



Report

Subject: Community Grant Allocations for 2021

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2021-010

Meeting Date: 2021-04-12

Recommendations

That report CPS-2021-010, dated April 12, 2021, Community Grant Allocations for 2021, be received.

And that Council approve distribution of 2021 Community Grant budgeted funds of \$46,500

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 before the deadline 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 2021; and to seek Council's decision on the distribution of 2021 budgeted funds.

Five (5) applications were received on or before the deadline of February 18, 2021. 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)	2020 Funding Request
Orangeville & District Senior Citizens Centre	Due to COVID-19 they were unable to access funds from their regular means. No rentals, fundraising and limited programming and membership fees. They are requesting financial assistance to help with the ongoing expenses to keep the Senior Centre open and viable for the current year and maintain some programming in person as well as online.	10,000
Optimist Club of Orangeville	Entire funding will be used to purchase needed Christmas lighting, displays and materials in support of the Optimist Club of Orangeville's annual "Christmas in the Park" campaign that is held in Kayce Gardens Park every December.	10,000
Orangeville Tennis Club	Funds are to be used to build a structure at the east end of the Orangeville Tennis Club courts opening directly onto the courts. The courts are currently without shade at any time. Children and Seniors are especially vulnerable to the heat. This structure would enhance the Club and provide a welcoming place to sit out of the sun for players, parents and/or spectators without disrupting any matches that may be in play.	16,500
Rotary Club of Orangeville	The funds will be used to cover expenses for the 2021 Ribfest, specifically permit and rental charges, and marketing and promotion.	4,000
The Kin Club of Orangeville	For the operational costs associated with the annual Orangeville Santa Claus Parade. This will be for the 2021 parade, tentative date November 13, 2021.	6,000
Total Requests Submitted	(Based on Applications Received)	46,500

The total amount requested is well below (\$33,500) the 2021 approved budgeted amount of \$80,000 for this program. In the last two years, the realized variances have been unfavourable (Table 2.0) Based on policy F-006, Requests for Financial Assistance Policy, funding requests are to be submitted to the Treasurer in the year for which funds are requested. As of April 12, 2021 we have received requests of \$46,500.

Should we received any further requests for funding, up to the remaining budget of \$33,500, the Finance department will bring forward a future report to council.

Table 2.0	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021
	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Requests	Budget	Variance
Community Grants	83,550	81,050	(2,500)	\$98,900	80,000	(18,900)	46,500	80,000	33,500

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 applications with a favourable variance of \$33,500.

Table 3.0

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

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Strong Governance

Objective: Financial Responsibility

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

Favourable variance of \$33,500 (under budget).

Respectfully submitted

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