

# 2022 Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Awards

## ISSUE

The Social Services Subcommittee (Subcommittee) completed the adjudication process for the 2022 Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program, Social Services Category, and respectfully submits this report and recommendations for approval.

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That recommended cash grants totalling \$563,800, under the Social Services Category, Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program, be approved.
2. That Administration approves new two-year funding agreements with Flagship Organizations, through to 2023, at the same funding levels as the previous three-year funding agreement.

## BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee is appointed by recommendation of the Governance and Priorities Committee to City Council and consists of:

- Andrea Howe, Chairperson, United Way of Saskatoon and Area;
- Jody Glines, Saskatoon Public Schools;
- 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 2022 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 that provide grants to community groups. The 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 make collaborative efforts to the funding process that allows for applicants to receive awards from one or both partners. This collaborative funding process enables the partners to make strategic decisions in community investment, ensuring that applicants and their associated programs are adequately funded for success, while eliminating the risk of an over investment in any one grant request.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

#### Sub-Committee Recommends Support to 27 Saskatoon Agencies

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

- The Subcommittee reviewed 43 applications requesting a total of \$1,255,350.
- Recommendations include support totalling \$563,800 which represents funding 27 agencies total, 8 flagship organizations and 19 community-based organizations being recommended for cash grants (see Appendix 1).

#### Flagship Agencies Currently Engaged in Funding Agreements

In 2009, City Council approved criteria to identify flagship organizations that were eligible for multi-year funding agreements (see Appendix 2). The multi-year funding agreements:

- Reduce administrative workload with applicant agencies; and
- Provide agencies with a stable funding source to assist them in strategically meeting the needs of vulnerable people in Saskatoon.

The Subcommittee recommends funding for flagship organizations be continued for a new 2022 to 2023 two-year cycle. The funding for each organization is included (see Appendix 1).

#### The Collaborative Funders Address Community Needs

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

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This program is funded through the operating budget in the Community Support Business Line, Community Investments and Support Service Line. The approved 2022 operating budget includes funding of \$565,800. The recommended cash grants total \$563,800 with the remaining \$2,000 to be allocated to costs related to administration of Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership and maintenance of the online database.

### OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

### NEXT STEPS

Final notification of funding decisions will be sent to all applicants by June 15, 2022.

### APPENDICES

1. 2022 Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Awards
2. City of Saskatoon - Assistance to Community Groups Grant Program Social Services Category – Flagship Category Multi-Year Agreements

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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