



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Sarah Mackillican, Communication Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

Subject: Community Grants, Report AAC23-020

Purpose

A report to introduce a verbal presentation by Karen Rennie, Art, Culture and Heritage Director, regarding the City's Community Grant program.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC23-020, dated June 7, 2023 of the Communication Coordinator as follows:

- a) That a verbal presentation about the Community Grant program be received for information; and,
- b) That members of the AAC provide comments and feedback regarding the Community Grants program.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendations.

Background

The Peterborough community is known for its vibrant and diverse organizations that contribute to the overall well-being and growth of our city. As part of our commitment to supporting local initiatives, we are seeking your valuable input and feedback on the

Community Grants Program. Staff are preparing a survey with specific questions which will be shared with the committee through the City's community consultation website Connect Peterborough later this month. As one of the staff involved in this program, the Director of Art, Culture and Heritage would like to provide an opportunity for the AAC to ask questions and provide feedback as part of the current review of this program.

Under its current model, for the past 17 years the City of Peterborough's Community Grants program has provided financial support to local non-for-profit organizations in their on-going activities to enrich quality of life in Peterborough. Community Grants are funded annually through the Community Services budget.

Applications are accepted each year, assessed for eligibility and are reviewed by a committee with an evaluation matrix. Following the committee reviews and approval of funding, City Council receives a report outlining funding recommendations, and approves funding.

There are two funding streams: Community Project Grants up to \$1000 and Community Investment Grants up to \$15,000.

The Project Grant Committee is comprised of City staff with expertise and experience in the four major program areas and was formed to reflect the approved funding streams: Arts/Culture/ Heritage, Environment, Health and Social Services, and Recreation and Sports.

The Investment Grant committee is comprised of two City Councillors and 9 citizen appointments.

The Project and Investment Grant Committees meet separately to review the applications and apply the eligibility and evaluation criteria to recommend awarding funds to successful eligible groups.

There is detailed information on the eligibility criteria for Project Grants and Investment Grants available online at peterborough.ca/CommunityGrants.

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