

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DCS 02-2024

Council Meeting Date: January 15, 2024

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council
FROM: Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services
RE: 2024 Community Grant Requests

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DCS 02-2024 regarding 2024 Community Grant Requests be received; and

THAT all eligible financial requests in the amount of \$64,628.00 and all in-kind requests be approved pending the adoption of the 2024 budget.

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the applications received for the 2024 Community Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The Community Grant Program 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) towards their event or project.

Canada Day events in Arkona, Forest and Grand Bend have been allocated \$3,000 through the Community Grant Program due the high cost of insurance associated with these community events. Forest Excelsior Band has historically been awarded \$2,600 through the Community Grant.

Applications for the 2024 Community Grant stream closed on September 15, 2023, with 42 applications received totaling \$64,628.00 in eligible cash requests and \$43,836.60 for in-kind requests. The number of applications received for 2024 has increased by 16 new applications over 2023. The 2023 financial requests totaled \$39,866.00.

One application received was considered ineligible. A request received from the Culture Capture Project requesting funds for an event outside of Lambton Shores is considered ineligible.

A summary of the applications is attached to this report.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

The recommendation to approve eligible applications is consistent with Council's past practice, however Council may choose to fund fewer applicants or to prorate funding for eligible applications to remain within historical budgeted amounts.

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 \$64,628.00, which will be supported through the 2024 operating budget.

CONSULTATION

Janet Ferguson, Director of Financial Services

Attached:

1. 2024 Community Grant Summary