

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 2021 September 01, 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

RECOMMENDATION

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

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Executive Committee of Council
Re: Community Grant Applications
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#21.24.P Volunteer Grandparents \$1,500
Burnaby's Letters to Seniors Program

REQUEST: \$3,000

An application was received from Volunteer Grandparents requesting a cash donation, in support of the Burnaby's Letters to Seniors Program taking place from 2021 January 01 to December 31. The program supports isolated seniors within Burnaby care-facilities with encouraging, meaningful handwritten letters created by volunteers of all ages. Currently there are 17 seniors in care-homes and 12 seniors living in the community that have been matched to pen-pals. In addition, there are 38 volunteer pen-pals and the goal is to accept new youth volunteers into the program.

History: 2020 – \$1,500 (IP) // 2019 – \$1,500 (IP) // 2018 – \$1,000 (IP)

#21.25.P Down Syndrome Resource Foundation \$10,000
One to One Children Programs

REQUEST: \$15,000

An application was received from the Down Syndrome Resource Foundation (DSRF) in support of their One to One Children Programs taking place from 2021 September 13 to 2022 June 24. DSRF provides specialized and innovative health and education programs that increase social connectedness and self-esteem, improve the quality of life, and provide a foundation for lifelong learning. Their services are designed to empower individuals with disabilities to be more successful in public activities provided by the City in its efforts to promote inclusion. The request is higher than previous years due to the negative financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which included cancellation of fundraising events.

History: 2020 – \$10,000 // 2019 – \$10,000 // 2018 – No application

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Mayor M. Hurley
Vice Chair

Copied to: Chief Administrative Officer Director Corporate Services Director Finance Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Planning & Building
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