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Town of Aurora  
**Information Report**  
No. CMS22-003

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**Subject:** Culture and Recreation Grant Update

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**Department:** Community Services

**Date:** January 11, 2022

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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 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 (CMS21-025) 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 2021.

Since the last report presented to Council (CMS21-025) in June 2021, the Town received one application for the Culture and Recreation Grant and it was approved for funding

totalling \$1,000. Additionally, two John West Memorial Scholarships were awarded to students in July 2021 totaling \$2,000.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations and individuals who received funding between June and December 2021:

Organization / Individual Name	Amount Granted	Reason for Grant	GROUPS		
			Must be Non-profit and/or charitable	Must serve the residents of Aurora	Represent Aurora provincially, nationally, or internationally
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 385	1000	To assist with cost of doves and live stream for the Remembrance Day Ceremony	Yes	Yes – 50%	No
Sanjanaa Arunagiri	1000	John West Scholarship	n/a	n/a	n/a
Christian Scolamiero	1000	John West Scholarship	n/a	n/a	n/a

### Advisory Committee Review

Not applicable

### Legal Considerations

Not applicable

### Financial Implications

A total of \$16,000 is budgeted for the Culture and Recreation Grant program and the John West Memorial Scholarship in 2021. Of this amount, the Town awarded a total of \$6,000 to the community in 2021.

### Communications Considerations

There are no communications considerations.

## **Climate Change Considerations**

The information in this report does not impact greenhouse gas emissions or impact climate change adaptation.

## **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**

CMS21-025 – Culture and Recreation Grant Update

## **Pre-submission Review**

Agenda Management Team review on December 16, 2021

## **Approvals**

**Approved by Robin McDougall, Director, Community Services**

**Approved by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer**