

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

**SUBJECT: 2024 SENIORS LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** a grant of \$12 per senior attendee be awarded to Burnaby-based seniors' groups applying for a 2024 lunch or dinner grant, as outlined in the report "2024 Seniors Lunch/Dinner Grants" dated November 6, 2024, of the Open meeting of the Executive Committee of Council.

**REPORT**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2024, received and adopted the attached report seeking authorization to award the 2024 lunch/dinner grants to Burnaby-based seniors' groups.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of  
Council,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal  
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Vice Chair

**TO:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (ECC)  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** **2024 SENIORS LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS**  
**PURPOSE:** To seek authorization to award the 2024 lunch/dinner grants to Burnaby-based seniors' groups.

## RECOMMENDATION

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### 1.0 POLICY SECTION

The seniors lunch/dinner grant program is aligned with the following Council adopted City policies and plans/strategies: Corporate Strategic Plan (2022), Equity Policy (2020) and Social Sustainability Strategy (2011).

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

To receive a lunch/dinner grant, applicants submit a written request, providing the date and location of the event, and the number of residents who will be attending. This correspondence is included on the Executive Committee of Council (ECC) agenda to keep the ECC informed of the requests.

In previous years, the City received requests from Burnaby-based seniors' groups for a grant in support of a holiday lunch/dinner for their residents or clients. The table below summarizes the value of the grants awarded annually between 2017 and 2023. In 2023, the \$10 per person grant was increased to \$12 per senior attendee.

2018– 2023 Christmas Lunch/Dinner Grants						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total of Awarded Grants	\$11,240	\$7,792	\$1,800	\$0.00	\$3,880	\$11,880

### 3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

For 2024, staff have received submissions from six groups to date. The table below provides an overview of the 2024 grant requests and the amounts requested by each

group. The list is not exhaustive, as different groups may apply from year to year, or new groups may be established.

<b>2024 Holiday Lunch/Dinner Grant Requests to Date</b>		
<b>Seniors Group</b>	<b>Number of Attendees</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Bonsor 55+ Society	100	\$1,200
Cameron Seniors Society	100	\$1,200
Chelsea Terrace	136	\$1,632
Confederation Seniors Association	150	\$1,800
Edmonds Seniors Society	100	\$1,200
New Vista Care Home	300	\$3,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>\$10,632</b>

**4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable.

**5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Grants are funded through the Community Grants Program.

<b>Community Grants 2024 Budget</b>		<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		<i>(as of November 1, 2024)</i>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$359,746</b>	<b>\$40,254</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services

**REPORT CONTRIBUTORS**

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