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**Subject:** Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual May 2019 Allocation  
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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide the semi-annual report of the allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant. The total allocation since the last report to Council (CMS18-026) is \$7,000.

## **Background**

Each year Council allocates funds from the Operating Budget in support of the Culture and Recreation Grant and the John West Memorial Scholarship. This budget line includes \$14,000 for the Grant program and \$2,000 for the Scholarship.

The Community Services Department currently administers both the Grant and Scholarship programs. Applications for the grant are processed throughout the year and updates on the allocation of funds are presented to Council on a bi-annual basis.

## **Analysis**

### **Allocation of funds**

The Culture and Recreation Grant (including \$2,000 for the John West Memorial Scholarship Award) has been allocated a total of \$16,000 for 2019.

Since the last report presented to Council (CMS18-026) in October 2018, eight applications for the Culture and Recreation Grant were received; seven were approved

for funding totalling \$7,000 (\$1,000 in 2018 and \$6,000 in 2019) and one was denied funding.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations who received funding:

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Reason for Grant	Groups		
			Must be Non-profit and/or charitable organizations	Must serve residents of Aurora	Represent Aurora provincially, nationally or internationally
Big Brothers Big Sisters of York*	\$1,000	To support the Recreation Mentoring Group which allows children to improve their physical literacy while gaining confidence and learning how to be a team player	Yes	Yes	No
Aurora Sports Hall of Fame	\$1,000	To assist with payment towards ice time for a Hockey Tournament for Aurora Schools	Yes	Yes	No
FRC Maxtec (St. Maximillian)	\$1,000	Raising funds to be able to participate in a Science and Technology competition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aurobots (Aurora High School)	\$1,000	Raising funds to be able to participate in a Science and Technology competition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aurora Farmers Market and Artisan Fair	\$1,000	To assist with the costs of Entertainment, Kids Crafts and marketing of AFM activities	Yes	Yes	No
Marquee Theatrical Prod. Inc.	\$1,000	To contribute towards facility rental and bussing fees	Yes	Yes	No
Central York Girls Hockey Association	\$1,000	To offset the cost of ice logo at the SARC	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>				

\*Allocated in 2018

The following table shows the breakdown of those individuals or organizations denied funding:

Organization	Amount Requested	Reason for Grant Request	Reason for denial of funding
Veronika's Music Studio	\$1,000	To offset the costs of the International Russian speaking Kid's Festival, "Our Talented Kids" May 17-19	Did not meet the eligibility requirement of being a non-profit or charitable organization

## **Advisory Committee Review**

Not applicable

## **Legal Considerations**

Not applicable

## **Financial Implications**

Since October 2018, \$1,000 was issued as part of the 2018 allocation.

In 2019, \$16,000 has been budgeted for the Culture and Recreation Grant program and the John West Memorial Scholarship, which includes two recipients receiving \$1,000 each, totaling \$2,000.

The remaining \$14,000 for the Culture and Recreation Grant has allocated a total of \$6,000 as of May 15, leaving a balance of \$8,000 available to be allocated for the remainder of the calendar year.

## **Communications Considerations**

There are no communications considerations at this time.

## **Link to Strategic Plan**

The allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant supports the Strategic Plan goal of **Supporting an Exceptional Quality of Life for All** through its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objective within this goal statement:

**Expand opportunities and partnerships that contribute to the celebration of culture in the community.**

## **Alternative(s) to the Recommendation**

Not applicable

## Conclusions

In accordance with the Culture and Recreation Grant Policy, staff have distributed the funds as noted within this report.

## Attachments

None

## Previous Reports


CMS18-026 Culture and Recreation Grant October 2018 Allocation

CMS18-012 Culture and Recreation Grant March 2018 Allocation

## Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team Review on May 29, 2019

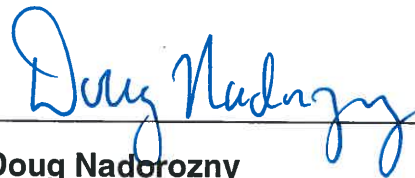
### Departmental Approval



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### Approved for Agenda



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