

2020 Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program – August Payments

ISSUE

The Social Services Subcommittee has completed the adjudication process for the 2020 Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program, Social Services Category and respectfully submits this report and recommendation for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommended grants, in the form of cash, for August 2020, totalling \$317,600 under the Social Services Category, Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program, be approved.

BACKGROUND

Following approval from Planning, Development and Community Services Committee in June 2020 to postpone adjudication of the remaining \$317,600 in cash grants, the Social Services Subcommittee convened once again later that month to complete adjudication.

The Subcommittee is appointed by recommendation of the Governance and Priorities Committee of City Council and consists of Andrea Howe, Chairperson, United Way of Saskatoon and Area; Janet Simpson, Saskatoon Public School Board; Emily Martell, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools; and Om Kochar, Member at Large. The Subcommittee reviews applications from non-profit social service organizations, pursuant to Council Policy C03-018, Assistance to Community Groups, ensuring objectives of the policy are met.

The 2020 Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program, Social Services category is administered as part of the Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership. The Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership is a collaboration between two Saskatoon organizations which provide grants to community groups. The partners associated grants are as follows:

- City of Saskatoon – Social Services Grant Program; and
- United Way - Community Initiatives Fund.

The Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership is organized so the partners use the same application form. Each partner retains their own funding priorities, eligibility criteria and review processes. The partners collaborate for the benefit of the community and still maintain their own decision-making processes and control of the funds.

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DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Sub-Committee Recommends Support to 26 Saskatoon Agencies

The Subcommittee reviewed the requests for funds, following the guidelines set out by Council Policy C03-018, Assistance to Community Groups. Funding support is provided via cash.

- The Subcommittee reviewed 57 applications requesting a total of \$1,984,327.93.
- The 2020 recommendation includes support totalling \$317,600 which represents funding support to 26 agencies (see Appendix 1).

The Collaborative Funders Addresses Community Needs

The Subcommittee is once again pleased to participate in the Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership, which allows the funders to address the needs in the community in a more collaborative manner and encourages the effectual use of funds. Through the funding process, the Subcommittee successfully cross-referenced grants with other funders to ensure as many agencies as possible would receive assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This program is funded through the Operating Budget in the Community Support Business Line. The 2020 budgeted service line provides for \$544,400 in cash; \$219,000 for Flagship Organizations that was approved by the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services at its June 2020 meeting. The remaining \$7,800 is allocated to cover the administrative costs for the Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications to consider.

NEXT STEPS

If the recommendation is approved, the Administration would notify the successful applicants and disseminate funds to the recommended community groups.

APPENDICES

1. 2020 Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program – August Payments

REPORT APPROVAL

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