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SUBJECT 150 TIME IMMEMORIAL GRANT PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has submitted two grant applications totaling \$78,000 to the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

150 Time Immemorial Grant Program

The 150 Time Immemorial grant program aims to advance reconciliation and learning; promote a diverse and inclusive society including honouring underrepresented and marginalized communities in our history (Indigenous people, black people, and people of color (IBPOC), members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, people with disabilities, and women), and support resiliency into the next 150 years.

Projects funded through this program will meet at least one of the objectives listed above. They will raise cultural awareness, educate people about our colonial past and its ongoing impacts, advance reconciliation, and promote inclusivity and diversity as a foundational aspect of British Columbia's future. They will also recognize the diversity that contributes to B.C.'s vibrant social and economic fabric, promote intergenerational transfer of knowledge, skills, and stories, strengthen community dialogue and cross-cultural understanding, and support a vision for a resilient, dynamic and equitable future.

Funding is available under two project streams:

- Cultural Heritage Awareness (funding available up to \$50,000)
- Community and Heritage Planning (funding available up to \$40,000)

Projects are eligible for up to 80% of eligible project costs, to the maximum amount for each stream, with the applicant contributing 20% of the project costs. Approved projects must start before 2022-JUL-30 and must be completed before 2024-JUL-30. Applicants can submit no more than one application per stream to a maximum of two streams.

The grant application deadline was 2021-DEC-24. Funding will be announced by the end of March 2022.

DISCUSSION

2022 Reconciliation Events Project

The City has applied for up to \$48,000 in funding for 2022 Reconciliation Events from the Cultural Heritage Awareness stream of the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program. The 2022 Reconciliation Events project met the eligibility requirements listed above and is included in the approved 2022 – 2026 Provisional Financial Plan. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.

The City of Nanaimo, partnering with Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) and Nanaimo Ladysmith School District, will host two key events in 2022 to recognize, commemorate and celebrate local indigenous culture and heritage. Planning meetings for these two events will start in January 2022. The actual events will be held on 2022-JUN-21 National Indigenous Peoples Day and 2022-SEP-30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Total project cost for both events has been budgeted at \$60,000.

Archeological Overview Assessment Completion Project

The City has applied for up to \$30,000 in funding for the Archeological Overview Assessment Completion Project from the Community and Heritage Planning stream of the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program. This project met the eligibility requirements for this funding stream. The Archeological Overview Assessment Completion Project is not included in the approved 2022 – 2026 Provisional Financial Plan, and is contingent on funding being received. If the grant application is successful, the City will reallocate funding from within existing budgets for the City's share of the project.

The purpose of this project is to complete a City-wide Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) originally drafted in consultation with SFN in 2017/2018. Additional funding is needed to permit SFN to comprehensively review the draft document, and complete additional work incorporating local cultural knowledge (SFN staff and elders) into the AOA. This work will ensure that the AOA accurately reflects local Snuneymuxw knowledge of archaeological sites and traditional use areas prior to its completion and submission to the Provincial Archaeology Branch.

CONCLUSION

The City is actively pursuing other revenues such as grants to help offset the costs of projects.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City has applied for funding up to \$48,000 for the 2022 Reconciliation Events project from the Cultural Heritage Awareness stream of the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.
- The City has applied for funding up to \$30,000 for the Archaeological Overview Assessment from the Community & Heritage Planning Projects stream of the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program. This project is not included in the approved 2022-2026 Provisional Financial Plan, and is therefore contingent on receiving grant funding.
- Successful grant applicants will be advised in March 2022.

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