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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:

1. rescind the following motion:

“It was moved and seconded 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 the Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up;” and,

2. 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 \$2,850 to assist in funding Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise.

BACKGROUND

At the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held 2019-MAY-15, the Committee reviewed an application for a Community Program Development Grant from the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative (MYCDC) to assist in funding Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up. At that meeting, the Committee passed a motion that the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request in the amount of \$6,350.

There was further discussion at that meeting that led to unanimous consent from the Committee for Staff to provide clarification regarding the financial documents of the MYCDC prior to the motion being considered by Council.

Following that meeting, Staff have now been provided with the Actual Budget from the Earth Day event organizing committee. As the Earth Day committee did not have grant funding approval from the City prior to the event, the structure of the event was altered. The specific fundraising activities designed to make the event self-sustainable were eliminated for this year due to the budget restraints. Earth Day festivities were held 2019-APR-27 and the event was well received by the community, ending with a budget deficit of \$2,850.

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. |

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee:

1. rescind the following motion:

"It was moved and seconded 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 the Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up"; and,

2. recommend that Council approve funding for the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$2,850 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 \$2,850 is approved, \$12,150 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 reaffirm the following motion:

"It was moved and seconded 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.

3. That the Finance and Audit Committee:

1. rescind the following motion:

"It was moved and seconded 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 the Nanaimo Earth Day Social Enterprise Start-up"; and,

2. deny the Community Program Development Grant application from the Mid-Island Youth and Community Development Cooperative.
- **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: Budget Actuals from 2019 Earth Day Event

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