
TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** 2022 October 12

FROM: SR. MANAGER LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

SUBJECT: 2022 SENIORS LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to award the 2022 lunch/dinner grants to Burnaby-based seniors groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council award a grant of \$10 per person to Burnaby-based seniors groups applying for a 2022 lunch or dinner grant.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 2020 February, Council adopted the recommendation to authorize and administer the 2020 Christmas lunch/dinner grants in the amount of \$10 per person to Burnaby-based seniors groups. In 2020, due to the pandemic, only Bonsor Seniors Society applied for and received a grant.

Legislative Services have begun to receive lunch/dinner grant requests from Burnaby-based seniors groups for 2022, as group gatherings begin again. To facilitate efficient processing of applications and timely disbursement of funds, staff are seeking Council's authorization to review grant applications as they are received, and to accommodate such requests throughout the remainder of 2022.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The Seniors Lunch/Dinner grant program is aligned with the following Council-adopted City policies and plans/strategies: Corporate Strategic Plan (2022), Equity Policy (2020) and Social Sustainability Strategy (2011).

3.0 BACKGROUND

To receive a lunch/dinner grant, applicants submit a written request, providing the date and location of the event, and the number of residents who will be attending. This

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correspondence is included on the Executive Committee of Council Agenda in order to keep the Committee informed of the requests.

Throughout the fall, in previous years, the City received requests from Burnaby-based seniors groups for a grant in support of a Christmas lunch/dinner for their residents or clients. The table below summarizes the value of the grants awarded annually between 2016 and 2021.

2016 – 2021 Christmas Lunch/Dinner Grants						
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total of Awarded Grants	\$10,664	\$9,952	\$11,240	\$7,792	\$1,800	\$0.00

In 2019, seven groups applied for and were awarded a Christmas lunch/dinner grant. The table below provides an overview of the 2019 grant recipients, and the amounts awarded to each group. The list is not exhaustive, as different groups may apply from year to year, or new groups may be established. We anticipate that for the remainder of 2022 we may see similar requests to 2019 in terms of the number of participants. With the increase in the grant amount to \$10, we anticipate that the estimated grant amount will be in the range of \$10,000 - \$12,000 in total.

2019 Christmas Lunch/Dinner Grant Recipients		
Seniors Group	Number of Attendees	Grant Amount
Cameron Seniors Society	100	\$800
Chelsea Terrace	90	\$720
Citizen Support Services – Outings for Elderly	150	\$1,200
Community Centered College for the Retired	94	\$752
Confederation Seniors Society	200	\$1,600
Fair Haven Super Seniors	80	\$640
The New Vista Society	260	\$2,080
Total	974	\$7,792

4.0 PROPOSED 2022 LUNCH/DINNER GRANTS

Upon approval, staff will process 2022 requests and issue grants to Burnaby-based seniors groups organizing Christmas lunches or dinners for the 2022 calendar year with a limit of one grant per organization for the year.

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5.0 RECOMMENDATION

This report provides an overview of the Christmas lunch/dinner grants provided by Burnaby-based seniors groups, and the process for requesting and approving the grants. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to award a grant of \$10 per person to Burnaby-based seniors groups applying for their 2022 celebratory lunch or dinner grant.



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