



**Subject: Grants for non-profits**

**To: Council**

**From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

Report Number: 2023-36

Meeting Date: February 28, 2023

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**Recommendation:**

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2023-36 be received; and

That the following grants for non-profits totalling \$25,360.71 be approved for the first allocation of 2023;

Pathstone	\$2,500
Women's Place	\$2,600
Community Living Port Colborne Wainfleet	\$2,500
United Way Niagara	\$3,000
Port Colborne Feline Initiative	\$2,200
Port Colborne Optimist Club	\$4,000
Dewitt Carter Grade 7/8 Class	\$2,000
Downtown BIA	\$1,200
Port Colborne Operatic Society	\$2,800
Friends of Port Colborne Lighthouse	\$2560.71

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**Purpose:**

To seek council approval for the 2023 first allocation of grants to non-profit groups.

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

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**Discussion:**

On January 31, 2023, 10 applications for funding were received. Grant allocation committee members were provided with copies of the applications for review. A meeting was held Feb. 9, 2023.

The following recommendations were made by the committee:

That grant requests for a total of \$25,360.71 be approved for the first allocation of grants for 2023 as follows:

\$2,500 for Pathstone to help furnish River House, opening Spring 2023 at 102 River Rd., Welland, serving south Niagara youth with mental health services.

\$2,600 for Women's Place to help provide meals and services to women fleeing domestic violence.

\$2,500 to Community Living Port Colborne Wainfleet for van rental to transport children.

\$3,000 to United Way for 300 basic hygiene kits.

\$2,200 for Port Colborne Feline Initiative to help spay and neuter abandoned cats.

\$4,000 to Port Colborne Optimist Club to help cover costs of civic events.

\$2,000 to Grade 7/8 class of DeWitt Carter School for pollinator garden.

\$1,200 to Downtown BIA to help cover marketing/promotion costs.

\$2,800 to Port Colborne Operatic Society to help fund storage unit.

\$2,560.71 to Friends of Port Colborne Lighthouse for replacement equipment to repair and maintain vessels.

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**Internal Consultations:**

Not applicable.

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**Financial Implications:**

Available funds of \$48,004.40, including \$2,699.00 carried over from 2022, this leaves \$22,643.69 for the second allocation of requests in 2023.

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**Public Engagement:**

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

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**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
  - Governance: Communications, Engagement, and Decision-Making
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**Conclusion:**

After careful, critical consideration and decision of the Grant Committee members, staff recommends Council approve the 2023 first allocation of grants to applicants.

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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.