



Subject: Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual 2019 Allocation
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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the semi-annual report of the allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant. The total allocation for 2019 was \$9,650.

Background

Each year Council allocates funds from the Operating Budget in support of the Culture and Recreation Grant and the John West Memorial Scholarship. This budget line includes \$14,000 for the Grant program and \$2,000 for the Scholarship.

The Community Services Department currently administers both the Grant and Scholarship programs. Applications for the grant are processed throughout the year and updates on the allocation of funds are presented to Council on a semi-annual basis.

Analysis

Allocation of funds

The Culture and Recreation Grant (including \$2,000 for the John West Memorial Scholarship Award) was allocated a total of \$16,000 for 2019.

Since the last report presented to Council (CMS19-017) in June 2019, the Town received five applications for the Culture and Recreation Grant; three were approved for funding totalling \$2,650 and two were denied funding.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations who received funding between July and December 2019:

Date of Request	Organization / Individual Name	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Reason for Grant
21-Aug-19	Aurora Community Band	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	To purchase new music for the 2019/2020 season
27-Aug-19	Terry Fox Foundation	\$650.00	\$650	To cover costs of rental and supplies for non-profit run to raise funds for cancer research
4-Oct-19	Spectrum North Baton Club	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	To offset the costs of facility rental
Total Granted July to December 2019			\$2650.00	

Additionally, two John West Memorial Scholarships were awarded to students Nuscha Fathianpour and Nicole In totaling \$2,000.

The following table shows the breakdown of those individuals or organizations denied funding:

Organization	Amount Requested	Reason for Grant Request	Reason for denial of funding
Optimist Club	\$1,000	To offset the cost of ice logo at the Ford Arena.	Not eligible in 2019. Organization will be eligible once again for funding in 2021.
Aurora High School - First Robotics Team	\$1,000	Raising funds to be able to participate in a Science and Technology competition	Received funding in February 2019 for \$1,000. Organization will be eligible once again for funding in 2020.

Advisory Committee Review

Not applicable

Legal Considerations

Not applicable

Financial Implications

Since July 2019, funds totalling \$2,650 were issued as part of the 2019 allocation. The total allocation for 2019 was \$9,650.

In 2019, \$16,000 was budgeted for the Culture and Recreation Grant program and the John West Memorial Scholarship, which includes two recipients receiving \$1,000 each, totaling \$2,000.

Of the remaining \$14,000 for the Culture and Recreation Grant, \$9,650 was allocated to eligible recipients.

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

Not applicable

Conclusions

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

Attachments

None

Previous Reports

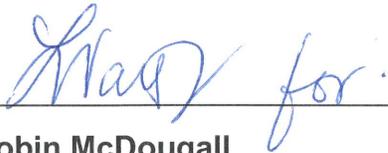
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Pre-submission Review

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Departmental Approval

Approved for Agenda



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