



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: January 14, 2025

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **2025 Grant in Aid Applications**

Report Prepared by: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager / Deputy CFO

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council authorize staff to distribute the approved 2025 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.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

Each year the City accepts Grant in Aid requests from local organizations per the Council's Grant in Aid policy. Grant funding demonstrates Council's commitment to working with groups which provide these beneficial programs, services or projects to the community while at the same time recognizing the financial constraints impacting the City's ability to provide funding to these groups. The policy establishes eligibility requirements, identifies the types of funding available and outlines application and

monitoring requirements. Applications meeting these requirements are then forwarded to Council for review and deliberation.

Every year the municipality receives more grant requests than it can fund. The objective of this policy is to treat all organizations fairly and consistently with the aim to share available resources throughout the municipality. Grants are intended to provide modest levels of support and assistance to community non-profit organizations. Each year, as part of its annual budget process, Council determines the amount of funding to be provided for all municipal Grants in Aid.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In 2024 Council approved the following Grant in Aid amounts:

Cash Grants	\$115,828
Grants in lieu	<u>36,750</u>
Total 2023 Approved	<u>\$152,578</u>

For 2025, the Grant in Aid Applications received total:

Cash Grants	\$213,210
Grants in Lieu	<u>36,797</u>
Total 2025 Requests	<u>\$250,007</u>

Currently \$152,578 has been allocated for Grant in Aid requests as of the first reading of the 2025 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 Recommendation to Consider and Resolve:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to distribute the approved 2025 Cash Grants-in-Aid as amended.
2. **THAT** Council defer approval of the 2025 Cash Grants-in-Aid.

REVIEWED BY

Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO/Deputy Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. 2025 Grant in Aid Application Listing
2. 2024 West Kelowna Youth Organization - 2024 Registration Numbers