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SUBJECT 2020 SOCIAL PLANNING GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain the Finance & Audit Committee's recommendation for Council approval of the Social Planning Grant allocations for 2020.

Recommendation

That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a total of \$85,000 for the 2020 Social Planning Grant allocations as follows:

2020 Community Vitality Grants

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	Nanaimo Take a Hike Program-Vehicle Purchase	\$10,000
Spinal Cord Injury Organization of BC	Healthy Active Island Life with SCI	\$5,000
Society for Equity, Inclusion and Advocacy (SEIA): Central Vancouver Island	Project Keep SEIA Housed	\$10,000

2020 Social Response Grants

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Circles of Support	\$15,000
United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island	Nanaimo Homeless Coalition Communications Strategy Implementation Project	\$15,000
Literacy Central Vancouver Island	Word on the Street	\$30,000

BACKGROUND

Each year since 2001, the City of Nanaimo has allocated Social Planning grants to non-profit societies and/or recognised faith groups in Nanaimo. The Social Response and Community Vitality grants provide a total of \$85,000 annually for programs that address social issues affecting Nanaimo residents. A total of \$60,000 of funding is directed toward the Social Response grants with the remaining \$25,000 dedicated to Community Vitality grants. Social

Response grants are generally intended to support larger scale projects; whereas Community Vitality grants are targeted towards smaller initiatives.

The City issued a call for proposals for the 2020 Social Planning grants with an application deadline of 2018-OCT-28. Four applications were received for the Community Vitality grants and nine applications were received for the Social Response grants. The total requested funding for the Community Vitality grants was \$33,000; whereas the requested funding for the Social Response grants was \$249,685, for a combined total funding request of \$282,685.

DISCUSSION

Staff reviewed the eligible applications relative to the grant guidelines and criteria (see Attachment A) and Council's Strategic Plan priorities. Staff recommend allocating a total of \$85,000 to six applicants, as listed below.

2020 Community Vitality Grants – Applications Received

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	Nanaimo Take a Hike Program - Vehicle Purchase	\$10,000	\$10,000
Spinal Cord Injury Organization of BC	Healthy Active Island Life with SCI	\$8,000	\$5,000
Society for Equity, Inclusion and Advocacy (SEIA): Central Vancouver Island	Project Keep SEIA Housed	\$10,000	\$10,000
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Bellies to Babies and Beyond	\$5,000	Not eligible
Total Requested		\$33,000	\$25,000
Total Available		\$25,000	\$25,000

The Bellies to Babies and Beyond project was determined not to be eligible as the same project was funded in the previous two years and the grant criteria does not allow funding of more than two consecutive years for the same project.

2020 Social Response Grants – Applications Received

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
Nanaimo Community Gardens Society	Educational Food Garden Program	\$3,000	\$0
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Nutrition Connection	\$43,685	\$0
Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	Community Symposium on Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence	\$10,000	\$0
Nanaimo 7/10 Club Society	7/10 Club Meal Program	\$14,000	Not eligible
Nanaimo Volunteer and Information Centre Society	Project Homeless Connect Nanaimo	\$15,000	\$0

Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Circles of Support	\$20,000	\$15,000
United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island	Nanaimo Homeless Coalition Communications Strategy Implementation Project	\$54,000	\$15,000
Retail Action Network	Ending Sexualized Violence in Retail and Restaurants	\$40,000	\$0
Literacy Central Vancouver Island	Word on the Street	\$50,000	\$30,000
Total Requested		\$249,685	\$60,000
Total Available		\$60,000	\$60,000

The Nanaimo 7/10 Club Society was determined to be not eligible as the request was to fund ongoing operational expenses incurred during the normal course of business operations which is contrary to the grant criteria.]

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a total of \$85,000 for the 2020 Social Planning Grant allocations as follows:

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- The advantages of this option: The recommended funding was determined based on an assessment of the applications by four Staff members regarding how the applications meet the application review criteria and addresses the City's strategic priorities.
- The disadvantages of this option: A number of organizations who submitted grant applications will receive no funding or less funding than requested.
- Financial Implications: The recommendations do not exceed the total available budget of \$85,000 for the 2020 Social Planning grants.

2. That the Finance & Audit Committee provide alternative funding recommendations. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City received 13 applications with a total request of \$282,685 for the 2020 Social Response and Community Vitality grant programs
- The total Social Planning grant program budget for 2020 is \$85,000 of which \$60,000 is allocated to Social Response grants and \$25,000 to Community Vitality grants. It is recommended that \$85,000 be allocated to six applicants.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Social Planning Grants – Guidelines & Criteria. |

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