

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2019 May 16

FROM: MAYOR MIKE HURLEY

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: "HARMONY FOR ALL – BURNABY MUSIC PROGRAM"

PURPOSE: To seek an approval for establishment of a City Charitable Fund that will provide access to musical instruments to children in need of assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Executive Committee of Council approve in principle the establishment of a City Charitable Fund to be used for providing funding to Burnaby children who are unable to fulfill a desire to learn how to play a musical instrument as a result of financial restraints.

REPORT

This report is in response to an initiative put forward by City Councillor Joe Keithley which would establish a fund through the City for the purpose of awarding grants to Burnaby children who display an aptitude for music and wish to learn to play a musical instrument but are financially restricted from doing so.

The funding for this project will receive an initial start-up from a portion of each ticket sold to this year's Blues and Roots Festival. It is anticipated that the balance of the funding will be sustained through corporate donorship and other donors' contributions.

The fund would be entitled "Harmony for All – Burnaby Music Program" and the funds raised would be deposited to an account held by the City similar to past Mayor's initiatives. The funds would be distributed to applicants who have been selected by the Executive Committee of Council, as with other grant applications.

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Should this initiative be approved by Council, a further report providing the detailed operations of the fund will be submitted to the Executive Committee of Council in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Hurley".

Mike Hurley
Mayor

Copied to: City Manager
Director Finance