

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: October 30, 2023

Subject: Community Grants – September 2023 First In-Take

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the first intake of the 2024 Community Grants Program as outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND:

The District of Mackenzie has adopted a Community Grants Policy (3.16) to provide financial and in-kind support to community organizations. This support is in recognition of these groups as a valuable resource in assisting the municipality to provide a strong community focus. Many of these non-profit organizations depend on the grants that are provided by the District to help subsidize costs and maintain their viability within the community.

As has been done in previous years, organizations receiving approval will be advised that future year approvals will be dependent on the efforts made to become self-sufficient including fundraising initiatives, other grants that have been applied for, and other in-kind contributions received. Applicants will be required to provide annual reporting to the Corporate Services Department for review by the Grant Adjudication Committee. A completed report is a requirement for consideration of future applications.

In accordance with Policy 3.16, each application was reviewed and scored using the weighted evaluation criteria outlined below:

Community Need – 20%
Potential Community Benefit – 20%
Community Partnerships & Support – 15%
Feasibility – 15%
Public Access – 10%
Financial Management – 20%



All original applications are located in the Centre Table file for Council's consideration. Attached to this report is a summary of the September 15, 2023 grant requests and Grant Adjudication Committee recommendations.

The deadline to submit final reporting for Community Grants received is November 30th of each year. All approvals are subject to receipt of appropriate reporting.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

2024 Community Grants Budget:	\$200,000.00
Total Recommended for Sept. 15, 2023 first in-take:	<u>\$135,371.50</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 63,628.50

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Chelsea Smirle, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer