



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 1850-02 (2023)
PC: Debra Law, Director, Financial Services **DATE:** June 2, 2023
FROM: Rena Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations
SUBJECT: COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS – APRIL INTAKE

The Finance Committee, at its May 18, 2023 meeting, reviewed the April 2023 intake of Council Discretionary Grant applications. There were 43 grant applications totalling \$420,948. The total funds currently available in the budget is \$50,000. The Finance Committee recommendation below allocated \$43,870 of those available funds.

During the meeting, the Finance Committee recognized that the increase in costs and economic challenges faced by non-profit organizations has resulted in a significant increase in both the number of applications and the requested amount from each applicant. As a result, the Finance Committee has made a recommendation to increase the total Council Discretionary Grant program for 2023, and for budget consideration for increasing the grant program in 2024 and beyond.

If Council agrees to increase the 2023 amount for the Discretionary Grant program, the Finance Committee is recommending approving the grant request from the People Place as it houses several non-profit organizations.

The Finance Committee adopted the following for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Archway Society for Domestic Peace in the amount of \$6,000 out of the requested amount of \$12,000 to help coordinate the various government and community services that respond to child abuse in our community.
2. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Arts Council of the North Okanagan in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
3. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to BrainTrust Canada in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
4. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Canadian Mental Health Association in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

5. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Compassionate Friends Vernon in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
6. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Family Resource Centre Society for the North Okanagan in the amount of \$4,200 to provide immediate short-term counselling for men who have experienced sexual assault.
7. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Forever Home Sanctuary Society in the amount of \$16,500 due to incomplete submitted financial statements.
8. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Fresh Outlook Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 due to incomplete financial statements.
9. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Helping Out People Exploited (Hope Outreach) in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
10. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to John Rudy Health Resource Centre Association in the amount of \$6,670 out of the requested amount of \$11,670 to assist in the cost of transportation to medical appointments.
11. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Kalamalka Bowl Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
12. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Kalamalka Fly Fishers Society in the amount of \$8,000 to purchase equipment and tools needed to maintain the Polson Park pond kids free fishing weekend program.
13. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Maven Lane Childcare Centre in the amount of \$10,000 to install a perimeter fence at Maven Lane.
14. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Cycling Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
15. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Hospice Society in the amount of \$25,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
16. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Pipes & Drums in the amount of \$5,000 due to incomplete submitted financial statements.
17. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Taekwondo Association in the amount of \$3,000 as the request is for retroactive funding.
18. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

19. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Indian Band – Komasket Powwow in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
20. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Landing Community Association in the amount of \$24,900 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

AND FURTHER that Council request Administration to work with the Okanagan Landing Committee to determine appropriate responsibility for the maintenance of trees in Paddlewheel Park, and if necessary, bring forward possible alternate funding sources.

21. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Screen Arts Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
22. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Okanagan Village Housing Society in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement,
23. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to People Place Society in the amount of \$30,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
24. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Powerhouse Theatrical Society in the amount of \$2,500 to offset production costs for performances where ticket fees are not charged.
25. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Predator Ridge Community Safety Committee in the amount of \$2,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
26. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Sadok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Society of Vernon in the amount of \$3,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
27. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to the School District 22 (Outdoor Education Program) in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
28. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) Vernon in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
29. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Sovereign Lake Nordic Club (SLNC) in the amount of \$4,368 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
30. THAT Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to Upper Room Mission Society in the amount of \$6,500 to purchase two new commercial grade laundry washing and drying machines.

31. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Amateur Athletics Association in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
32. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon BMX in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
33. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Band Society in the amount of \$800 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
34. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Community Music School in the amount of \$2,010 as the City has limited funds for disbursement,

AND FURTHER that Council direct Administration to request that the Vernon Community Music School apply to the Heritage Restoration Grant Program for repairs of the Carriage House building.
35. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon & District Association for Community Living in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
36. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon and District Family History Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
37. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Jazz Society in the amount of \$5,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
38. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Lawn Bowling Club in the amount of \$7,500 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

AND FURTHER that Council request Administration to work with Vernon Lawn Bowling Club to determine appropriate responsibility for the entrance to the grounds in Polson Park, and if necessary, bring forward possible alternate funding sources.
39. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Paddling Centre Society in the amount of \$7,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
40. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Restholm Association in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
41. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Ribfest Society in the amount of \$10,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
42. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Veterans Society in the amount of \$20,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.
43. THAT Council **deny** a Council Discretionary Grant to Vernon Winter Carnival Society in the amount of \$15,000 as the City has limited funds for disbursement.

44. THAT Council increase the 2023 Council Discretionary Grant program by an additional \$50,000, to be funded from the 2022 unexpended uncommitted reserve.

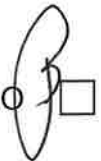
AND FURTHER that Council **approve** a Council Discretionary Grant to People Place Society in the amount of \$30,000 to purchase and build a front entrance gate and fence. As per Council Discretionary Grant Policy, audited financial statements have been provided.

45. THAT Council as recommended by the Finance Committee include additional funding for the Council Discretionary Grant program for the 2024 budget and onwards, increasing the Council Discretionary Grant program to \$100,000.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved for the Agenda by the CAO

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