughout British Columbia, who are committed to increasing dance activity in their communities. Made in BC will work with regional presenters to create increased exposure of diverse dance performance across British Columbia through dance presentation and outreach activities.

Lead Organization: Reel to Real: A Celebration of Moving Images for Youth Society

Initiative Title: Our World

Amount Awarded: \$12,500

Initiative Description: Our World is an initiative that looks to empower Aboriginal youth in three communities across British Columbia - Canim Lake Band (100 Mile House), Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (Prince George) and Cowichan (Duncan). The initiative is a partnership with the National Film Board, and will help Aboriginal youth conceive, plan, shoot, edit, and screen short animated films that speak about their world, their life, and their vision. In the process of learning a new craft, youth will channel their creativity into greater self-confidence, positive work ethics, and marketable skills.

Victoria

Lead Organization: Royal & McPherson Theatres Society (RMTS), The

Initiative Title: The Victoria International Arts Symposium

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: The recipient, in partnership with the City of Victoria, will host the Victoria International Arts symposium, which will bring together artists in a range of disciplines. The symposium will provide a forum for discussion on key issues related to the arts, as well as to inspire, educate, increase public awareness and stimulate dialogue. To be held at the McPherson Playhouse and Royal Theatre, Victoria Conference Centre and other locations, from October 27-30, 2006, the symposium will be the first of its kind for Victoria, and looks to lay the groundwork for future large-scale, collaborative projects.

West Vancouver

Lead Organization: Blackbird Theatrical Society

Initiative Title: The Peer Gynt Project

Amount Awarded: \$11,000

Initiative Description: Blackbird Theatrical Society, a new Vancouver-based organization, was created to address the current gap in the presentation of classic drama in the Lower Mainland. As part of its second season, Blackbird will present The Peer Gynt Project at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre in September 2006.

Whistler

Lead Organization: Whistler Film Festival Society

Initiative Title: Whistler Stories

Amount Awarded: \$6,000

Initiative Description: Whistler Stories is the 2nd year of an annual initiative supporting the creation of short-films based on stories from Whistler and the surrounding areas. Building on the success of 2005, the project will continue through 2010. Filmmakers will work with the Festival's Director of Programming, and the films will be premiered at the Whistler Film Festival in 2007.

Innovations Creative Explorations

Dawson Creek

Lead Organization: Writing on the Ridge

Initiative Title: Muskwa-Kechika Artist Exploration Camp 2006

Amount Awarded: \$6,250

Initiative Description: The initiative will take the form of an artist camp in the remote region of Muskwa-Kechika to raise awareness of one of the great wilderness areas of the planet and to provide 10 artists working in a variety of disciplines to create a collaborative work from their experiences in the camp. The results will be exhibited at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery in Spring 2007.

Nelson

Lead Organization: Nelson Fine Art Centre Society

Initiative Title: Boundary Lines: Ancestry, Edge

Amount Awarded: \$15,000

Initiative Description: Boundary Lines: Ancestry, Edge is an artistic residency program in Nelson that will bring together three professional artists in the creation of a multi-disciplinary performance piece. The project will coincide with the Our Way Home Reunion in Nelson in July 2006, and will play 21 shows in Nelson and 9 shows in the West Kootenay region. This will be the first multi-disciplinary project for the Nelson Fine Art Centre Society and its members.

North Vancouver

Lead Organization: Dancers of Damelahamid Society

Initiative Title: Gilo Hyte: "Sharing the Spirit"

Amount Awarded: \$25,000

Initiative Description: Gilo Hyte - "Sharing the Spirit" is an exploration of traditional Gitksan performance arts complemented with multi-media technology. It will involve the development of a production of Gitksan dance works belonging to the Dakhumhast House, and will combine Gitksan artistic story telling techniques and technology to bridge traditions with innovation. In addition to presentations in Vancouver, presentations in Prince Rupert, Hazelton and Gitsegulka will take place.

Vancouver

Lead Organization: Electric Company

Initiative Title: HIVE: Intimate Performances and Explosive Events

Amount Awarded: \$22,000

Initiative Description: Inspired by the success of SWARM in the visual arts community, HIVE is a unique and ambitious event which will celebrate and showcase the work of up to fifteen creation-based theatre companies in Vancouver. Taking place in November 2006 at the Great Northern Way Campus of BCIT, UBC and Emily Carr, HIVE addresses the independent theatre community's needs to share resources, cross-fertilize creative ideas and engage diverse audiences in a format that is accessible and exciting.

Lead Organization: Mascall Dance Society

Initiative Title: JOSHUA: multimedia body project

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Initiative Description: Mascall Dance Society will partner with Computational Poetics Research Group on an exciting project called JOSHUA: the multimedia body. The project will document dancers and moving body parts - the face, head, hands, legs and torso - which will be used to create an interactive multimedia display that reaches a diverse audience in various Lower Mainland galleries.

Lead Organization: Orchid Ensemble

Initiative Title: Della's Different Trains

Amount Awarded: \$18,000

Initiative Description: Della's Different Trains will include collaborative presentations between the Orchid Ensemble, composer Ya-wen Wang, and Lorita Leung Dance Association exploring the lives of Chinese Canadians from early settlement to modern times. Stories collected from interviews and archives will explore themes of diaspora and cultural conflict through a program of music, dance, spoken word, theatre and media arts.

Lead Organization: Vancouver Art Gallery

Initiative Title: Urbanization and the Politics of Space

Amount Awarded: \$6,800

Initiative Description: Urbanization and the Politics of Space is a collaboration between the Vancouver Art Gallery, King George Secondary School and the Pacific Cinematheque that will give teens the powerful tools of poetry, film and sculpture to

respond to issues of homelessness and the politics of space in their own West End community. The project will see youth design and create functional shelters for homeless people, and to document the process using video and still photography.

Lead Organization: Virtual Stage Arts Society, The

Initiative Title: Spank!

Amount Awarded: \$10,800

Initiative Description: Virtual Stage Arts Society will research and develop a new play entitled Spank! where computer-generated 3D moving scenography is integrated with choreographed aerial performance and supported by an innovative new harness rigging design. This will be a ground-breaking exploration into the integration of computer generated 3D environments with live aerial choreography in theatre.