

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the grant recommendations, as outlined in the report.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2020 July 14, considered grant applications from community groups supporting Burnaby residents.

POLICY

The provision of grants to community groups is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection – Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life – Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Lifelong learning – Improve upon and develop programs and services that enable ongoing learning
 - Community Involvement – Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee of Council recommends the following grants for Council's approval:

#20.22. Western Community Centred College for the Retired Society \$1,500
Courses and Workshops

An application was received from the Western Community Centred College for the Retired Society requesting an operating grant to assist with the administrative costs of courses and workshops provided by the College. The College is run by volunteers, and low program fees encourage senior residents to continue learning, socializing and being active. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all courses have been cancelled until 2021 January.

Request: \$1,500

CPA: 2019 – \$1,500
2018 – \$1,500
2017 – \$1,500

#20.23. Helping Families in Need Society \$10,000
Operating Costs

An application was received from the Helping Families in Need Society requesting an operating grant to assist with monthly expenses (i.e. rent, utilities, insurance, vehicle maintenance, etc.). The volunteer-based Society has been operating for 38 years, and assists low-income families in the community (i.e. women in transition, single moms and dads, and new immigrants and refugees) by providing used household items. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization closed its warehouse in 2020 March, and re-opened on July 01. As a result of the pandemic and costly re-opening protocols, the Society lacks sufficient operating funds. During the closure, the Society assisted residents by collecting donations and delivering \$25,000 in grocery gift cards.

Request: \$10,000

CPA: 2019 – No Application
2018 – No Application
2017 – No Application

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#20.24. Social Diversity for Children Foundation
Building Bridges with Music

DENIED

An application was received from the Social Diversity for Children Foundation requesting a grant in support of their creative therapy program, *Building Bridges with Music (BBM)*, from 2020 September 01 to 2021 August 31. The Foundation supports children with disabilities, particularly those overstimulated by sound and movement. Through BBM, children who are comfortable with active social interaction receive music therapy (i.e. sing-alongs, rhythmic activities with drums, musical group games, dancing, etc.), and socialize with other children. A professional music therapist leads the after-school program during 10 weeks at approximately 10 Metro Vancouver locations. The two-hour sessions include one-on-one pairings between a child and a trained youth volunteer, allowing for a child-centred care and connection. The program’s objective is to support children in becoming more well-adjusted and self-confident in their expressive abilities. Approximately 800 participants (i.e. families, volunteers, children and community members) will benefit from a locally delivered program.

Request: \$20,000

CPA: 2019 – No Application
2018 – No Application
2017 – No Application

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Mayor M. Hurley
Vice Chair

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