



Subject: Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual 2020 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 since the last report to Council (CMS20-002) is \$3,000.

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 2020.

Since the last report presented to Council (CMS20-002) in January 2020, the Town received three applications for the Culture and Recreation Grant and all three were approved for funding totalling \$3,000.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations who received funding between January and June 2020:

Request Date	Organization Name	Amount Granted	Reason for Grant	GROUPS		
				Must be Non-profit and/or charitable organizations	Must serve the residents of Aurora	Represent Aurora provincially, nationally or internationally
1-Jan-20	First Robotics Team 7456 - Aurora High School	\$1,000.00	The team builds, designs and programs a robot that is used in competitions across Ontario	Yes	Yes	Yes
10-Feb-20	Lawn Bowling Club	\$1,000.00	Advertising, promotion and new equipment	No	Yes	No
3-Feb-20	Aurora Sports Hall of Fame	\$1,000.00	To assist with rental and ice time costs at the SARC for the Aurora Cup Elementary Schools hockey tournament	Yes	Yes	No
9-Mar-20	Sport Aurora	\$0.00	To offset the costs of permits and rental fees for the Sport Aurora Scramble	Yes	Yes	No

Sport Aurora applied for, and was granted \$1,000. However, due to the Pandemic, the Sport Aurora Scramble event for which the funds were to be used has been postponed to 2021, therefore the Town will honour the grant in 2021.

The First Robotics Team, Lawn Bowling Club and Aurora Sports Hall of Fame have confirmed use of the granted funds for their original intended purpose prior to the emergency orders.

Additionally, two John West Memorial Scholarships will be awarded to students in July 2020 totaling \$2,000. The details will be reported in the January 2021 Culture and Recreation Grant update.

Advisory Committee Review

Not applicable

Legal Considerations

Not applicable

Financial Implications

From January to June 2020, funds totalling \$3,000 were issued as part of the 2020 grant allocation.

In 2020, \$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, \$3,000 has been allocated so far in 2020 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

CMS20-002 – Culture and Recreation Grant – 2019 Allocation

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team Review on June 18, 2020

Departmental Approval

Approved for Agenda



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