



PORT COLBORNE

Subject: Grant for Non-Profits

To: Council

From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Number: 2022-199

Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Recommendation:

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2022-199 be received; and

That the following grants for non-profits totalling \$19,050 be approved for the second allocation of 2022 grants:

\$3,000	Niagara Antique Power Association
\$5,000	Port Cares Reach Out Centre
\$1,250	Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Auxiliary
\$3,000	STEP Youth Empowerment Centre
\$4,300	St. James St. Brendan's Anglican Church
\$2,500	YMCA

Purpose:

To seek Council's approval for the 2022 second allocation of grants to non-profit organizations.

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 and June 30. Applications are reviewed by the Grant Policy Committee and recommendations are to be brought forward to Council for final approval.

Discussion:

On June 30, 2022, six applications for funding were received. The Grant Policy Committee members were provided with copies of these applications for review and a meeting was held on July 27, 2022.

The following recommendation was made by the committee:

That grant requests for a total of \$19,050 be approved for the second allocation of grants for 2022 as follows:

- \$3,000 – Niagara Antique Power Association to rent a pull sled for the horse pull and antique tractor pull and transport two steam engines. This volunteer organization suffered financially without their annual heritage-educational event in 2020 and 2021.
- \$5,000 – Port Cares Reach Out Centre to assist with operating costs due to increased demand for services and food since the onset of the pandemic.
- \$1,250 – Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Auxiliary – to assist with costs of reopening Arabella’s Tea Room after a two-year closure including an air filtration system, virtual fundraising equipment and marketing.
- \$3,000 – STEP Youth Empowerment Centre – to support free counselling services for youth and youth-at-risk – in the past twelve months they supported 11,000 youth across the Niagara Region including 611 from Port Colborne – they work in collaboration with Port Cares.
- \$4,300 – St. James St. Brendan’s Anglican Church – for the installation of a roof-mounted air conditioner at their property at 25 Charlotte Street.
- \$2,500 – YMCA to run the Youth Action school program for youth aged 10 to 14 for the 2022-2023 school year. Participants will attend 2 hours per week for 32 weeks at no cost.

Internal Consultations:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Council approved \$36,000 for grants in the 2022 budget and there was a carryover from previous years of an additional \$13,500 for a total of \$49,500. \$27,751 was allocated in

the first intake leaving \$21,749 available for this second intake. This leaves \$2,699 to be carried over to 2023.

Public Engagement:

The public was notified of the availability of grants through the City's website, the June edition of City Hall News, and the Mayor's Report to council.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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

- City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces
 - Value: Financial Management to Achieve Financial Sustainability
 - People: Supporting and Investing in Human Capital
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Conclusion:

With funds available in the 2022 budget, staff are recommending that Council approve the 2022 second allocation of grants as recommended by the Grant Policy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Todd
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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.