



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk  
**Date:** 2026-04-09  
**Subject:** Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Manager of Community Services/Clerk Re: Pre-Budget Approval Request, 2026 Community Grants; And

That Council hereby approves all in-kind and in-cash requests, for events until and including May 31, 2026.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to formally seek Council's pre-budget approval to proceed with the Community Grant requests, up until May 31, in advance of the 2026 budget deliberations. The remainder of the requests will be discussed during 2026 budget deliberations.

### **Background:**

On March 12, the following items were presented to the Committee of the Whole, with recommendation to proceed to Council for approval. The list represents requests that have dates that are upcoming prior to May 31, or in some cases, have already passed.

1. Optimist Club of West Lorne (All in-kind, \$365)
2. Optimist Club, Mother's Day Road Race (in-cash, \$2,500)
3. Rodney Hort. Society (in-kind, "Greening you Grounds," \$150)
4. Rodney Hort. Society (in-kind, annual plant sale, \$450)
5. Tiny Tots (All, in-kind, \$5,069)
6. WECHC (Stroller Walk, \$200)
7. WECHC (Miller Park Functional Fitness and Drum Fit/Chair Yoga, \$4,340)

### **Financial Implications:**

2026 pre-budget approval \$2,500 in-cash and \$10,574 in-kind.

### **Legislation:**

By-law 2019-58, Community Grant Policy

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" 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, Dipl. M.A.  
 Manager of Community Services/Clerk

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Robin Greenall