

DATE OF MEETING | JUNE 13, 2018 |

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SUBJECT | TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANT – VIPL UPPER ISLAND STORM
U18 BOYS SOCCER |

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 Vancouver Island Premier League Upper Island Storm U18 Boys Soccer for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$250 for five (5) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond, BC, to be held 2018-JUL-05 through 2018-JUL-08.

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-MAY-11, Staff reviewed a Travel Assistance Grant application submitted by the Vancouver Island Premier League (VIPL) Upper Island Storm U18 Boys Soccer in the amount of \$250 for five (5) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond, BC 2018-JUL-05 through 2018-JUL-08. 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 Vancouver Island Premier League Upper Island Storm U18 Boys Soccer for a Travel Assistance Grant in the amount of \$250 for five (5) players to attend the BC Provincials Soccer Championships in Richmond, BC, to be held 2018-JUL-05 through 2018-JUL-08.
 - **Budget Implication:** To date, there has been \$1,900 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$250 is approved, \$5,350 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 \$1,900 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grant Contingency Funds. If the above travel grant of \$250 is denied, \$5,600 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 required criteria.
- To date, there have been \$1,900 allocated or pending from the 2018 Travel Grants Contingency Funds and \$5,600 remains available for 2018 travel grant requests.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Travel Assistance Grant Application
Attachment B: Travel Assistance Evaluation Form

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