

Healthy Community Initiative Fund 2020 Annual Report

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Report Summary

This report provides information regarding the financial particulars of each Ward's Healthy Community Initiative Fund allocation for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to the Quality of Life priority area as identified in the Strategic Plan and aligns with the Population Health Priorities including Resiliency, Families, Mental health, "Play" Opportunities, Age-Friendly Strategy, Compassionate City, and Healthy Streets. The Healthy Community Initiative Fund supports community-based projects and initiatives that are affordable and promote inclusiveness for the benefit of citizens.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

By-law 2018-129, requires Council be provided with semi-annual reports identifying by ward, the financial particulars of the Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund allocations.

A total of \$600,000 was allocated to the HCI Fund in the 2020 Budget. A sum of \$6,000 was transferred from the 2020 allocation to the HCI Reserve Fund to achieve its maximum level of \$24,000 in accordance with HCI Fund Policy under By-law 2018-129. The remaining funds were divided between the capital projects stream and the grants stream; 75% and 25% respectively. A total of \$150,000 was deducted from the capital stream and committed towards the Playground Revitalization initiative. The remaining grant and capital balances were then evenly distributed between the 12 Wards.

Appendix A – Healthy Community Initiative Fund – 2020 Annual Report, provides detailed information relating to carry-forward and year-to-date fund balances, fund allocations, donation revenues, as well as specifics of expenditures and of unexpended commitments for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

The legend within each of the ward-specific reports reflects the eligible expenditure categories as well as the Population Health Priorities as outlined in the HCI Fund Policy.

2020 Fund Outcome Measures

Funds allocated through the capital stream support City-owned assets and funds allocated through the grant stream support community-led initiatives such as events and programs.

Capital Stream

A total of 15 HCI capital funding applications were approved in 2020 for a combined value of \$293,694. Approved funds were allocated as follows:

- 49% towards playgrounds
- 28% towards outdoor rinks/courts
- 13% towards facility upgrades
- 10% towards parks, trails and community beautification

Grant Stream

A total of 23 HCI grant requests were approved in 2020 for a combined value of \$63,883. The grants were allocated as follows:

- 59% towards programs*
- 40% towards events
- 1% towards fundraising initiatives

*The significantly high percentage of grant funds towards programs is attributed to Council's approval of a one-time grant of \$30,000 to the Sudbury Food Bank to support the Cultivate Your Neighbourhood Program (during the pandemic).

Impact of COVID-19

Most of the HCI funds from the grant stream support initiatives that promote socialization. Given the restrictive public health measures imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 and through to the end of the year, organizers/groups had to reconsider if and how they could move forward with their initiatives.

Compared to measures in 2019, there was a 66% decrease in the number of new HCI grant applications submitted in 2020.

Of the total grant applications processed, 44% of the recipients did not carry out their initiative in 2020. While some applicants could not or decided not to proceed as planned, others managed to successfully host their events and programs in virtual format or other, following public health and safety guidelines.

Capital projects were also impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with increased costs for materials such as steel and pressure treated wood, increased mobilization costs from contractors, shipping delays, postponed project start dates, and increased time for project completion in order to meet all social distancing and other safety requirements.

Next Steps

A 2021 semi-annual report of ward-specific HCI Fund financials will be presented for Council's information in fall 2021.

Resources Cited

Healthy Community Initiative Fund, By-law 2018-129

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=24310.pdf>