

## Shared grant allocation principles of the Culture and Leisure Division 7 December 2023

The Culture and Leisure Committee decides on the Division's grant allocation principles and monitors their implementation at the division level as follows: Culture and leisure grants are used to build a democratic and vital city. The grants promote the well-being and health of Helsinki residents. The grants contribute to the goals of the UN Agenda 2030.

The grants allocated by the Culture and Leisure Division are used to:

- Strengthen civil society.
- Strengthen equality, participation and parity among Helsinki residents.
- Commit to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Promote physical and mental safety.
- Promote access for all to act and pursue leisure activities in a safer space.
- Respect the well-being of all living life.
- Support a diverse range of cultural and leisure activities.
- Improve opportunities for a meaningful life for Helsinki residents
- Combat climate change, promote ecologically, economically, socially and culturally sustainable activities and implement measures to reduce environmental impacts
- Ensure that information and systems are well protected.
- Enable acting responsibly, openly and in accordance with good participatory governance.
- Prevent racism, discrimination, inappropriate treatment or sexual harassment.

Culture, sports and youth sub-committees decide on detailed grant allocation and evaluation criteria, taking into account the principles approved by the sub-committee and the city strategy programme in force.

Grants are allocated in accordance with the city's general guidelines in force at the time and the European Union's rules on state aid.

### Recovery of the grant

The division's shared principles for grants under this decision are specific conditions set out for the division's grants that comply with the general conditions for the city's grants. The grant allocated must be returned to the City of Helsinki if the recipient has not complied with these conditions and the conduct is deemed to be of greater than minor importance.

This decision replaces an earlier decision on the matter, Section 202, dated 14 December 2021.