

Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Originated By: Ian Frankton, Director, Community Services

Title: Community Association Operating Grant – Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

At the February 11th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, Louise Bellamy presented to Council as a delegate, requesting to have the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts added to the list of approved organizations for the Community Association Operating Grant Policy 3C.011.

The purpose of the Community Association Operating Grant Policy is to aid in the assurance of the sustainability and functionality of rural community services and/or infrastructure located across the municipality and to establish the associated framework, guidelines, and application process.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

Attached for Council information is: APPENDIX A - 3C.011 Community Association Operating Grant Policy

The Strathcona Performing Arts Centre, is a 340-seat theatre within the Bonnyville Centralized High School, operated by the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts which opened its doors to the public in 2025.

While the facility itself is owned by the school, operationally, the Foundation is responsible for operating expenditures as show below. (Table shown as provided by the Foundation's Vice President, Lise Fielding)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:	Monthly	Yearly
Operational and Maintenance		
Wages	\$3,000.00	\$36,000.00
Content insurance	\$400.00	\$4,800.00
Marketing/Promotions	\$925.00	\$11,100.00
Utilities	\$340.00	\$4,080.00
Hotels - performances	\$375.00	\$4,500.00
Hospitality room	\$325.00	\$3,900.00
Janitor	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
Volunteers	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Interest on loans	\$2,480.00	\$29,760.00
Socan fees	\$240.00	\$2,880.00
TOTAL:	\$8,435.00	\$101,220.00

Administration is requesting Council's decision on whether to include the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts as an approved eligible Community Association under Policy 3C.011 for 2025. Should Council choose to proceed with this addition, Administration will require clarification on the funding level Council wishes to allocate to the Foundation, as well as a funding source for this year.

Community Associations currently listed in the approved list without ownership of a hall, can receive maximum annual funding of \$5,000.

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: Promote Community Development

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

If all current eligible Community Associations apply for funding, the total will be \$570,000.

Community Association Operating Grant Fund 2025 Budget: \$570,000.

Potential sources of funding if Council chose to add the Foundation effective for 2025:

Community Action Grant Reserve Fund

Cash Flow Reserves Fund

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Association will be notified of Council's decision via email.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council approves including the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts to the list of approved eligible Community Associations under Policy No. 3C.011 Community Association Operating Grant Policy to a maximum grant of \$5000 annually, and furthermore directs Administration to draft an amendment to the policy effective for (2025 / 2026).

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves including the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts to the list of approved eligible Community Associations under Policy No. 3C.011 Community Association Operating Grant Policy to a maximum grant of \$5000 annually, and furthermore directs Administration to draft an amendment to the policy effective for (2025 / 2026).
2. THAT Council approves including the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts to the list of approved eligible Community Associations under Policy No. 3C.011 Community Association Operating Grant Policy to a maximum grant of \$_____ annually, and furthermore directs Administration to draft an amendment to the policy effective for (2025 / 2026).
3. THAT Council refers the request by the Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts to be included in the M.D. Community Association Operating Grant Program back to Administration for additional information regarding _____ and to bring it back to a future meeting of Council.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Community Association Operating Grant - Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts.docx
Attachments:	- APPENDIX A - 3C.011 Community Association Operating Grant Policy.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jun 12, 2025

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

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