

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 May 05, 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
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 - 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
 - o Healthy life Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Lifelong learning Improve upon and develop programs and services that enable ongoing learning

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#20.10. Cameray Child and Family Services Early Childhood Development Education and Awareness Raising Community-Wide Events

An application was received from the Cameray Child and Family Services on behalf of the Burnaby Early Childhood Development (ECD) Table in support of the ECD education and awareness raising community-wide events to be held from 2020 April 01 to 2021 March 31. Events include three ECD education workshops, four community-based events, and two family drop-in programs, which will provide learning opportunities, access to resources, and strengthen community connections. Approximately 2,500 Burnaby residents (i.e. parents and children, service providers, and educators) benefit from the events.

Request: \$15,000

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

*In 2019, the BECD Table received \$7,000 operating grant and in 2020, the organization received \$8,000 operating grant in support of the Program Coordinator position.

#20.14. BC Pets and Friends

BC Pets and Friends Children's Program

DENIED

An application was received from BC Pets and Friends requesting a grant in support of planning, designing, implementing and evaluating a program offering pet therapy to children in Burnaby from 2020 June 01 to 2021 May 31. The project includes selection of a children's program training expert; identification of facility partners and venues (i.e. libraries, bookstores, etc.); development and purchase of marketing materials; volunteers' screening and training; and identification of successes and opportunities for growth. Twenty-five volunteer teams (owners and their pets) will be trained to provide one-hour of visitation to 25 children (625 children in total). During the visit children will read to a pet, practicing their reading and life skills (i.e. self-esteem and self-confidence). The newly proposed program is based on a demand from volunteers and facilities involved in provision of a similar program to seniors in 25 Burnaby long-term and senior care facilities.

\$5,000

Request: \$5,000

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

*In 2018, Council awarded \$1,000 one-time grant in support of pet therapy for seniors living in Burnaby care facilities.

#20.15.Voices of Burnaby Seniors Society\$2,650Program Coordinator and Portable Microphone System

An application was received from Voices of Burnaby Seniors Society requesting an operating grant in support of a part-time coordinator position and a portable microphone system. The volunteer-based Society organizes monthly guest speakers' presentations (i.e. housing options for seniors and CarFit Program), educational workshops (i.e. prescription medication), walkability and transit projects, and other resources (i.e. online newsletter and information cards for seniors' services). The Society's distribution list includes 130 members, 95 of whom are seniors. Members pay a low-cost fee (i.e. \$5 per individual and \$25 per organization). The grant allows the Society to broaden its advocacy work, expand its capacity, programs and membership, and continue building connections with senior residents. The coordinator is responsible for organizing yearly events, and a portable microphone system ensures provided information is audible to senior participants.

Request: \$10,000

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

Respectfully submitted,

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