

**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 2021 April 14, 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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**#21.06 Burnaby Neighbourhood House \$ 20,000**  
*Operating Grant*

An application was received from the Burnaby Neighbourhood House Society requesting a grant for staff coordination and promotion of their Community Engagement Programs to engage residents as volunteers. Through this support, a range of free to low cost accessible and inclusive programs will be offered (e.g. English conversational classes, monthly community dinners, free income tax clinics, yoga classes, tai chi, line dancing, art workshops, cooking demonstrations, book clubs and knitting circles) that gives residents the opportunity to share their talents/skills while providing outreach to the community. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, BNH has been working with Digital Access Burnaby to provide devices for seniors, families and individuals to stay connected. Approximately 8,000 residents per year benefit from this program.

**Request: \$20,000** CPA: 2020 – \$20,000 / 2019 – \$10,000 / 2018 – No Application

**#21.07 Burnaby Neighbourhood House \$15,000**  
*BNH Community Engagement Program*

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**Request: \$15,000** CPA: 2020 – \$15,000 / 2019 – \$15,000 / 2018 – Denied

**#21.08 My Artist's Corner (MAC) Society BC \$6,000**  
*Operating Grant*

An application was received from My Artist's Corner (MAC) Society, BC requesting an operating grant to be used for art supplies, equipment and utilities for the program during their 2021-22 fiscal year. This Society provides support to adults living with mental health issues by encouraging them to explore their artistic potential on their journey to wellness. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, both shows were cancelled in 2020. In 2019, forty adults participated in the program yearly and their annual show at Shadbolt Centre attracted 250-400 community members. The Society believes that encouraging interaction with their participants is an important step in countering STIGMA surrounding mental health issues.

**Request: \$9,064** CPA: 2020 – \$5,000 / 2019 – \$5,000 / 2018 – No Application

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**#21.09 Burnaby Family Life Institute \$18,000**  
*Operating Grant*

An application was received from Burnaby Family Life (BFL) Institute requesting an operating grant to offset costs for salaries, utilities, and supplies. The funds will be used for their financial year starting 2021 April to 2022 March. BFL supports new or expecting mothers and children who have been victims or witnessed violence. Their services include family resources, counselling, full-time or occasional childcare. BFL advocates on behalf of children living in poverty, leads the Intercultural Planning Table, and partners with other community organizations and the business sector.

**Request: \$18,000** CPA: 2020 – No Application / 2019 – \$18,000 / 2018 – \$17,000

**#21.10 Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation \$7,500**  
*Burnaby Take a Hike Program*

An application was received from Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation in support of their Burnaby Take a Hike Program from 2021 September 01 to 2022 June 30. The no-cost, volunteer-based, full-time mental health and emotional well-being program engages vulnerable youth (ages 15 to 18) in schools and the community. Youth are referred to the program by the School District, and 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 in the foster care system. Through these programs, 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 per year. Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, the program (i.e. clinical counselling, outdoor adventure-based learning, community involvement and academics) was delivered five days per week from September to June. During the COVID-19 pandemic, participants have been provided virtual support and modified in-person programming.

**Request: \$15,000** CPA: 2020 – \$7,500 / 2019 & 2018 No Application

Respectfully submitted,

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| Copied to: | City Manager<br>Director Corporate Services<br>Director Finance<br>Director Planning & Building |
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Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
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