



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Terri Towstiuc, Clerk  
**Date:** 2025-03-13  
**Subject:** 2025 Community Grant Applications

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the 2025 Community Grant Applications report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk; And

That Council direct staff to include all approved monetary donations in the 2025 Budget Deliberations; And

That Council directs staff to include the accepted in-kind donations in 2025 rentals.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Community Grant Applications received for 2025 the 2025 budget.

### **Background:**

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.

In previous years, Council has allocated \$30,000 to Community Grants. Typically, Council awards up to \$20,000 to the initial applicants, leaving \$10,000 available for requests received during the calendar year.

Staff have started receiving calls regarding the status of approvals, many for in-kind hall rental requests; therefor staff are requesting pre-budget approval for the 2025 Community Grants. All grant applications and supporting documentation received are attached to this report.

Section 107 (1) of *the Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that *despite any provision of this or any other Act relating to the giving of grants or aid by a municipality, subject to section 106, a municipality may make grants, on such terms as to security and otherwise as the council considers appropriate, to any person, group or body, including a fund, within or outside the boundaries of the municipality for any purpose that council considers to be in the interests of the municipality.*

Monetary or In-Kind Categories for Funding include:

1. Supporting Youth/Senior Events
2. Community Beautification
3. Arts, Culture and Heritage projects and/or events
4. Tourism Development
5. Community Special Events
6. Other – one time grant request

**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

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2025 Community Grants - 2025-03-Community ServicesClerks.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Community Grant Policy.pdf</li><li>- Community Grant Request Summary 2025.pdf</li><li>- Community Grants Combined_Redacted.pdf</li></ul>
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Robin Greenall