

Subject: Community Grant Update

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2023-068

Meeting Date: 2023-09-11

Recommendations

That report CPS-2023-068, regarding Community Grant Update, be received,

And that Council approve distribution of 2023 Community Grant budgeted funds to the Dufferin Film Festival for \$500 from one time grants;

And that Council approve distribution of 2023 Community Grant budgeted funds to the Terry Fox Foundation for \$400 from one time grants.

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 August 16, 2023 an application from the Dufferin Film Festival was received. The application is requesting funds of \$500. The funding will be used towards the initial deposit of booking the Orangeville Opera House to secure the venue for the August 9th and 10th , 2024 Film Festival. This will allow the securing of the venue to lock down the date and begin further fundraising and promotion of the event.

On August 23, 2023 an application from the Terry Fox Foundation was received. The application is requesting funds of \$400. The funding will be used to cover the rental fees for Island Lake and costs CVC approved signage for the 43rd annual Terry Fox Run to be held at Island Lake on September 17th.

The 2023 approved budgeted amount for this program is \$175,000. To date, \$135,139 has been previously approved by Council to be used. Therefore, the total remaining amount in this program is \$39,861. The total requests for 2023 now total \$136,039, which results in a favourable variance of \$38,961.

Based on the eligibility requirements of the Community Grant Funding program (Table 3.0) we recommend that council approve the funding request of \$900.

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

It is recommended that Council approve the requested funding as a one-time grants as this is the first Dufferin Film Festival event and only the second application from the Terry Fox Foundation.

With the recommendations in this report, multi-year grant requests total \$87,000 with \$8,000 remaining. One time grant requests total \$49,039 with \$30,961 remaining. The following table summarizes the 2023 applications with requests from the previous 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	-	-	-
Dufferin Film Festival	Seeking approval	500	-	-	-
Elysian Festival Orangeville	Approved April 17th	5,000	-	-	-
Family Transition Place	Tentatively approved	-	20,000	-	-
GottaRunRacing	Approved August 14th	2,000	-	2,000	-
Headwaters Communities in Action (for HFFA)	Approved August 14th	1,000	-	-	1,000
Hospice Dufferin	Approved April 3rd	2,000	-	2,000	-
Orangeville & District Horticultural Society	Approved June 5th	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Orangeville Curling Club	Approved June 5th	4,500	-	-	-
Orangeville Food Bank	Approved April 17th	-	25,000	-	-
Optimist Club of Orangeville	Approved May 15th	-	5,000	12,000	10,000
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Out of the Cold	Approved April 17th	11,000	-	-	-
Parkinson Canada Inc.	Approved August 14th	739	-	-	-
Royal Canadian Legion	Approved June 5th	1,600	-	-	-
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
The Terry Fox Foundation	Seeking approval	400	-	65	-
Total Requests per year		49,039	87,000	43,065	32,000
Approved 2023 Budget		80,000	95,000		
Remaining Budget		30,961	8,000		

The process for Community Grants in 2024 is under review and it is anticipated that a report will be presented to Council with options for consideration.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Vitality

Objective: Vibrancy – Support Festivals, Events and welcoming neighbourhood activities

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-being

Strategy: Build social networks that encourage well-being and celebrate the community

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

Favourable variance of \$38,961 (under budget).

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): Not applicable