

Subject: Community Grant Allocations for 2023

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2023-022

Meeting Date: 2023-04-03

Recommendations

That report CPS-2023-022, regarding Community Grant Allocations for 2023, be received,

And that Council approve distribution of 2023 Community Grant budgeted funds as recommended in the report.

Background and Analysis

Each year during the Annual Budget deliberations, Council considers a budget amount for Community Grant Funding. Eligible organizations are required to submit an application outlining the need and uses for any funds requested. After the approval of the Annual Budget, staff review the applications for eligibility and present the applications for Council consideration. The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the applications received for the Community Grant Program for 2023; and to seek Council's decision on the distribution of 2023 budgeted funds.

As per the 2023 budget, Council approved \$80,000 for the annual Community Grant program (motion 2023-045). Also approved, was an additional \$95,000 for community organizations requiring predictable funding over longer periods (motion 2023-026). Grants approved as "one time" grants will be considered as part of the \$80,000 bucket, while grants approved as "multi-year" will be considered as part of the \$95,000 bucket.

On February 6, 2023, Council tentatively approved a multi-year grant of \$20,000 for Family Transition Place. The grant will be for the current term of Council and for 20 years in principle, subject to grant approval from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. On March 20, 2023, Council approved a \$300 one-time grant for the Dufferin County Multicultural Association.

Six (6) funding applications were received on or before March 20, 2023. Table 1.0 shows a listing of the eligible requests with brief descriptions of how funds from the Town of Orangeville Community Grant program, if approved, will be used. Applications can be reviewed in their entirety at the Finance Department.

Table 1.0		
Organization Name	How will the funds be used (Purpose)	2023 Funding Request
Bethell Hospice Foundation	Funding will contribute to the success of the Bethell Hospice Foundation's annual signature event, Hike for Bethell Hospice. This event generates funds in support of grief and bereavement programs and services.	5,000
Elysian Festival Orangeville	Funding will support equipment and rental fees for the Elysian Festival. This is a 2 day Festival to promote meditation, yoga and personal/inner healing. Any proceeds will be donated to mental health initiatives in Orangeville.	10,000
Hospice Dufferin	Funding will be used to help gain awareness of the organization through promotion of the Hike for Hospice Event. Events are crucial in helping non-profits build their awareness in communities, as well as helping raise much needed funds to keep programs and support available free of charge to residents.	2,000
Rotary Club of Orangeville	The funding will be used to cover expenses for the 2023 Ribfest, specifically permit and rental charges and OPP security.	15,000
STEM Camp	The funding will be used to send disadvantaged children to camp. STEM camp is a camp designed to inspire children in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to enter these areas of study and help solve labour shortages in those fields.	9,000
The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival	The funding will be used to help a portion of the operating costs for the production of the 2023 Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival taking place June 2nd to 4th.	20,000
Total Requests Submitted		61,000

The total amount requested, including the Family Transition Place and Out of the Cold grants, is \$93,700 below the 2023 approved combined budgeted amount of \$175,000 for this program. Table 2.0 shows the realized variances in the last two years. Based on the Requests for Financial Assistance Policy, funding requests are to be submitted to the Treasurer in the year for which funds are requested. As of March 20, 2023 we have received requests of \$81,300. Should we receive any further requests for funding, up to the remaining budget of \$93,700, the Finance department will bring forward a future report to council.

	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023
Table 2.0	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Requests	Budget	Variance	Requests	Budget	Variance
Community Grants	\$78,858	80,000	1,142	75,065	80,000	4,935	81,300	175,000	93,700

Based on the eligibility requirements of the Community Grant Funding program (Table 3.0) we recommend that council approve 100% of funding requests for all six applications with a favourable variance of \$93,700.

Table 3.0

Eligibility Requirements	Bethell Hospice Foundation	Elysian Festival Orangeville	Hospice Dufferin	Rotary Club of Orangeville	STEM Camp	The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival
Demonstrable or potential social, economic benefit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
In keeping with stated goals and objectives set by Council	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Membership or registrants comprised of Orangeville residents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Services available to citizens in the community on an equal basis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 Youth	Yes
Track record of providing value to the community for funding received	First Application	First Application	Yes	Yes	First Application	Yes
Demonstrates a reasonable effort to raise funds from other sources	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Funds being received from other levels of government	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Charitable or Not-for-profit organization	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Application received by deadline	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Rotary Club of Orangeville and The Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival hold major annual events in the Town of Orangeville and have sought funding for each of the last three years (Table 4.0). Therefore, it is recommended that the applications are approved as multi-year grants. Multi-year grant requests total \$55,000 with \$40,000 remaining to be spent. One time grant requests total \$26,300 with \$53,700 remaining to be spent.

Table 4.0					
Organization Name	Status	Proposed Grant Type	2023 Funding Request	2022 Funding Request	2021 Funding Request
Bethell Hospice Foundation	Seeking approval	One time	5,000	-	-
Dufferin County Multicultural Association	Approved March 20th	One time	300	-	-
Elysian Festival Orangeville	Seeking approval	One time	10,000	-	-
Family Transition Place	Tentatively approved	Multi-year	20,000	-	-
Hospice Dufferin	Seeking approval	One time	2,000	2,000	-
Out of the Cold	TBD	TBD	-	-	-
Rotary Club of Orangeville	Seeking approval	Multi-year	15,000	5,000	4,000
STEM Camp	Seeking approval	One time	9,000	-	-
The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival	Seeking approval	Multi-year	20,000	20,000	15,000
Total Requests per year			81,300	27,000	19,000

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Vibrancy

Notice Provisions

Financial Impact

Favourable variance of \$93,700 (under budget).

Respectfully submitted

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