
Stand-Alone Funding Agreements for 2019

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the request for a one-year extension of the current funding agreements with Stand-Alone Grant recipients, subject to 2019 budget, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate funding agreements in accordance with the terms set out in this report for 2019, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Saskatoon.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide City Council with one-year funding requests from the current recipients of the non-competitive, City Council-directed, stand-alone grants, and the Administration's recommendation to continue with the current level of funding.

Report Highlights

1. Four stand-alone grant recipients (Grant Recipients) provide valuable programs and services to the residents of Saskatoon.
2. The Administration is recommending that 2019 funding to the Grant Recipients remain at the 2016-2018 level.
3. The Administration is moving the formalized process for receiving and approving funding requests for the Stand-Alone Grant Program from three-year grants to four-year grants so as to align with the City of Saskatoon's (City) four-year budget cycle.
4. Administration is considering moving two Grant Recipients from the current stand-alone grant agreements to one of the existing grant programs which have a purpose that is consistent with the mandate of these two Grant Recipients.

Strategic Goal

Under the Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, this report aligns with the long-term strategy of supporting community building through direct investment, community development expertise, and support to volunteers on civic boards and committees.

Background

At its November 24, 2014 meeting, City Council considered a report from the Administration recommending a defined, transparent, and consistent process for receiving and reviewing funding requests from Grant Recipients and approved, in part, the following:

“That the process for approving non-competitive City Council directed grants (stand-alone grants), as set out in the November 3, 2014 report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, be approved.”

The report also recommended multi-year funding agreements for stand-alone grants and a formal application and accountability process for ongoing funding requests.

A new formalized process for receiving and approving funding requests for the Stand-Alone Grant Program was approved in 2014 for implementation in the 2016 fiscal year. This process facilitated three-year funding agreements for Grant Recipients, for the period 2016 to 2018.

Report

Four Stand-Alone Grant Recipients

Stand-Alone Grant recipients are those that have traditionally approached City Council directly to request new and/or additional funding for a variety of reasons, ranging from an identified need in the community, to loss of other funding/revenue streams. By way of their history and/or the uniqueness of the service they provide, their funding is not considered through a defined City-grant program; therefore, they are given the stand-alone status. Of note, since 2016, the four Grant Recipients have been eligible for multi-year funding. The four recipients are:

- a) Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services;
- b) Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. – EGADZ;
- c) Wanuskewin Heritage Park; and
- d) Saskatchewan Health Authority (formerly Saskatoon Health Region), for supports to the Brief/Social Detox Unit.

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the work that each of the four Grant Recipients carry out in the community, as well as a history of their relationship with the City, including funding levels.

2019 funding to Grant Recipients

As a condition of their funding, Grant Recipients provide the City with an annual program report, a report on outcomes, audited financial statements, and an indication of insurance. All four Grant Recipients have complied with these requirements and in addition have demonstrated that:

- a) their work aligns with the City’s vision and strategic priorities;
- b) they have a proven track record to successfully deliver programs; and
- c) they leverage the City funds for other funding.

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Administration is recommending that the annual funding amounts for the 2016 to 2018 period be extended to the four organizations in 2019:

Agency	2019 Funding
Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services	\$125,200
Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. - EGADZ	\$120,000
Wanuskewin Heritage Park	\$184,000
Saskatchewan Health Authority – Brief/Social Detox Unit	\$100,000

Moving to Four Year Grants

The Administration is moving the formalized process for receiving and approving funding requests for the Stand-Alone Grant Program from three-year grants to four-year grants in order to align with the City's forthcoming four-year budget cycle. After completing one-year agreements for 2019, the Grant Recipients will be able to apply for two-year agreements for the years 2020 to 2021. In 2021 they will be able to apply for four-year agreements for the years 2022 to 2025. Any increases to funding can then be considered by City Council for the 2020 to 2021 agreements and then again for the 2022 to 2025 agreements.

Moving Two Grant Recipients to Existing Grant Programs

There is an opportunity to move Wanuskewin Heritage Park and Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc. - EGADZ into existing City grant programs in order to further the goals of the Culture Plan and capture those organizations who hold a unique partnership with the City. To qualify, an organization must provide additional services to the City, beyond their core mandate, through the stewardship of an asset, such as a significant heritage site or building that is used by the community, and/or by advancing wider City goals and priorities related to quality of life. Wanuskewin Heritage Park meets these criteria and will be moved into the newly created Cultural Partners category of the Culture Grant Program. While they will follow the same timelines for funding requests to City Council as the Stand-Alone Grants, by being in this new category, their funding will be considered within the context of the City's overall strategy to cultural investments.

It is anticipated that once the review of the Cash Grant Social Services program is complete, Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre - EGADZ will likely move into the Flagship Agencies Category of the Cash Grant Social Services program.

Due to the unique nature of their relationship with the City, primarily with Saskatoon Police Services, Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services and the Saskatchewan Health Authority – Brief/Social Detox Unit will continue to receive funding through stand-alone grants.

Options to the Recommendation

City Council may choose to recommend a level of funding increase or decrease or possibly to discontinue funding to the four Grant Recipients in 2019. Any option to reduce or eliminate funding would have an impact on the services and programs these organizations provide in the community.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

The four Grant Recipients have been informed of the proposed terms of the 2019 funding agreement and will also be provided a copy of this report.

Financial Implications

The 2019 Business Plan and Budget includes funding for all four Grant Recipients at the levels identified in this report.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, environmental, privacy or CPTED considerations or implications; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

The Administration will follow up with the four Grant Recipients upon the outcome of City Council's decision. The Administration will also engage the four Grant Recipients in February 2019 regarding the 2020 to 2021 agreements.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachment:

1. Stand Alone Grant Recipients Related to 2019 Funding

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