



Subject: Community Grant Update

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2023-034

Meeting Date: 2023-05-15

Recommendations

That report CPS-2023-034, regarding Community Grant Update, be received,

And that Council approve distribution of 2023 Community Grant budgeted funds to the Optimist Club of Orangeville for \$5,000 from multi-year grants and \$10,000 from one time grants,

And that Council approve the Out of the Cold Community Grant disbursement as a one time grant.

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 April 17th, 2023 Council approved \$11,000 from the Community Grant program for the Out of the Cold program. Staff are to report back to Council in the third quarter of 2023 with results and additional request for funding. Due to the unknown amount

required, it is recommended that this grant be a part of the one-time requests, until the full amount required is known and can be approved as a multi-year grant.

On March 22nd, 2023 an application from the Optimist Club of Orangeville was received. The application is requesting funding of \$15,000. Funding will be used towards the 31st annual Optimist Christmas in the Park. Funding will cover replacement and upgrade of tree lighting, along with general supplies such as signage, new displays, and sponsor invitation packages. The Optimist Club is also working towards having a permanent drystone display installed in the Park.

The 2023 approved budgeted amount for this program is \$175,000. To date, \$108,300 has been previously approved by Council to be used. Therefore, the total remaining amount in this program is \$66,700. The total requests for 2023 now total \$123,300, which results in a favourable variance of \$51,700.

Based on the eligibility requirements of the Community Grant Funding program (Table 3.0) we recommend that council approve the funding request of \$15,000.

Eligibility Requirements	Optimist Club of Orangeville
Demonstrable or potential social, economic benefit	Yes
In keeping with stated goals and objectives set by Council	Yes
Membership or registrants comprised of Orangeville residents	Yes
Services available to citizens in the community on an equal basis	Yes
Track record of providing value to the community for funding received	Yes
Demonstrates a reasonable effort to raise funds from other sources	Yes
Funds being received from other levels of government	No
Charitable or Not-for-profit organization	Yes
Application received by deadline	Yes

As per the Optimist Club of Orangeville's application, approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 is required annual to replace and upgrade tree lighting in the park. As noted above, they are requesting additional funds to construct a permanent drystone display to be installed

in the park. As a result, it is recommended that Council approve \$5,000 as a multi-year grant and \$10,000 as a one time grant.

With the recommendations in this report, multi-year grant requests total \$85,000 with \$10,000 remaining to be spent. One time grant requests total \$38,300 with \$41,700 remaining to be spent. The following table summarizes the 2023 applications with requests from the last two years.

Organization Name	Status	2023 Funding Request		2022 Funding Request	2021 Funding Request
		One Time	Multi-Year		
Bethell Hospice Foundation	Approved April 3rd	5,000	-	-	-
Dufferin County Multicultural Association	Approved March 20th	300	-	-	-
Elysian Festival Orangeville	Approved April 17th	5,000	-	-	-
Family Transition Place	Tentatively approved	-	20,000	-	-
Hospice Dufferin	Approved April 3rd	2,000	-	2,000	-
Orangeville Food Bank	Approved April 17th	-	25,000	-	-
Optimist Club of Orangeville	Seeking approval	-	5,000	12,000	10,000
Optimist Club of Orangeville	Seeking approval	10,000	-		
Out of the Cold	Approved April 17th	11,000	-	-	-
Rotary Club of Orangeville	Approved April 3rd	-	15,000	5,000	4,000
STEM Camp	Approved April 17th	5,000	-	-	-
The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival	Approved April 3rd	-	20,000	20,000	15,000
Total Requests per year		38,300	85,000	39,000	29,000
Approved 2023 Budget		80,000	95,000		
Remaining Budget		41,700	10,000		

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Economic Resilience

Objective: Ecosystem – Retain local business

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Corporate and Fiscal

Strategy: Encourage and support collaboration to implement sustainability initiatives between municipal and community organizations, local Indigenous groups, conservation authority, colleges, and adjacent municipalities and the County

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

Favourable variance of \$51,700 (under budget).

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): Not applicable