

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk

Date: 2025-05-08

Subject: Community Grants, 2025

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk; And

That Council hereby provide pre-budget approval for the community grant requests for events held in May and June, 2025.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council direction regarding the 2025 Community Grant Applications, specifically the events to be held in May and June 2025.

Background:

On March 13, 2025, Council deferred the decision to provide approval for the 2025 Community Grants, to be discussed with the Operating Budget. Staff have received calls and questions about the status of these grants, especially from groups that have upcoming events during the spring and summer months. A couple events have been postponed or cancelled the unknown status of the grants, while other organizations have planned to proceed as scheduled, with the hopes of Council approval. Most of these events are annual events within the municipality, and historically, Council has supported.

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 are requesting Council direction for events to be held in May & June, 2025.

Financial Implications:

Requesting approval of \$7,045.00, which consists of May & June grants requests, and any rentals that have taken place between January to current date. Refer to attached spreadsheet for further information.

Policies/Legislation:

The Municipal Act, 2001 2019-05 Community Grant Policy

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure	Recreation	Economic	Community
Improvement		Development	Engagement
☐ To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	☐ To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	☑ To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	☑ To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuc Manager of Community Services/Clerk

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Community Grant Request Summary 2025 May 2025 update V2.pdf - in-kind summary.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature - Task assigned to Robin Greenall was completed by assistant Terri Towstiuc Robin Greenall