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Orchestra London asks city for financial help

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LONDON, Ont. - Officials with Orchestra London in Southwestern Ontario were at city hall Thursday, in a last ditch plea for financial help. Orchestra members say that without a major cash infusion, the orchestra may fold.

A report in Friday morning's London Free Press says the orchestra needs \$1.2 million to cover its costs for this season alone. The paper also says the orchestra is planning a major fund-raising drive to begin next week.

City budget chief Anne Marie DeCicco says the orchestra's financial problems run deep. She says an infusion of money wouldn't be enough; the organization needs fundamental restructuring.