



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: May 28, 2024
Originated By: Esther Quiambao, General Manager of Planning and Community Services
Title: Municipal Grant Programs Review

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

The M.D. of Bonnyville has been providing community grants, contributions and donations to individuals and organizations for many, many years within the boundaries of the municipality. During the 2024 Budget deliberations process, Council directed Administration to bring the current community giving programs and their associated policies to a future meeting of Council to review for potential streamlining and enhancements.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

As reinforced in the adopted 2021 Recreation Master Plan, the M.D. is committed to supporting community associations, organizations and societies with funding for events, programs and capital projects that provide M.D. residents an opportunity to engage through recreation and cultural activities in the community.

The M.D. currently provides the following options for persons/groups requesting financial support with a total annual budget of approximately \$800,000:

1. Donation, Sponsorship and Recognition Policy
2. Community Action Grant Policy
3. Community Association Operating Grant Policy
4. Delegations to Council Policy
5. Scholarship Program (pending)

Attached are the following for Council's review and discussion:

- Appendix A: Current M.D. Community Giving Policies
- Appendix B: Excerpts from the 2021 M.D. Recreation Master Plan highlighting established guidance to community funding/support
- Appendix C: Community Givings to the end of December 2023
- Appendix D: Grant Program Discussion Points

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Guiding Principle: We Value Quality of Life

Goal 3: Promote Community Development

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

2024 Operating Budget for Community Grant Areas:

- \$500,000 Community Operating Grant Program Policy
- \$200,000 Donation, Sponsorship and Recognition Policy; Community Action Grant Policy
- \$100,000 Council Giving

Other 2024 Operating Budget Community Contribution Areas:

- \$ 50,000 Seniors Transportation Grant Funding to Bonnyville FCSS
- \$ 25,000 Fire Loss Assistance Grant Program
- \$509,207 Bonnyville FCSS and Cold Lake FCSS (offset by annual provincial grant of \$407,366)
- \$421,227 Bonnyville Municipal Library, Cold Lake Libraries, and the Northern Lights Library System

TOTAL 2024 Community Giving Budget: \$1,805,434 (\$800,000 grants/donations + \$1,005,434 other community social programs)

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

N/A

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council directs Administration to create one community grant policy that utilizes an evaluation protocol based on the five Service Delivery Goals provided for in the 2021 M.D. Recreation Master Plan and allows for one intake and evaluation process by Council of all requests over an identified maximum value prior to annual municipal budget deliberations.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council directs Administration to create one community grant policy that utilizes an evaluation protocol based on the five Service Delivery Goals provided for in the 2021 M.D. Recreation Master Plan and allows for one intake and evaluation process by Council of all requests over an identified maximum value prior to annual municipal budget deliberations.
2. THAT Council accepts the Community Support Grant Programs Review report as information.
3. THAT Council refers the Community Support Grant Programs Review report back to Administration for additional information regarding: _____ and bring it back to a future meeting of Council.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Community Support Grant Programs Review.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appendix A - Current M.D. Community Giving Policies.pdf- Appendix B - Excerpts from the 2021 M.D. Recreation Master Plan highlighting the established strategic guidance.pdf- Appendix C - 2023 Community Giving Summary.pdf- Appendix D - Grant Program Discussion Points.docx
Final Approval Date:	May 21, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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