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**Subject:** 2025 Community Grants Allocations

**Department:** Corporate Services

**Division:** Finance

**Report #:** CPS-2025-049

**Meeting Date:** 2025-05-12

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### Recommendations

**That report CPS-2025-049, 2025 Community Grants Allocations, be received; and**

**That Council approve distribution of 2025 Community Grant budgeted funds as recommended by Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) from the one-time community grants budget.**

### Overview

Headwaters Communities In Action (HCIA) has reviewed the 2025 community grant applicants and provided recommendations to Council for distribution of the \$58,000 available under the one-time grant stream budget.

### Background

Each year, during the annual budget deliberations, Council considers a budget allocation for Community Grant Funding. Eligible organizations submit standard applications that provide details with respect to their organization's needs and the intended uses of requested funding.

On January 8, 2024, Council entered into an agreement with Headwaters Communities In Action (HCIA) to facilitate the Town's Community Grant Process. As set out in the agreement with HCIA, the Community Grant applications are reviewed by HCIA and an approved assessment team consisting of members of the community. HCIA then submits recommended funding allocations to Council for consideration. The agreement provides for to two (2) intakes per year (if required).

Through the 2025 operating budget, Council approved \$175,000 for the annual Community Grant program. As set out in Table 1.0 below, Council has previously committed \$117,000 for community organizations that require predictable, longer-term

funding which remains in place for the duration of this term of Council. This leaves \$58,000 of funding available for one-time grants to be allocated in 2025.

**Table 1.0 – Summary of approved Multi-Year Grants**

Organization Name	Approval Date	2025 Funding
Family Transition Place	Tentatively Approved	\$20,000
Orangeville & District Horticultural Society	June 5, 2023	\$2,000
Orangeville Food Bank	April 17, 2023	\$25,000
Optimist Club of Orangeville	May 15, 2023	\$5,000
Out of the Cold	November 27, 2023	\$30,000
Rotary Club of Orangeville	April 3, 2023	\$15,000
The Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival	April 3, 2023	\$20,000
<b>Total Requests</b>		<b>\$117,000</b>

The applications received in 2025 were considered under the one-time grant stream for a total maximum funding of \$58,000 to be shared between eligible recipients.

### Analysis/Current Situation

The application submission period was open from March 3 to March 31, 2025. During this time period, thirty-three (33) applications were received totalling \$267,259. After an in-depth review process, HCIA is recommending the allocation of the \$58,000 to the below organizations as outlined in Table 2.0. The attached report from HCIA details the application process, assessment process and an application profile of each applicant.

Applicant	\$ Requested	\$ Recommended
4th Orangeville Scouts	\$2,000	\$1,000
Art Hive Foundation	\$5,000	\$1,400
Bethell Hospice Foundation	\$7,500	\$2,600
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin & District	\$5,000	\$3,000
Caledon Meals on Wheels	\$6,500	\$3,250
Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington	\$5,000	\$2,500
Choices Shelter and Support Services	\$15,000	\$5,000
Community Living Dufferin	\$3,000	\$1,500
Dufferin Arts Council	\$2,000	\$0
Dufferin County OPP/Orangeville Fire	\$869	\$0
Dufferin Film Festival	\$8,000	\$4,000
Dufferin Parent Support Network	\$10,000	\$2,000
Engineers of Tomorrow	\$10,000	\$0
Fiddlehead Care Farm Inc	\$14,250	\$4,250

Friendship Gardens - Headwaters Health Care Centre	\$5,000	\$0
Lord Dufferin IODE	\$2,000	\$0
Montgomery Village Public School	\$10,000	\$1,000
Orangeville and District Horticultural Society	\$1,500	\$1,000
Orangeville and District Seniors Centre*	\$2,000	\$1,000
Orangeville Blues and Jazz*	\$10,000	\$4,000
Orangeville Community Band	\$2,000	\$1,000
Orangeville Headwaters Minor Baseball Association	\$10,000	\$0
Pine River Institute	\$2,500	\$0
Princess Elizabeth Public School (School Council)	\$5,000	\$1,000
Royal Canadian Legion Col. Fitzgerald Branch 233	\$1,500	\$600
Scientists in School	\$1,400	\$1,400
STEM Camp	\$5,000	\$2,800
Terry Fox Foundation	\$500	\$500
The Lighthouse	\$6,240	\$3,200
The Optimist Club of Orangeville*	\$10,000	\$5,000
Theatre Orangeville*	\$3,500	\$2,500
Twisters Gymnastics & Trampoline Club	\$80,000	\$0
Westminster United Church	\$15,000	\$2,500
<b>Total Requests and Recommended</b>	<b>\$267,259</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>

\*Currently receive funds from multi-year grants or other Town support

It is recommended that Council approve the distribution of funding to the organizations as recommended by HCIA. Should Council approve the full distribution of funds, there will be no second intake for the program in 2025, as all available funds will be committed.

## Corporate Implications

With approval of this report, the 2025 Community Grants budget of \$175,000 will be fully committed. Table 2.0 in this report summarizes the recommended distributions of the 2025 uncommitted funds of \$58,000.

## Conclusion

HCIA is recommending that Council approve the distribution of the \$58,000 in one-time grant funds to the eligible applicants as indicated in this report. Upon Council approval, staff will distribute the funds as approved and will notify all applicants of the decision made on their application.

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## **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

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## **Notice Provisions**

Not Applicable

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Cheryl Braan, CPA, CMA  
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**Attachment(s):** 1. Orangeville Community Grant Program Assessment Report 2025