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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 \$6,350 to assist in funding Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up.

## **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 \$15,000 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 2019-FEB-24, Staff reviewed a Community Program Development Grant application submitted by the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative (MYCDC) in the amount of \$6,350 to assist in funding Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Startup (Attachment A) held on 2019-APR-27 at John Barsby Community School and Harewood Centennial Park. There are multiple community organizations supporting this event.

Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council approve the application (Attachment B). The event provides youth opportunities to volunteer and developing new skills. Earth Day has been celebrated in Nanaimo annually with a special event that has been well received by the community. The organizing committee has refreshed the event structure for 2019. The grant funds would be utilized by the MYCDC to enable the event to be more self-sustainable in the future. |

## **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 \$6,350 to assist in funding Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Community Program Development Grant funds. If the above grant of \$6,350 is approved, \$8,650 will remain available for any additional 2019 Community Program Development Grant requests.
  - **Engagement Implication:** Supports and facilitates the development of Nanaimo's social and health networks.
  - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** Supports the Environmental responsibility through leadership and natural Asset management.
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council deny the Community Program Development Grant application.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Community Program Development Grant contingency funds. If the above grant is denied, \$15,000 remain available for any additional 2019 Community Program Development Grant requests.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Funds are allocated yearly in two intakes for Community Program Development Grants.
- The Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative is requesting funding for the Earth Day celebration held on 2019-APR-27.
- The group applying meets all of the required criteria.
- To date, there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2019 Community Program Development Grants contingency funds and \$15,000 remains available for 2019 grant requests.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Application Form for the Community Program Development Grant

Attachment B: Evaluation Form for the Community Program Development Grant

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