

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the grant recommendations, as outlined in the report.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2020 June 03, considered grant applications from community groups supporting Burnaby residents.

POLICY

The provision of grants to community groups is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Community Involvement Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee of Council recommends the following grants for Council's approval:

#20.17. Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland

\$5,000

Big Sisters Mentoring Program

An application was received from Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland requesting a grant in support of one-to-one mentoring services provided to at-risk youth (ages 7 to 17) in Burnaby in 2020. Services alleviate youth's isolation and mental health challenges. Youth and mentors are paired based on common interests, meet on a weekly basis for at least one year, and are supported by caseworkers. The program assists youth and mentors during COVID-19 pandemic with communication through technology, and by providing headsets and low-cost internet to youth from low-income families, and coordinating remote activities (i.e. virtual book clubs and pen pal projects). Mentors have received child safety training on safe and informed use of technology and online messaging. Half of the organization's revenue is from events, which have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Approximately 30 local youth and 30 mentors participate in the program each year.

Request: \$5,000	CPA:	2019 – \$5,000
		2018 – \$5,000
		2017 – \$5,000

#20.18.Burnaby Volunteer Centre Society\$10,000Community Volunteers Support and Referral

An application was received from the Burnaby Volunteer Centre Society (Volunteer Burnaby) requesting a grant to offset the operational costs associated with office supplies, advertising and marketing, and the Community Engagement position's wage in 2020. Volunteer Burnaby collaborates with other community organizations, government, schools and community leaders to identify needs, mobilize volunteers and deliver community events throughout the City (e.g., Hats Off Day, Canada Day celebrations, Edmonds City Fair and Festival of Lights, Burnaby Pride Street Party, World Rivers Day, SFU Volunteer Fair, North Burnaby Community Fair and Burnaby Chalk Art Experience). Its online volunteer recruitment tool has an active listing of approximately 800 volunteer positions. The Volunteer Burnaby Hive Special Events Team is trained to engage young citizens (ages 16 to 25), and attends 18 events throughout the year to assist with event promotion, activities, and logistics. In 2019, the organization implemented Volunteer Resources Administration online training, delivered to volunteer managers in 18 community organizations. As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, Volunteer Burnaby is exploring innovative volunteer involvement by supporting public health system through remote and virtual volunteering.

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Request: \$10,000

CPA: 2019 - \$10,000 2018 - \$12,000 2017 - \$12,000

#20.19. Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation Operating Costs

An application was received from the Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation requesting a grant to offset the proportion of operating costs (i.e. salaries, insurance, office rent and supplies, marketing and communications, technology, etc.) associated with the Burnaby Take a Hike Program from 2020 September 01 to 2021 August 31. The no-cost, volunteer-based, full-time mental health and emotional well-being program engages approximately 20 vulnerable youth (ages 15 to 18) per year in schools, community and mental health supports. Through the program, youth become resilient and gain the skills needed to navigate challenges such as attaining higher education, securing employment, finding housing and building healthy relationships. Approximately 120 residents (i.e. youth, their families, and volunteers) per year benefit from the program. A majority of the program's revenue is from multi-year donations from corporations, individuals and foundations, which may be impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation plans to innovate its fund development strategies and program delivery methods to adapt to changing circumstances.

Request: \$10,000

CPA: 2019 – No Application 2018 – No Application 2017 – No Application

#20.20. Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation Burnaby Take a Hike Program

An application was received from the Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation requesting a grant for their Take a Hike Program from 2020 September 01 to 2021 August 31 at the Canada Way Learning Centre. The no-cost, volunteer-based, full-time mental health and emotional well-being program engages vulnerable youth (ages 15 to 18) in schools, community and mental health supports. Youth are referred to the program by the School District, and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Approximately 30-50% of participants self-identify as Indigenous, additional 25% are visible minorities, 70-80% have a financial need, and 15-20% have been involved with a foster care system and police. Through the program, youth become resilient and gain skills needed to navigate challenges such as attaining higher education, securing employment, finding housing and building healthy relationships. The program serves approximately 20 youth who engage in 200 days of programming, and benefits approximately 120 residents (i.e. youth, their families, and volunteers) per year. Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, the program (i.e. clinical counselling, outdoor adventure-based learning, community involvement and academics)

DENIED

\$7,500

was delivered five days per week from September to June. As COVID-19 pandemic has compounded youth's challenges, and impacted their family's financial and food security and well-being, the Foundation is currently providing virtual supports, and preparing for adapted program delivery in 2020 September.

CPA:	2019 – No Application
	2018 – No Application
	2017 – No Application
	CPA:

#20.21. Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Mentoring with Math

\$3,000

An application was received from Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver requesting a grant to cover the costs for the Jump Math workbooks, and mentors' education and training in the Mentoring with Math Program from 2020 October to 2021 July in Burnaby. The eightweek program consists of a 90-minute session per week, and supports children ages 8 to 12, who need help with math and do not have access to other academic enrichment programs. Enrollment in the no-cost program is by referral, with consideration of families' financial needs, children's math performance and their need for a mentor. The workbooks vary from low to complex difficulty, and have low language complexity barriers, making them an excellent source for students whose first language is not English. Mentors, many of whom are SFU students, receive training on mentorship and their role, child development and safety, the workbooks, and strategies for building confidence and reducing anxiety in children. Approximately 80 residents (i.e. 40 children, 20 mentors, and 20 parents and guardians) benefit from the program. The organization's finances have been impacted due to closure of its clothing donation program as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

Request: \$3,000	CPA:	2019 - \$3,000
		2018 – \$3,000*
		2017 – \$3,000*

*Grants were awarded for in-school and teen mentoring programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor M. Hurley Vice Chair

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