



**Subject: Grants for Non-Profits**

**To: Council**

**From: Chief Administrative Office**

Report Number: 2021-79

Meeting Date: March 8, 2021

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**Recommendation:**

That Chief Administrative Office Department Report 2021-79 be received; and

That the following grants for non-profits be approved for the first allocation of 2021 grants:

\$5,200 Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet

\$1,200 Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

\$2,300 Port Colborne Lions Club

\$1,525 Royal Canadian Legion Branch

\$4,000 The Evening Optimist Club of Port Colborne Inc.

\$3,000 Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.

\$3,000 Niagara Health Foundation

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**Purpose:**

To seek Council's approval for the 2021 first allocation of grants to non-profit organizations.

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**Background:**

In 2015 Council passed by-law 6317/143/15 establishing a Grant Policy Committee whose purpose is to oversee the distribution of grants to non-profit organizations.

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

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## **Discussion:**

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (January 31<sup>st</sup> being a Sunday) seven applications for funding were received and found to be in order. The Grant Policy Committee members were provided with copies of these applications for review and a meeting was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The following recommendation was made by the committee:

That grant requests for a total of \$20,225 be approved for the first allocation of 2021 as follows:

\$5,200 Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet – to create and facilitate virtual online leisure and recreational activities for children who have intellectual disabilities

\$1,200 Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Auxiliary – to support a community reach-out project involving tapestry kits to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Village of Port Colborne

\$2,300 Port Colborne Lions Club – to purchase a new hot water tank, remove the brick chimney and repair the roof at the Lions Community Centre

\$1,525 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 – to purchase a new computer and printer for record keeping and communications with members and the community

\$4,000 The Evening Optimist Club of Port Colborne Inc. – to maintain the viability of the club during the pandemic by assisting with on-going operating expenses (rent, storage) as fundraising activities in 2020 and 2021 have been cancelled.

\$3,000 Women's Place of South Niagara Inc. – to maintain the existing level of emergency shelter, programs and services. The pandemic has created significant stress for families and the shelter occupancy rates are at an all-time high.

\$3,000 Niagara Health Foundation - to purchase a lift and transfer device called The Rifton Tram for use at the Port Colborne Hospital Site.

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### **Financial Implications:**

Council approved \$36,000 for grants in the 2021 budget. There is also \$12,250 held in reserves from 2020.

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### **Public Engagement:**

The public was notified of the availability of grants through the City's website, as well as the December edition of City Hall News and a media release on January 13, 2021.

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### **Conclusion:**

With funds available in the 2021 budget, staff are recommending that Council approve the 2021 first allocation of grants as recommended by the Grant Policy Committee.

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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 approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.