



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Strategic Community Initiatives Fund - 2025 Grant Recipients

From: Tina Metcalfe, Director Human Services

Date: March 20, 2025

Report Number: HS-2025-013

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

The Strategic Community Initiatives Fund (SCIF) contributes to the advancement of human services goals and priorities. Investments are targeted to community-based initiatives and services that complement Human Services Department's core services. Proposals that expand the capacity of the community to address gaps in services and/or unmet needs of low-income residents were evaluated and \$48,000 in grants were awarded.

Background:

The County of Bruce recognizes that investment in community-based initiatives will forward economic and social strategic goals. Furthermore, the investment demonstrates the County's commitment to strengthen the community's capacity to nimbly respond to changing needs and leverage additional funding sources.

A call for proposals was announced at the January 23, 2025 Bruce County Council meeting with an application deadline set for February 21, 2025. A panel of staff evaluated proposals using standardized evaluation criteria – alignment with corporate strategic goals and values, responsiveness to community needs, use of evidence-based best practices and non-duplication of services.

The following agency's proposals met criteria and will receive funding:

- Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force - \$20,000
- Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy - \$20,000
- The Meeting Place Tobermory - \$8,000

Acceptance letters specify expected deliverables and reporting requirements, including a report back on funding outcomes. Staff will monitor initiatives and review the reports.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

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

Interdepartmental Consultation:

The SCIF is considered a “program specific” grant managed by the Human Services Department based on process and application criteria separate from the Bruce County Community Grant Policy

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

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