



Subject: Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for March 2018
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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 March 2018 is \$2,000.

- Allocation of funds

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 Community 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

Allocation of funds

The Culture and Recreation Grant has been allocated a total of \$16,000 for 2018. For the March 2018 allocation three (3) applications were received and two (2) applications were approved totalling \$2,000.

Table 1 shows the breakdown of funds between those individuals or organizations receiving funding.

Organization / Individual	Amount 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
Aurora United Church	\$1,000	To plan events for AUC's 200 th Anniversary in 2018; subsidize cost of reprinting and adding to church history book, commemorative plaques, special speakers, cost of dinner hall rental, etc.	Yes	Yes	No
Royal Canadian Air Cadets 140 Aurora Squadron	\$1,000	To offset costs for the rental of the ACC on May 25 & 26 for the Annual Inspection practice for permit #4677	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total – March 2018			\$2,000		

Table 2 shows the breakdown of those individuals or organizations denied funding:

Organization	Amount Requested	Reason for Grant	Reason for denial of funding
York Region 55+ Games	\$600	Facility rental, equipment, medals, office and registration material	Policy restricts funding to three (3) consecutive years in a five (5) year period. Received grant three (3) consecutive years, 2015, 2016, 2017, therefore not eligible in 2018.

Advisory Committee Review

None

Legal Considerations

None

Financial Implications

In 2018, \$16,000 has been allocated for the Culture and Recreation Grant program. A total of \$2,000 has been awarded in 2018, leaving a balance of \$14,000 to be allocated for the remainder of the calendar year.

Communications Considerations

There are no communications 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 objective 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 and Recreation Grant Policy, staff have distributed the funds as noted within this report.

Attachments

None

Previous Reports

PRCS17-016 Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for March 2017, May 2, 2017

PRCS17-034 Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual Allocation for September 2017, October 17, 2017

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team review on April 12, 2018

Departmental Approval

Approved for Agenda



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