

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: November 18, 2025

Subject: 2026 Community Grants In-take

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the first intake of the 2026 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

Amount Requested at Sept. 15th In-Take	\$42,763.86
2026 Community Grants Budget	\$200,138.23
<i>Previously Committed Funds</i>	\$149,078.32
<i>Amount Approved by Committee</i>	\$37,687.88
Remaining Budget	\$13,372.03

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 Grant Adjudication Committee recommendations.

Previously Committed Funds

Recipient	Reason	Amount
Mackenzie Community Arts Council	Fee-For-Service Grant	\$ 28,000
Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce	Fee-For-Service Grant	\$ 41,600
Mackenzie & District Museum	Fee-For-Service Grant	\$ 12,000
Mackenzie Golf & Country Club	Fee-For-Service Grant	\$ 15,000
Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society	Fee-For-Service Grant	\$ 25,000
Mackenzie Nordiques	Groomer Use Agreement	\$ 4,000
Rocky Mountain Riders	Groomer Use Agreement	\$ 4,000
Mackenzie Auxiliary Thrift Store	EBCC Transition Rent Subsidy	\$ 3,900
Mackenzie and Area Radio Society	EBCC Transition Rent Subsidy	\$ 2,550
Mackenzie and District Museum	EBCC Transition Rent Subsidy	\$ 13,028.32
Total		\$149,078.32

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

If approved, \$37,687.88 would be allocated from the 2026 Community Grants Budget.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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:

Cat Smith, Executive Assistant/Legislative Assistant

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer