

B.C. Cultural Fund

Grants to Community Arts Councils totalling \$153,390 was approved and communities have received their funds this week.

The largest grant to a community goes to Vancouver with \$32,260 while the smallest goes to Southern Similkameen of \$240. In between these figures is the South Peace Art Society, Dawson Creek, with a grant of \$2,485.00.

The grant received in Dawson Creek was divided January 12 among various arts in the district who applied for it. Some goes to Chetwynd and Hudson Hope Art councils as well as art groups here to further their work in the Arts.

Scholarship grants totalling \$23,886.58 were awarded also, but none of the students listed are from anywhere north of Osoyoos.

Cultural grants, are paid from the interest accruing from the perpetual endowment fund of \$10,000,000 invested by the Government of B.C. All interest earnings are distributed to non-profit organizations and individuals annually.

A total of \$503,720.80 was also made to "Major Organizations" which are symphony societies, opera and theatre groups and as far as the press release states, are located in the Vancouver Victoria area. Members of the advisory committee are The Honourable Grace McCarthy and Mr. L.J. Wallace.

The local Community Arts Council met Thursday to allocate the monies received from the Provincial Arts Council. Dawson

Creek Chetwynd and Hudson Hope received \$2,485.00 which is 78 per cent of their request, and the same amount they received last year.

Hudson Hope Historical Society had requested \$300 but due to the cut-back, they, along with Chetwynd and all other groups, received 78 per cent less, or \$270.00. It appears the Hudson Hope representatives understood that requests for funds were to be made on a per capita basis even though they needed more to get their museum organized and built.

President Mrs. Betty Mundy explained that monies was not allocated on a per capita basis, although that apparently influenced the decision but rather on a "need" basis.

The money was divided as follows: Library \$300, Mile O Players \$300, Concert Society \$300, Festival Society \$250, Centennial Band and Symphony Association \$300, Chetwynd Arts \$270, Hudson Hope Historical Society \$270, South Peace Historical Society \$300. The "coverage" comes from the Arts Council membership fee fund.

When all the money is distributed, including the money from the membership fund, there will only be a very few dollars left for mailing and stationery expenses.

The Arts Council usually meet twice a year to deal with Provincial Art Council grants.