

DATE OF MEETING JULY 20, 2022

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SUBJECT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – NANAIMO DISTRICT LACROSSE
ASSOCIATION U16 A2 TIMBERMEN

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of a request for a Travel Assistance Grant. |

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a Travel Assistance Grant for the Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association (NDLA) U16 A2 Timbermen team in the amount of \$750 for fifteen (15) Nanaimo players to attend the 2022 BCLA Minor Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships held from 2022-JUL-07 through 2022-JUL-10 in Coquitlam, BC.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups, and individuals to travel within British Columbia (excluding travel on Vancouver Island) and out of province to a Regional, Provincial, National, or International Championship. The current policy provides \$50 per person to a maximum of \$1,000 per application for travel within B.C. or \$100 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 per application for travel outside of B.C. Grant funds are for City of Nanaimo residents only. Grant requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, as funds remain available. |

DISCUSSION

On 2022-JUL-04, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association (NDLA) for the U16 A2 Timbermen team to attend the 2022 BCLA Minor Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships held from 2022-JUL-07 through 2022-JUL-10 in Coquitlam, BC.

The application form requests \$850 for seventeen (17) players however, since two (2) of the players are not City of Nanaimo residents the amount recommended is \$750 for the fifteen (15) Nanaimo players.

Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that Council approve the application in the maximum amount of \$50 per person for the Nanaimo players, which is a total of \$750. |

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each year, a total of \$7,500 is allotted for Travel Assistance Grants and only \$500 has been allocated so far in 2022.

The application from the NDLA U16 A2 Timbermen meets all the requirements to be approved for \$750 in grant funding to support their travel to the 2022 BCLA Minor Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships held in Coquitlam, BC |

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association (NDLA) U16 A2 Timbermen team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$750 for fifteen (15) players to attend the 2022 BCLA Minor Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships held from 2022-JUL-07 through 2022-JUL-10 in Coquitlam, BC.
 - The advantages of this option: Meets the goal of helping local athletes travel to represent Nanaimo in attending a regional, provincial, national or international competition.
 - The disadvantages of this option: None identified.
 - Financial Implications: A balance of \$6,250 would remain for future Travel Assistance Grant applications in 2022.
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council deny the Travel Assistance Grant application.
 - The advantages of this option: The grant funds of \$750 would remain available for future grant applications in 2022.
 - The disadvantages of this option: The application from a youth sports group that fulfills all grant criteria would not be approved.
 - Financial Implications: The current balance of \$7000 would remain for future Travel Assistance Grant funding in 2022. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- Funding of \$7,500 is allocated yearly for Travel Assistance Grants.
- The application from Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association U16 A2 Timbermen team successfully meets all of the required criteria.
- To date, there has been \$500 allocated from the 2022 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$7,000 remains available for 2022 travel grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Travel Assistance Grant Application Form

Attachment B – Travel Assistance Evaluation Form |

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