

DATE OF MEETING | JUNE 13, 2018 |

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SUBJECT **COMMUNITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT – HAVEN
SOCIETY**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval of a request for a Community Program Development Grant. |

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Haven Society for a Community Program Development Grant in the amount of \$656 to assist in funding summer 2018 recreational activities for outreach clients.

BACKGROUND

The intent of the Community Program Development Grant is to assist community groups to develop new or expanded programs that provide increased opportunities for residents to participate and connect with community, and to enhance residents' exposure to a variety of experiences. The grant is intended as seed funding to help get new programs off the ground with the hope that the programs become self-sustaining. It is not intended to be long-term operational funding or funding for capital expenditures. A total budget of \$10,000 is available through this fund with applications accepted by November 1 for Spring/Summer programs and May 1 for fall/winter programs, or as funds remain available.

Staff review all Community Program Development Grant applications and forward a recommendation to the Finance and Audit Committee for recommendation to Council.

On 2018-MAY-23, Staff reviewed a Community Program Development Grant application submitted by the Haven Society in the amount of \$656 to assist in funding summer 2018 recreational activities for outreach clients (Attachment A). Staff determined that this application met all of the grant criteria and recommend that the Finance and Audit committee recommend Council approve the application (see Attachment B).

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the request from the Haven Society in the amount of \$656 to assist in funding summer 2018 recreational activities for outreach clients.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been no funds allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grant contingency funds. If the above grant of \$656 is approved, \$9,344 will remain available for any additional 2018 Community Program Development Grant requests.
 - **Engagement Implication:** Supports and facilitates the development of Nanaimo's social and health networks.
2. Deny the Community Program Development Grant application.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date there has been no money allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grant contingency funds. \$10,000 will remain available for additional 2018 Community Program Development Grant requests.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Funds are allocated yearly for Community Program Development Grants.
- The group applying meets all of the required criteria.
- To date there has been no money allocated or pending from the 2018 Community Program Development Grants contingency funds and \$10,000 remains available for 2018 grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Community Program Development Grant Application Form
ATTACHMENT B: Community Program Development Grant Evaluation

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