

DATE OF MEETING | MAY 9, 2018 |

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**SUBJECT** | **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY MARINERS VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

## **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 VIU Mariners Volleyball Club for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$350 for seven (7) players to attend the Provincial Championships Club Volleyball held 2018-APR-20 to APR-22 in Richmond, BC.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Nanaimo provides a contingency account for amateur sports and cultural groups, and individuals 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 the recommendation to the Council for approval.

On 2018-APR-20, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Vancouver Island University (VIU) Mariners Volleyball Club in the amount of \$350 for seven (7) players to attend the Provincial Championships Club Volleyball held 2018-APR-20 to APR-22 in Richmond, BC. Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that Council approve the application. |

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the VIU Mariners Volleyball Club for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$350 for seven (7) players to attend the Provincial Championships Club Volleyball held 2018-APR-20 to APR-22 in Richmond, BC.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$650 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$350 is approved \$6,500 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.
  - **Engagement Implication:** Promotes excellence in sports and culture.
2. Deny the Travel Assistance Grant application.
  - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$650 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$350 is denied, \$6,850 will remain available for any additional 2018 travel grant requests.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Funds are allocated yearly for Travel Assistance Grants.
- The group's application meets all of the required criteria.
- To date, there have been \$650 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$6,850 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Travel Assistance Grant Application  
Email dated 2018-APR-23 with revised request  
Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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