

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** October 10, 2024

**Subject:** 2025 Community Grants – First Intake

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approves the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the first intake of the 2025 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. 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%

**SUMMARY OF IN-TAKE REQUESTS**

<b>2025 Community Grants Budget</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Previously Committed Funds	\$121,600
1 <sup>st</sup> Intake Requests	\$26,121
Total	\$147,721
2025 Budget Remaining	\$52,279

A copy of the Grant Adjudication Committee’s agenda with the original grant applications is in the Centre Table file for Council’s consideration. Attached to this report is a summary of the September 15, 2024 grant requests and Grant Adjudication Committee recommendations.

### **Previously Committed Funds**

The following table lists the five operational funding agreements that the District approved in 2024 and will be funded through the Community Grants budget between 2024 – 2026.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Annual Amount</b>
<i>Mackenzie Community Arts Council</i>	<i>\$28,000</i>
<i>Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>\$41,600</i>
<i>Mackenzie &amp; District Museum</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>
<i>Mackenzie Golf &amp; Country Club</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,600</b>

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

If approved, \$26,121 would be allocated from the 2025 Community Grants Budget.

### **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:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer