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Town of Aurora  
**Information Report**  
No. CMS22-037

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**Subject:** Culture and Recreation Grant Update July 2022

**Prepared by:** Robin McDougall, Director Community Services

**Department:** Community Services

**Date:** July 5, 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 (CMS22-003) is \$2,226.

## **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 2022.

Since the last report presented to Council (CMS22-003) in January 2022, the Town has received three applications for the Culture and Recreation Grant and all three were approved for funding totalling \$2,226.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations who received funding between January and June 2022:

Organization / Individual Name	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Reason for Grant	Must be Non-profit and/or charitable	Must serve the residents of Aurora	Represent Aurora provincially, nationally or internationally
Marquee Theatrical Productions	\$1,000	\$1,000	To assist with the cost of Town Permits for summer camp performances	Yes	Yes -50%	No
Central York Girls Hockey Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	To provide recreational and competitive hockey programs for girls and women	Yes	Yes	No
Optimist Club of Aurora	\$226	\$226	To offset the cost of installing the Optimist Club of Aurora and Friend of Youth logos on the ice at the Ford Arena (ACC1)	Yes	Yes - 85%	No

Additionally, two John West Memorial Scholarships will be awarded to students in July 2022 totaling \$2,000. The details will be reported in the January 2023 Culture and Recreation Grant update.

### 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 2022. Of this amount the Town has awarded a total of \$2,226 to the community over the first half of 2022.

## **Communications Considerations**

There are no communications considerations.

## **Climate Change Considerations**

The Culture and Recreation Grant update 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. Staff are reviewing grant program and will return to Council in the new year with a proposed update to the policy.

## **Attachments**

None.

## **Previous Reports**

CMS22-003 – Culture and Recreation Grant Update January 2022

## **Pre-submission Review**

Agenda Management Team review on June 16, 2022

## **Approvals**

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

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