

DATE OF MEETING | JULY 11, 2018 |

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SUBJECT | **COMMUNITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT – MID-ISLAND  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE** |

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council approval of a request for a Community Program Development Grant. |

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$2,665 to assist in funding a community-based arts and food festival, Food-Art Fun.

## **BACKGROUND**

The intent of the Community Program Development Grant is to assist community groups to develop new or expanded programs that provide increased opportunities for residents to participate and connect with community, and to enhance residents' exposure to a variety of experiences. The grant is intended as seed funding to help get new programs off the ground or to expand existing programs with the hope that the programs become self-sustaining. It is not intended to be long-term operational funding or funding for capital expenditures. A total budget of \$10,000 is available through this fund with applications accepted by November 1 for Spring/Summer programs and May 1 for fall/winter programs, or as funds remain available.

Staff review all Community Program Development Grant applications and forward a recommendation to the Finance and Audit Committee for recommendation to Council.

On 2018-JUN-05, Staff reviewed a Community Program Development Grant application submitted by the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative in the amount of \$2,665 to assist in funding a community-based arts and food festival, Food-Art Fun (Attachment A) to take place 2018-AUG-12 on Haliburton Street and the Southend Food Forest. Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council approve the application (see Attachment B). |

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$2,665 to assist in funding a community-based arts and food festival, Food-Art Fun.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$656 allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grant contingency funds. If the above grant of \$2,665 is approved, \$6,679 will remain available for any additional 2018 Community Program Development Grant requests.
  - **Engagement Implication:** Supports and facilitates the development of Nanaimo's social and health networks.
2. Deny the Community Program Development Grant application.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date there has been \$656 allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grant contingency funds. \$9,344 will remain available for additional 2018 Community Program Development Grant requests.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Funds are allocated yearly for Community Program Development Grants.
- The group applying meets all of the required criteria.
- To date there has been \$656 allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grants contingency funds and \$9,344 remains available for 2018 grant requests.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A: Community Program Development Grant Application Form  
ATTACHMENT B: Community Program Development Grant Evaluation

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