



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: 2025 Community Grants

From: Linda White, Clerk

Date: June 19, 2025

Report Number: CAO-2025-011

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

Through the 2025 budget deliberations the Council approved the Community Grant budget in the amount of \$20,000.00.

The County's Community Grant Policy provides the opportunity to provide funding to eligible not-for-profit groups or organizations for initiatives that align with economic prosperity and innovation; cultural enhancements and diversity; and general social enrichment programs or events.

The applications were received and reviewed by a panel of staff based on the evaluation criteria. This report informs Council of the allocation of funding for 2025.

Background/Analysis:

The County's Community Grant Policy provides the opportunity to provide funding to eligible not-for-profit groups or organizations for initiatives that uphold the County's strategic values for the community. Community grants are available to groups or organizations that make financial requests that are not accommodated through other departmental programs.

The following is an allocation of the funding for 2025.

Organization	Allocation	Project Overview
CMHA Grey Bruce	\$1,000.00	Event Support for SafeTALK program
Formosa Country Christmas	\$1,000.00	Event Support
Kincardine Pride Inc.	\$1,000.00	Event Support
Pine River Watershed Initiative	\$3,000.00	Tree Replacement
Port Elgin Pumpkinfest	\$1,000.00	Event Support

Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village	\$3,000.00	Program Support
Women's House Serving Grey and Bruce	\$4,000.00	Program Support- Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign
Teeswater Lawn Bowling Club	\$2,000.00	Upgrades to support program enhancements
Walkerton Golf and Curling Club	\$2,000.00	Upgrades to support program enhancements
YMCA of Owen Sound and Grey Bruce	\$2,000.00	Event Support - Multicultural Event in Bruce County

Staff are undertaking a review of the Community Grant Program and funding model to better align with County priorities. A report will be provided in advance of the 2026 budget approval.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The current budget includes \$20,000 for community grants.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Office of the CAO, Economic Development and Corporate Services were consulted.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

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Approved for Submission:

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Attachments:

None