



Town of Aurora
Information Report

No. PRCS17-016

Subject: Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for March 2017

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Department: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request that this Information Report be placed on an upcoming General Committee or Council meeting agenda for discussion.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to report on the semi-annual allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant. The total allocation for March 2017 is \$4,498.25 and is being distributed to:

- York Region 55+ Games
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- 2799 Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps.
- Aurora Collective Artists
- Aurora Historical Society
- Light of Christ Catholic Elementary School
- Royal Canadian Air Cadets 140 Aurora Squadron

Background

Each year Council allocates funds from the Operating Budget in support of the Culture and Recreation Grant. This Grant was combined with the former Arts & Culture Grant in 2010.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department currently administers this Grant on a semi-annual basis. As per the Policy, applications are processed first in March and again in September of each calendar year.

Analysis

Breakdown of allocation

The Culture and Recreation Grant has been allocated a total of \$16,000 for 2017. For the March 2017 allocation seven applications were approved totalling \$4,498.25, as follows:

Date of Request	Organization / Individual	\$ Requested	Reason for Grant	GROUPS		
				1) Must be Non-profit and/or charitable organizations	ii) Must serve the residents of Aurora.	iii) Represent Aurora provincially, nationally or internationally
8-Dec-16	York Region 55+ Games	\$600.00	Facility rental, equipment medals, office and registration materials.	Yes	Yes	Yes
5-Jan-17	Heart & Stroke Foundation	\$464.00	To pay Permit #1733 for day for the event	Yes	Yes	No
26-Jan-17	2799 Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps.	\$516.00	To pay Permit #1266 for the rental of the ACC for their Annual Review Parade.	Yes	Yes	Yes
2-Feb-17	Aurora Collective Artists	\$500.00	to purchase grids to support and hang artwork for display purposes.	Yes	Yes	No
27-Jan-17	Aurora Historical Society	\$1,000.00	Working in partnership with the Aurora Museum & Archives to host a commemoration event in honour of the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 2017 entitled "A Reflection on Vimy: 100 Years Later". The event will honour those Auroran's who fought at the battle. The grant would allow for the event to be free of an admission charge which would remove barriers for those wishing to attend.	Yes	Yes	No
22-Mar-17	Light of Christ CES	\$418.25	School's 25th anniversary community BBQ - to offset the cost of park set up fee.	Yes	Yes	No
11-Feb-17	Royal Canadian Air Cadets 140 Aurora Squadron	\$1,000.00	to offset costs for the rental of the ACC on May 26th for the Annual Inspection practice for permit #1155	Yes	Yes	Yes

TOTAL GRANTED 2017 \$4,498.25

Advisory Committee Review

None required.

Financial Implications

In 2017, \$16,000 has been allocated for the Culture and Recreation Grant program. A total of \$4,498.25 has been awarded in March 2017, leaving a balance of \$11,502 to allocate for the remainder of the calendar year.

Communications Considerations

No communication considerations at this time.

Link to Strategic Plan

The allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant supports the Strategic Plan goal of Supporting an Exceptional Quality of Life for All through its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objectives within this goal statement:

Expand opportunities and partnerships that contribute to the celebration of culture in the community.

Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

None.

Conclusions

In accordance with the Culture & Recreation Grant Policy, staff have distributed the finds as noted within this report.

Attachments

None

Previous Reports

PRS16-016 Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for March 2016 (April 5, 2016)

PRS16-043 Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for September 2016, September 20, 2017

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Meeting review on April 13, 2017.

Departmental Approval



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Approved for Agenda



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