



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Terri Towstiuc, Clerk
Date: 2024-04-11
Subject: Community Grant Applications Amended

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the Community Grant Application report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk; And

That West Elgin Council hereby approve the grant applications for the recommended amounts as presented/amended, to be included in the 2024 Budget.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Community Grant Applications received prior to the deadline of December 31, 2023.

Background:

At the regular meetings of Council on January 11 and 25, 2024, Council received the 2024 Grant Applications, acknowledged prior to the December 31 deadline. Council decided to defer the decision, requesting more details from the budget, prior to deciding.

It has been determined that in recent years, Council has allocated \$30,000 to Community Grants, allotting \$20,000 to the initial applications, and holding back \$10,000 for donation requests received throughout the year. The attached chart has been updated to include a “recommended” column, coming to a total of approximately \$20,000.

The Community Grant fund is in place to assist local non-profit organizations and groups for the purpose of recreation, arts and culture, environmental and other activities that support purposes beneficial to the community.

Staff have been contacted by numerous applicants, inquiring about the status of the grant approvals, as the organizations are attempting to finalize their budgets and project plans for the year.

At the March 24, 2024, regular meeting, Council approved the in-kind grant applications for the requested amounts, which have been forwarded to the respective departments for processing.

Financial Implications:

Refer to attached Excel Spread Sheet

Policies/Legislation:

The Municipal Act, 2001
2019-05 Community Grant Policy

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuć
Clerk