



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: January 9, 2024

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: 2024 Grant in Aid Requests

Report Prepared By: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager/DCFO and
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RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council authorize staff to distribute the approved 2024 Cash Grants-in-Aid.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Pursue Economic Growth and Prosperity – We will work with stakeholders 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 deliberation as they are reviewed as part of process when determining facility rental rates. Subsidized youth rates are provided for all youth regardless of whether they are part of an organization or not. Stats for the number of youths participating in the teams has been provided in Attachment #2 for Council's information only. 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 2024 Grant in Aid applications was October 31st, 2023. A summary of the requests, along with the application documents were provided to council on December 22nd, 2023, for review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In 2023 Council approved the following Grant in Aid amounts:

Cash Grants	\$113,828
Grants in lieu	<u>27,674</u>
Total 2023 Approved	<u>\$141,502</u>

For 2024, the Grant in Aid Applications received total:

Cash Grants	\$271,291
Grants in Lieu	<u>42,985</u>
Total 2023 Requests	<u>\$314,276</u>

Currently \$141,502 has been allocated for Grant in Aid requests as of the first reading of the 2024 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 Recommendations to Consider and Resolve:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to distribute the approved 2024 Cash Grants-in-Aid as amended.
2. **THAT** Council defer approval of the 2024 Cash Grants-in-Aid.

REVIEWED BY

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. 2024 Grant in Aid Application Listing
2. 2023 West Kelowna Youth Organization - 2023 Registration Numbers