

Subject: 2019 Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects) Allocation

APPROVALS:

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Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

THAT \$1,699,450 of the Community Impact Grant – Community Programs and Projects stream be allocated as follows:

Organization		Eligible	Recommended
1	2803 Fort McMurray RCACC (Army Cadets)	\$ 38,000	\$ 31,500
2	Anzac Family Community Support Society	91,800	84,900
3	Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Wood Buffalo	78,300	72,400
4	BrainSTEM Alliance Ltd.	4,000	4,000
5	Conklin Community Association	58,200	48,300
6	Fort McKay Métis Community Association	33,500	27,800
7	Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society	65,500	54,350
8	Fort McMurray Assessment & Referral Center Society / Borealis Counselling	17,300	14,400
9	Fort McMurray Boys and Girls Club	81,200	67,400
10	Fort McMurray Golden Years Society	41,000	37,900
11	Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	100,000	92,500
12	Friends of the Suncor Energy Centre for the Performing Arts	97,300	90,000
13	FuseSocial Wood Buffalo Society	92,600	85,600
14	Girls Incorporated of Northern Alberta	94,000	94,000
15	Janvier Dene Wood Buffalo Community Association	143,000	143,000
16	Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre	57,500	57,500
17	King's Kids Promotions Outreach Ministries Incorporated	62,400	57,700
18	Saprae Creek Residents Society	39,200	32,500
19	Some Other Solutions Crisis for Prevention Society	225,000	225,000
20	St. Aidan's Society	77,400	71,600
21	Support Through Housing Team	80,000	74,000
22	The Hub Family Resource Centre	32,500	30,000

23	Willow Lake Community Association	39,200	32,500
24	Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network	149,400	149,400
25	Wood Buffalo Senior Support Society	23,000	21,200
Total Community Programs and Projects Stream		\$ 1,821,300	\$ 1,699,450

Summary:

The Community Impact Grant provides funding to registered non-profit organizations that meet community needs and contribute toward the strategic priorities identified by the Municipality through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 2018 - 2021 Strategic Plan. The Community Impact Grant encourages organizations to submit applications that support one or more of three streams: Community Events, New Events, and Community Programs and Projects (Attachment 1). For the Community Programs and Projects stream, 38 applications were submitted by the close of the Call for Applications, and of those, 25 met the funding criteria and are recommended to Council for funding approval (Attachment 2).

The initiatives that are eligible for the provincial Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) have been identified, and those eligible expenses will be funded through that provincial funding partnership (\$300,000).

Background:

On October 3, 2018, a Call for Applications for the Community Impact Grant was posted on the Municipal website, shared on social media, and circulated via email to past grant applicants. Information sessions were also held throughout the Municipality from October 17 to November 1, 2018. The Call for Applications closed at 4:30PM on November 16, 2018.

A total of 60 applications were received by the posted deadline, with requests totaling \$3,272,785. The applications were reviewed by Administration, and screened for compliance with the Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220 and the Community Impact Grant Guidelines. Nineteen applications did not meet the eligibility criteria, and are not recommended to receive a Community Impact Grant in 2019.

A total of \$2,000,000 was approved for the Community Impact Grant in 2019. The Guidelines outline the distribution to each stream as follows: Community Events: \$400,000; New Events: \$400,000; Community Programs and Projects \$1,200,000. Since the Community Events and New Events stream eligible requests did not reach those thresholds, it is recommended that 100% of the eligible requests be funded, regardless of scoring, and the remaining funds reallocated to the Community Programs and Projects stream, \$205,150 and \$294,300, respectively.

The eligible expenses in the Community Programs and Projects stream is \$1,821,300, and the new amount available to allocate is \$1,699,450. To ensure that the recommendations are within the approved budget, a formula was implemented to fund according to ranking:

- Organizations that had formerly receiving an Operating Grant and transitioning into the Community Impact Grant recommended to receive their total request, up to 90% of their Operating Grant in 2018 (applies only to Janvier Dene Wood Buffalo Community Association, Some Other Solutions, and Wood Buffalo Safe/Healthy Community Network);
- Requests less than \$10,000 recommended to receive 100% (rationale: program unlikely to be able to proceed if any reduction applied)
- Category 1: Scores more than 90% recommended to receive 100% of eligible expenses;
- Category 2: Scores 75% up to 90% recommended to receive 92.5% of eligible expenses;
- Category 3: Scores 50% up to 75% recommended to receive 83% of eligible expenses;
- Category 4: Scores less than 50% considered ineligible. *

*Community Investment Program Branch to connect with these applicants to discuss capacity building within their organizations, to ensure eligibility for future grant requests.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The recommendation complies with the \$2,000,000 budget allocated to the Community Impact Grant in 2019. The total eligible requests were \$121,850 more than the \$2,000,000 budget.

Organizations that are transitioning from the Operating Grant to the Community Impact Grant are over the Guideline maximum \$100,000 for the grant for a total of \$217,400 in 2019.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The Community Impact Grant provides municipal financial support to non-profit organizations to deliver programs, services and events that have a positive impact on the residents of Wood Buffalo.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

The programs, services and events recommended to receive Community Impact Grants align with the following Strategies and Initiatives:

- 1f - Foster Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Region
- 1i - Partnerships with Social Profits
- 1m - Youth
- 3f - Support Arts and Culture
- 4f - Inclusion and Partnerships (Rural Coalition)

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. 2019 Community Impact Grant Guidelines

2. 2019 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Stream_Summary of Funding Requests, Recommendations and Applicant Submissions