



Committee Report

To: Councillor Mark Goetz, Chair and
Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: March 2, 2023

Re: Strategic Community Initiatives Fund - 2023 Call for Proposals

Staff Recommendation:

The Strategic Community Initiatives Fund - 2023 Call for Proposals report is for information.

Background:

The County of Bruce Strategic Community Initiatives Fund (SCIF) granting process contributes to the advancement of human services goals and priorities. Investments are targeted to community-based initiatives and services that complement the core services of the Human Services Department. The County of Bruce recognizes that by investing in community-based initiatives it will advance both economic and social factors in the County. Additionally, the investment shows the County's commitment to strengthening the community's capacity to be responsive to changing needs and services to leverage additional funding sources. The granting process for SCIF is attached.

Interested organizations seeking funding for 2023 are requested to submit a proposal to be considered for the available funding. The proposal should be no more than three pages in length. The proposal must be received by this office, in writing, by April 3, 2023. Proposals will be accepted via email, fax, or mail.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The SCIF grants contribute to the community investment made by the County of Bruce. In the 2023 approved budget, \$45,000 has been allocated for grants.

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

SCIF is a "Program Specific" grant administered by the Human Services Department based on the committee approved process and application criteria from the Bruce County Community Grant Policy.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage our public. Goal #5 - Eliminate our own red tape. Element E - Focus on the internal/external customer/client needs first. Goal #6 -

Explore alternate options to improve efficiency, service. Element D - Coordinate working with other agencies.

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