

DATE OF MEETING | MARCH 20, 2019 |

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SUBJECT | TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – DOVER BAY SECONDARY  
GRADE 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL |

## **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 Dover Bay Secondary Girls Basketball team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$600 for twelve (12) players to attend the Grade 9 Girls Basketball Provincial Championships held from 2019-FEB-28 through 2019-MAR-02 in Port Moody, 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 2019-FEB-12, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Dover Bay Secondary Grade 9 Girls Basketball team in the amount of \$600 for twelve (12) athletes to attend the Grade 9 Girls Basketball Provincial Championships held from 2019-FEB-28 through 2019-MAR-02 in Port Moody, 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 Dover Bay Secondary Girls Basketball team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$600 for twelve (12) players to attend the Grade 9 Girls Basketball Provincial Championships held from 2019-FEB-28 through 2019-MAR-02 in Port Moody, BC.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$600 is approved \$6,900 will remain available for any additional 2019 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 no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$600 is denied, \$7,500 will remain available for any additional 2019 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 no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$7,500 remains available for 2019 travel grant requests.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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

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