



Report

Subject: 2023 Community Grants Update

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2023-084

Meeting Date: 2023-11-27

Recommendations

That report CPS-2023-084, regarding Community Grant Update, be received,

And that Council approve distribution of 2023 Community Grant budgeted funds to the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle for \$10,000 from one-time grants.

Background and Analysis

Each year during the annual budget deliberations, Council considers a budget allocation for Community Grant Funding. Eligible organizations are required to apply, outlining the need and uses for any funds requested. After the approval of the annual budget, staff review applications for eligibility and present the applications for Council consideration.

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on recent application a recent application received for the Community Grant Program; and to seek Council's decision on the distribution of 2023 budgeted funds.

As part of the 2023 operating budget, Council approved \$80,000 for the annual Community Grant program (motion 2023-045). In addition, \$95,000 was allocated 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 October 25, 2023 an application from the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) was received. The application is requesting funding of \$10,000. The funding will be used towards the June 22, 2024 "Healing the Circle" event for National Indigenous Peoples Day, to provide space at Alexandra Park and cover the cost of two (2) Big Drums.

The 2023 approved budgeted amount for the entire community grant program is \$175,000. To date, \$136,039 has been previously approved by Council to be used. Therefore, the total remaining amount in this program is \$38,961. The total requests for 2023 now total \$146,039, which results in a favourable variance of \$28,961.

Based on the eligibility requirements of the Community Grant Funding program (Table 3.0) we recommend that council approve the funding request of \$10,000.

Eligibility Requirements	Dufferin County Cultural Resources Circle
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	Yes
Charitable or Not-for-profit organization	Yes
Application received by deadline	Yes

It is recommended that Council approve the requested funding as a one-time grant as their offering is aligned with all eligibility requirements. In addition, this is DCCRC's 10-year anniversary event and they have not consistently applied under the Community Grant Program.

The overall process for Community Grants in 2024 is currently under review. 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

With the recommendations in this report, multi-year grant requests remain at \$87,000 with \$8,000 remaining, while one-time grant requests total \$59,039 with \$20,961 remaining.

The following table summarizes the 2023 applications YTD, with requests from the previous two (2) 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 Cultural Resources Circle	Seeking Approval	10,000	-	-	5,000
Dufferin County Multicultural Association	Approved March 20th	300	-	-	-
Dufferin Film Festival	Approved Sept 11th	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	Approved Sept 11th	400	-	65	-
Total Requests per year		59,039	87,000	43,065	37,000
Approved 2023 Budget		80,000	95,000		
Remaining Budget		20,961	8,000		

Respectfully submitted

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