



Report

Subject: 2021 Community Grants Update

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Finance

Report #: CPS-2021-045

Meeting Date: 2021-05-31

Recommendations

That report CPS-2021-045, dated May 31, 2021, 2021 Community Grants Update, be received.

And that Council approve distribution of 2021 Community Grant budgeted funds of \$4,500.

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.

On May 10, 2021 a letter from the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance was brought forth to council requesting \$500. Council has requested that the Treasurer report back on the request through the Community Grant program. An application was received on May 7, 2021 from this organization with an updated request of \$1,000 in total. The funds will be used to support publishing costs related to the 2021 Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide for both the print guide and to update the online map and listing. This annual publication is a partnership between HFFA and In The Hills Magazine.

Two additional applications have been received since the previous update. The Orangeville & District Horticultural Society submitted an application that was received on April 27, 2021. They are requesting funding of \$2,000. The funding will be used

towards the maintenance and improvement of 11 community gardens. Celebrate Your Awesome submitted an application that was received on May 9, 2021. They are requesting funding of \$1,500. The funding will be used to cover costs associated with a virtual event including videography, sound, editing, performers, etc.

The 2021 approved budgeted amount for this program is \$80,000, of which, \$61,580 was previously approved by council to be used. Therefore, the remaining amount in this program is \$18,420. The total requests for 2021, including those mentioned above, result in a favourable variance of \$13,920.

Based on the eligibility requirements of the Community Grant Funding program (Table 1.0) we recommend that council approve the funding request of \$4,500.

Table 1.0

Eligibility Requirements	Celebrate Your Awesome	Headwaters Food and Family Alliance	Orangeville & District Horticultural Society
Demonstrable or potential social, economic benefit	Yes	Yes	Yes
In keeping with stated goals and objectives set by Council	Yes	Yes	Yes
Membership or registrants comprised of Orangeville residents	Yes	Yes	Yes
Services available to citizens in the community on an equal basis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Track record of providing value to the community for funding received	N/A	Yes	Yes
Demonstrates a reasonable effort to raise funds from other sources	Yes	Yes	Yes
Funds being received from other levels of government	No	Yes	Yes
Charitable or Not-for-profit organization	Neither	Yes	Neither
Application received by deadline	Yes	Yes	Yes

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Strong Governance

Objective: Financial Responsibility

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

Favourable variance of \$13,920 (under budget).

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): Not applicable