Per Capita Grant Application

1. Your Organization:	Name: Buffalo Thunder Singers and Dancers Inc.
	Payee (if different than above):
	Address: 234 Barnham Crescent Winnipeg, Manitoba
	Phone No.:1 - 204-633-0610
2. A Contact Person with whom the City can communicate:	Name: Kim Hotomani
2.	Address/Phone No.: (204) 633-0610
3. Total Grant Requested: $1,900.00	
4. Amount received in prior year:	

5. Organization's purpose: Buffalo Thunder Singers and Dancers Inc. is a non profit organization that strives to promote and preserve First Nation's culture through their traditional First Nation's songs and dances. It is through the promotion of traditional dance and songs that language, values and customs are maintained in order that the younger generation maybe enabled to carry on the rich heritage and culture of First Nation's people in Manitoba and Canada.

Buffalo Thunder Inc. educates the general public and Aboriginal youth about First Nation's culture by performing at schools and community organizations and events. Buffalo Thunder Inc. dancers have performed for the Ministers of the Province as well as for the Queen on her visit to Winnipeg. Our dancers have also performed at the Winnipeg Ballet for Fusion Dance Theatre as well as the Aboriginal Achievement Awards John Kim Bell.

6. List and describe programs/proposals for which funds are requested:

Buffalo Thunder is hosting an annual event called "Thunder Bear Days" at the Old Exibition Arena this May 21 - 23, 2004. This event is a family event that is alcohol and drug free. We will present to the City of Winnipeg a large Pow wow that will showcase champion dancers and singers from across Canada and the United States. We are also hosting a tribute to our youth by showcasing their talent throughout the weekend. This year we have a young Aboriginal rap group, 2 young female singers, a Mohawk dance troop from Six Nations and a group of Inuit Dancers. This is an excellent opportunity for the First Nation's people of Winnipeg to participate in their culture as well as share their culture with the non Aboriginal community of Winnipeg.

7. Describe the nature and intent of volunteer involvement:	All committee members as well as other staffing as required is volunteer, no honorarium or salary is paid in the preparation and implementation of this event.
8. Name other sources of funding:	1.Province of Manitoba
	2.Manitoba Arts Council
	3.Private donations and fundraising
Date:	*Signing Officer:Faron Whitequill and Kim Hotomani*

If applicable attach the following information to the application:

Financial statements including statement of expenditures and revenue

Operating budget

Complete salary schedule

Projected Budget

Materials and Supplies	
Computer paper/poster paper	200.00
Pens, pins, tape, stapler/staples	100.00
Clip board x 20	100.00
Water for contestants/elders	300.00
Sub total	700.00
Rentals	
Stage	500.00
Chairs/tables	1,000.00
Sound Equipment	1,500.00
Arena/Insurance	3,000.00
Flooring to cover cement	1,500.00
Sub Total	7,500.00
Honorariums	
Master of Ceremonies x 2 @ 1,000.00	2,000.00
Arena Director x 2 @ 500.00	1,000.00
Singing Judge x 1 @ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Host Drums x 2 @ 1,000.00	2,000.00
Day drums x 20 @ 300.00	6,000.00
Adult Dance Catagories x 10 @ 1,200.00	12,000.00
Youth Dance Catagories x 6 @ 425.00	2,550.00
Tiny Tots Dance Catagory	1,000.00
Chicken Dance Special	1,200.00
Strongman/woman dance x 2 @ 1,500.00	3,000.00
Singing and Drumming Contest	3,000.00
Youth Entertainers x 6 @ 1,000.00	6,000.00
* 2 youth singers traditional or contemporary	
* 4 youth dance performers traditional or contemporary	
Sub total	40,750.00
Grand Total	**$48, 950.00**

Buffalo Thunder Singers and Dancers Inc.
234 Barnham Crescent
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April 13, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

The Buffalo Thunder Committee hosted the Thunder Bear Pow Wow on the May long weekend in 2003 at the Old Exhibition Arena. With the help of the city of Winnipeg we were able to host such a successful event.

In order to ensure this event is successful we are once again seeking the assistance of the City of Winnipeg, the Buffalo Thunder Committee is asking for the use and waiver of fees to use the Old Exhibition Arena on the May long weekend – May 21, 22, 23, 2004.

The Buffalo Thunder Committee believes that the City of Winnipeg should be home to this large cultural event as this city is home to the largest Aboriginal population in Canada. This event will showcase our spectacular culture in all its beauty.

Should you require additional information please call Mr. Ian Hotomani at 261-5713.

Your prompt attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ian Hotomani
President
Buffalo Thunder Singers and Dancers