

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** 2022 October 31
FROM: SR. MANAGER LEGISLATIVE SERVICES **FILE NO:** 02410-20
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval of the community grant applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** a grant in the amount of \$25,000 be awarded to Variety – the Children’s Charity of BC for the Burnaby Private Autism Assessment FY 2023 taking place from 2022 October 1 to 2023 September 30.
2. **THAT** a grant in the amount of \$15,000 be awarded to Burnaby Family Life Institute for the Truth & Reconciliation in Family Support Service Program taking place from 2023 January 01 to 2023 December 31.
3. **THAT** a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to Dixon Transition Society to offset operating costs for the next fiscal year, from 2023 April 1 to 2024 March 21.
4. **THAT** a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to Voices of Burnaby Seniors Society to offset operating costs.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

As the Executive Committee of Council will not meet until 2023, these grant applications are being brought directly to Council for review and subsequent approval.

2.0 POLICY CONTEXT

The grant application requests received in this report are aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans and strategies: *Burnaby Economic Development Strategy* (2007); *Social Sustainability Strategy* (2011), and the *Corporate Strategic Plan* (2017).

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3.0 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following grant requests are provided for Council's consideration:

#22.45.P Variety – The Children’s Charity of British Columbia \$25,000
Burnaby Private Autism Assessments FY 2023

An application was received from Variety – The Children’s Charity of British Columbia in support of their Burnaby Private Autism Assessments FY 2023 taking place from 2022 October 01 to 2023 September 30. The goal of this program is to provide 500 children in BC (40 in Burnaby) with support for a private autism assessment. Their past Burnaby applicants have an average family income of \$44K, which makes the cost of a private autism assessment (averaging \$4K), well out of reach. When diagnosed, a child under 6 becomes eligible for \$22K in provincial funding, after 6 this figure drops to \$6K. The grant would aid to intervene and help children receive an assessment.

Request: \$25,000 History: 2021 – No Application
2020 – No Application
2019 – No Application

#22.46.P Burnaby Family Life Institute \$15,000
Truth & Reconciliation in Family Support Service Program

An application was received from Burnaby Family Life Institute in support of their Truth & Reconciliation in Family Support Service Program taking place in multiple Burnaby locations from 2023 January 01 to 2023 December 31. Burnaby Family Life aims to incorporate Indigenous learnings into Family Support Programs. This project will allow for Indigenous consultation to build programming within the City of Burnaby that is culturally safe and inclusive. The organization is looking to provide opportunities to equip parents and caregivers with knowledge, tools, and resources that will foremost promote Truth and Reconciliation.

Request: \$15,000 History: 2021 – \$18,000
2020 – No Application
2019 – \$18,000

#22.47.O Dixon Transition Society \$10,000
Operating Grant

An application was received from the Dixon Transition Society requesting an operating grant to offset the costs of Dixon’s family counselling program. The program provides free, professional counselling to adults as well as adolescents in conjunction with their parents or primary caregivers who reside in Burnaby. The program also provides

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individual and group counselling sessions for children and youth aged 4-19 who have witnessed or have experienced family violence. The grant will help offset the operating costs for the next fiscal year, from 2023 April 1 to 2024 March 21.

Request: \$10,000
History: 2021 – \$10,000
2020 – \$10,000
2019 – \$10,000

#22.48.O Voices of Burnaby Seniors Society \$15,000
Operating Grant

An application was received from Voices of Burnaby Seniors Society requesting an operating grant to offset the costs of a part-time coordinator, hybrid meeting equipment, IT training & consulting, volunteer training & education. 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 will be planning and coordinating meetings and workshops for the seniors, the hybrid meetings will enable the isolated seniors to be included in the meetings. Approximately 200 seniors will benefit annually.

Request: \$10,000
History: 2021 – No Application
2020 – \$2,650
2019 – No Application


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