

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report CL 27-2021

Council Meeting Date: November 30, 2021

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council

FROM: Stephanie Troyer-Boyd, Clerk

RE: 2022 Community Grant Requests

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CL 27-2021 regarding 2022 Community Grant Requests be received; and

THAT all eligible financial requests and all in-kind requests be approved pending the adoption of the 2022 budget.

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the applications received for the 2022 Community Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

Lambton Shores Policy #066 Community Grant and Vibrancy Policy includes two funding streams to help support community projects and initiatives: the Community Grant stream, and the Community Vibrancy Fund stream. This report focuses on the 2022 Community Grant requests, and Report CL 28-2021 provides information on the Community Vibrancy Fund stream.

The Community Grant stream is funded annually through the Lambton Shores operating budget. Community groups and service clubs applying under this stream may apply for up to \$2,000.00 cash and/or up to \$2,500.00 in-kind (fee waivers, staff support) toward their event or project.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many groups that requested funds in 2020 and 2021 were unable to complete their projects and opted to carry their granted funds to 2022. Therefore, fewer applications were received for 2022 than in previous years.

Applications for the 2022 Community Grant stream closed on September 15, 2021, with 32 applications received totaling \$31,500.00 in eligible cash requests and \$19,397.55 for in-kind requests. Three ineligible requests were received totaling \$6,000.00 in cash and \$1,500.00 in-kind. A summary of the applications is attached.

The Community Grant budget also includes an allocation to support Policy #077 Secondary Sponsorship Policy, which provides funding of up to \$500 per application for new events/projects that may be developed throughout the year. An allocation of \$2,000 for the Secondary Sponsorship Policy has been included in the 2022 draft operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommendation is to approve all eligible cash and in-kind requests received through the Community Grant Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The eligible financial grants equal \$31,500.00, which is supported through the 2022 operating budget.

CONSULTATION

Janet Ferguson, Treasurer
Ashley Farr, Manager of Community Development

Attached:

1. 2022 Community Grant Summary