



Subject: Grants for Non-Profit Organizations

To: Council

From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Number: 2024-65

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

Recommendation:

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2024-64 be received; and

That the following grants for non-profit organizations totalling \$19,000, be approved for the first allocation of 2024:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving	\$2,000
Birchway Niagara	\$3,000
Port Colborne Minor Hockey	\$8,000
Downtown Business Improvement Area	\$2,000
Port Colborne Optimist Club	\$4,000

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the 2024 first allocation of grants to non-profit groups.

Background:

In 2015, By-law 6317/143/15 was enacted, establishing a Grant Policy Committee with the objective of overseeing the allocation of grants to non-profit organizations.

In accordance with the Grant Policy, applications are received twice a year – January 31 and June 30. Applications are reviewed by the Grant Policy Committee and recommendations are brought forward to City Council for final approval.

Discussion:

On January 31, 2024, five applications for funding were received. The Grant Allocation Committee members were provided with copies of the applications for review. A formal committee meeting was held on February 12, 2024 to allocate funds for several non-profit organizations.

The Staff Liaison to the Grant Committee recommends that grant requests totaling \$19,000 for the initial allocation of grants in 2024 be approved and distributed to the following non-profit organizations:

Non-Profit Organization	Description	Allocation Amount
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	For an educational program for students	\$2,000
Birchway Niagara	Help with costs of shelter beds for victims of gender-based violence	\$3,000
Port Colborne Minor Hockey	Help cover costs of basic skills development for players and coaches	\$8,000
Downtown Business Improvement Area	For support on visual art project improvements and signage	\$2,000
Port Colborne Optimist Club	Help with expenses for Canada Day in the Park celebration and the annual Children's Fishing Derby	\$2,000

Financial Implications:

The Council approved funds for two rounds of allocations in 2024 are \$43,200.

Public Engagement:

The availability of the grant was made public on the City's website, in the City newsletter, on the Port Colborne Facebook page, and in the Mayor's Report to Council.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Welcoming, Livable, Healthy Community

- Economic Prosperity
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Conclusion:

With funds available in the 2024 budget, staff are recommending that Council approve the 2024 first allocation of grants as recommended by the Grant Policy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.