



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: February 14, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **2023 Grant in Aid Requests**

Report Prepared by: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager
Warren Everton, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider and resolve to authorize staff to distribute the approved 2023 Cash Grants-in-Aid.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic Growth and Prosperity – We will work with our partners on the Westside and throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

Strengthen our Community – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

BACKGROUND

In September 2021, staff reviewed the Grant in Aid policy with Council to update the policy to current procedures and needs. Non-cash grants in aid for youth sports teams were removed from the grant in aid process and instead will be reviewed along with the recreation and facility rental rates later in 2023. Grants for Residents Associations were removed from the grant in aid process and are now covered under the Residents Association Policy.

The deadline for the 2023 Grant in Aid applications was October 31st, 2022. A summary of the requests, along with the application documents were provided to council on December 23rd, 2022, for review.

Grant in Aid applicants have been given an opportunity to present to Council during the February 9th, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting. Groups were given 15 minutes to

make a presentation to Council and answer questions Council had on their organization and on what they were requesting funds for.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In 2022 Council approved the following Grant in Aid amounts:

Cash Grants	\$107,700
Grants in lieu	<u>14,795</u>
Total 2022 Approved	<u>\$122,495</u>

For 2023, the Grant in Aid Applications received total:

Cash Grants	\$186,328
Grants in Lieu	<u>17,674</u>
Total 2023 Requests	<u>\$204,002</u>

Currently \$204,002 has been allocated for Grant in Aid requests as of the first reading of the 2023 Draft Budget. Council may decide at any time prior to adoption to increase or decrease the amount of budget allocated to Grant in Aid requests. Any difference would either come from or be added to the discretionary fund balance.

Alternate Motion:

THAT Council consider and resolve to defer approval of the 2023 Cash Grants-in-Aid.

REVIEWED BY

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. 2023 Grant In Aid Application Listing