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**SUBJECT 2023 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANTS OVERVIEW**

## OVERVIEW

### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide a summary to the Finance and Audit Committee of Travel Assistant Grants issued in 2023.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo provides travel assistance grants to amateur sport and cultural groups and individuals to travel to a Regional, National or International Championship within British Columbia, across Canada or Internationally. Requests are considered on a first-come, first- served basis, as funds remain available. Budget allocated for these grants is \$7,500 in total.

Travel Assistance Grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$100 per person or \$2,000 per group for travel outside British Columbia. For travel within British Columbia, grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$50 per person or \$1,000 per group. Travel must have an overnight component off Vancouver Island.

The application must be made by a local non-profit organization and funds are awarded to City of Nanaimo residents only. Applicants must demonstrate that other sources of funding have been received and that the grants are for participants only. Chaperones and coaches are not eligible.

## DISCUSSION

In 2023, there were ten applications that met the eligibility criteria for the Travel Assistance Grant funding. Of those ten, nine received full funding while one received partial funding due to the amount of funds remaining at that time. In addition, there was one applicant that did not meet the eligibly criteria, and three who applied after the funds were already depleted.

The successful applicants were as follows:

Applicant	Destination	City of Nanaimo Participants	Grant received
Dover Bay Secondary Jr Boys Basketball	Provincials - Langley, BC	10	\$500
North Island Impact Hockey U13A	Provincials - Cranbrook, BC	4	\$200
Barsby Secondary Sr Boys AA Basketball	Provincials - Langley, BC	12	\$600

Nanaimo Minor Hockey U15-T1	Provincials - Fort St. John, BC	8	\$400
Wellington Secondary Band	MusicFest Nationals - Niagara Falls, ON	30	\$2,000
Nanaimo District Secondary School Ethics Debate Team	Nationals – Winnipeg, MB	3	\$300
Riptides Swim Club	Provincial & National Qualifier – Edmonton, AB	18	\$1,800
Dover Bay Secondary Sr Boys Basketball	Provincials - Langley, BC	12	\$600
United Football U14 Girls	Provincials A Cup – Surrey, BC	15	\$750
Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Para Bowlers Blind Lawn Bowling Team	Nationals Para Bowling – Calgary, AB	6	\$350

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- A budget of \$7,500 is allocated each year for travel assistance grants for amateur sport and cultural groups and individuals to travel to a Regional, National or International Championship within British Columbia, across Canada or Internationally.
- The maximum a group can receive is \$2,000.
- Funds are allocated to local non-profit organizations/individuals and is only for City of Nanaimo residents.

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