



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

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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 September 2017 is \$9,630 and is being distributed to:

- Great Canadian Songbook
- Central York Girls Hockey Association
- Aurora Minor Hockey Association
- Aurora United Church and Trinity Anglican Church
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Robotics Team
- Rotary Club of Aurora
- Aurora Community Band
- Terry Fox Foundation
- Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society
- Optimist Club of Aurora
- Music Aurora

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 September 2017 allocation seven applications were approved totalling \$9,630, as follows:

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
Great Canadian Songbook Event	\$1,000.00	Framing of one-of-a-kind and signed recycled vinyl for display at the Great Canadian Songbook Event (July 22) and Doors Open 2017	Yes	Yes	Yes
Central York Girls Hockey Association	\$1,000.00	Promote girls hockey and CYGHA / Aurora Panthers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aurora Minr Hockey Association	\$950.00	Cost to put logo on icepads.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aurora United Church and Trinity Anglican Church	\$340.00	To offset in the Joint worship service and BBQ for June 11, 2017 to be held at Aurora Town Park (Permit #1963)	Yes	Yes	No
FRC 4343 MaxTech Robotics Team	\$1,000.00	to assist with registration fees, marketing, building the robot and travelling to competitions.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rotary Club of Aurora	\$1,000.00	To cover the cost of permit #1974 for Dance in the Park scheduled for July 1, 2017	Yes	Yes	No
Aurora Community Band	\$1,000.00	Expand services of the Aurora Community Band to develop a "Flex-Band" arrangement - pieces to be played with fewer instruments - this grant would allow them to acquire the necessary number of flex-band arrangements.	Yes	Yes	No
Terry Fox Foundation	\$340.00	To pay for permit #1970 for the use of Lambert Willson Park as part of their run.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society	\$1,000.00	AGHS celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2018 and would like to host a public flower show at the Cultural Centre - this grant would help offset costs to hold this event.	Yes	Yes	No
Optimist Club of Aurora	\$1,000.00	To cover the Optimist's share of costs for the Showcase Tournament and putting	Yes	Yes	No

		their logo on the ice.			
Music Aurora	\$1,000.00	Help Music Aurora to continue providing programming, further engaging and encouraging the participation of the community members in this growing and diverse municipality and also make further investment in the development of youth music programming, education and workshops.	Yes	Yes	No

Total -September 2017 \$9,630.00

Advisory Committee Review

None required.

Financial Implications

In 2017, \$16,000 has been allocated for the Culture and Recreation Grant program. A total of \$14,128.25 has been awarded in 2017, leaving a balance of \$1,871.75 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

PRS17-016 Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for March 2017, May 2, 2017

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Meeting review on September 27, 2017.

Departmental Approval



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Approved for Agenda



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