

DATE OF MEETING | DECEMBER 12, 2018 |

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PARKS AND RECREATION |

SUBJECT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – SOUTHSIDE MINOR FOOTBALL

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of a request for a Travel Assistance Grant. |

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Southside Minor Football Association for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for twenty-five (25) players to attend the BCCFA Provincial Championships held on 2018-DEC-02 in Coquitlam, BC.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups, and individuals to travel within B.C. (excluding travel on Vancouver Island) and out of province to a Regional, National or International Championship. These funds are available to sports and cultural groups qualifying in Provincial or Regional competitions and the current policy provides \$50 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per application for travel within B.C. or \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 per application for travel outside of B.C. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served, basis as funds remain available.

Staff review all Travel Assistance Grant applications and forward the recommendation to Council for approval.

On 2018-NOV-15, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Southside Minor Football Association in the amount of \$1,000 for twenty-five (25) athletes to attend the BC Community Football Association (BCCFA) 12-Man Provincial Championships held on 2018-DEC-02 in Coquitlam, BC. Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that Council approve the application.

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Southside Minor Football Association for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for twenty-five (25) players to attend the BCCFA Provincial Championships held on 2018-DEC-02 in Coquitlam, BC.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$6,000 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$1,000 is approved \$500 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.
 - **Engagement Implication:** Promotes excellence in sports and culture.
2. Deny the Travel Assistance Grant application.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$6,000 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$1,000 is denied, \$1,500 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Funds are allocated yearly for Travel Assistance Grants.
- The group's application meets all of the required criteria.
- To date, there have been \$6,000 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$1,500 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Travel Assistance Grant Application
Attachment B – Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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