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SUBJECT **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – CEDAR COMMUNITY
SECONDARY SCHOOL SENIOR A BASKETBALL**

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 the request from the Cedar Community Secondary School Senior A Boys Basketball Team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$50 for one (1) player to attend the Senior Boys Single A Island Basketball Championships in Ucluelet, BC, held 2018-FEB-22 through 2018-FEB-24.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups, and individuals residing within the City of Nanaimo to travel within B.C. (excluding travel on Vancouver Island) and out of province to a Regional, National or International Championship. These funds are available to sports and cultural groups qualifying in Provincial or Regional competitions and 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. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis as funds remain available.

Staff review all Travel Assistance Grant applications and forward a recommendation to the Finance and Audit Committee for recommendation to Council.

On 2018-MAR-12, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by Cedar Community Secondary School Senior A Boys Basketball team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$450 for nine (9) players to attend the Senior Boys Single A Island Basketball Championships, being held in Ucluelet, BC from 2018-FEB-22 through 2018-FEB-24. Of the nine players, only one lives within the City of Nanaimo and qualifies for the grant.

Staff determined that the one qualified player, the applicant met all but one of the grant criteria. The criteria not met is that travel on Vancouver Island does not qualify. Despite this, recognizing the difficulty youth school groups have in financing any travel, staff recommend the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council approve a grant of \$50. |

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Cedar Community Secondary School Senior A Boys Basketball Team for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$50 for one (1) player to attend the Senior Boys Single A Island Basketball Championships in Ucluelet, BC, held 2018-FEB-22 through 2018-FEB-24.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$50 is approved, \$7,450 will remain available for additional travel grant requests.
 - **Engagement Implication:** Promotes excellence in sports and culture.
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee deny the application.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the grant application is denied, \$7,500 will remain available for additional 2018 travel grant requests.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Funds are allocated yearly for Travel Assistance Grants.
- One player from the group applying meets all but one of the required criteria.
- To date there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant contingency funds and \$7,500 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS

Travel Assistance Grant Application
Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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