

DATE OF MEETING JUNE 17, 2020

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**SUBJECT COMMUNITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council approval of two requests for a Community Program Development Grant.

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to assist in funding The Great Pumpkin Toss event for children and families; and \$10,000 to the Salish Storm Hockey Association for a low-barrier Intro to Hockey Program for Indigenous Children.

## **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 deadlines of November 1 for spring/summer programs and May 1 for fall/winter programs, or as funds remain available. This is the second intake for funding in 2020, therefore \$3,000 has already been allocated.

Please note: as with any events or rentals in City parks & facilities, both these groups will be required to follow a COVID exposure safety plan. Cheques will not be issued until further information is known if these events and programs will be going ahead this fall or not.

## **DISCUSSION**

A total of two Community Program Development Grant applications were received prior to the acceptance deadline of 2020-MAY-01 for the intake period for 2020 fall/winter programs. Staff reviewed all applications based on program eligibility and assessment criteria (Attachment A).

Staff determined that both the applications, which were submitted by Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) and the Salish Storm Hockey Association, successfully met all the grant criteria.

## 2020 Community Program Development Grant – Applications Received

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED
Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3)	The Great Pumpkin Toss event	\$1,000	\$1,000
Salish Storm Hockey Association	Intro to Hockey program	\$15,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$11,000 awarded</b>
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$1,000 remaining in grant fund</b>

### OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to assist in funding The Great Pumpkin Toss event for children and families; and \$10,000 to the Salish Storm Hockey Association for a low-barrier Intro to Hockey Program for Indigenous Children.
  - The advantages of this option: Meets the goal of helping community groups seed new programs to increase opportunities for residents to participate and connect in the community.
  - The disadvantages of this option: None identified.
  - Financial Implications: A balance of \$1,000 would remain for future Community Program Development Grant application funding.
  
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council deny the Community Program Development Grant applications.
  - The advantages of this option: The requested grant funds of \$11,000 would remain available for a future grant application.
  - The disadvantages of this option: Two applications from community groups that fulfill all grant criteria would not be approved.
  - Financial Implications: The entire balance of \$12,000 would remain for future Community Program Development Grant application funding.

### SUMMARY POINTS

- Funding of \$15,000 is allocated yearly for Community Program Development Grants.
- The application from Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) to assist funding for a new family event called the Great Pumpkin Toss successfully meets the grant criteria.
- The application from the Salish Storm Hockey Association to assist funding a new low-barrier Intro to Hockey program for local indigenous children successfully meets the grant criteria.

- A balance of \$1,000 would remain in the 2020 Community Program Development Grant fund if both applications are approved.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT A: Community Program Development Grant Application Guidelines

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