

2021 Annual Grants

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Report Summary

This report provides information regarding the annual allocations of grants to a variety of community groups and organizations, approved by Council as part of the 2020 budget process. The 2021 grants will be released subject to Council's approval of the applicable by-law.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to the goal: Create a Healthier Community as identified in the Strategic Plan, as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Play, Age Friendly Strategies, Compassionate City and Families. The information in this report has no relationship to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

Funds for the reported grants are included in the 2021 Leisure Services, Children & Social Services and Communication & Citizen Services Council approved operating budgets.

Background

The City of Greater Sudbury (City) has historically provided an annual grant to a variety of community groups and organizations. Funds are generally used by recipients towards operating costs and costs to deliver special events and programs. The majority of funds are budgeted in the Leisure Services Division operating budget with the exceptions of grants to the Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society (Communications & Citizen Services), the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre (Communications & Citizen Services), New Hope Outreach Services/Samaritan Centre (Children & Social Services) and the Social Planning Council (Children & Social Services). The disbursement of grants is authorized by City Council through the passing of a By-Law on an annual basis.

At the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of July 7, 2015, Council received a report entitled "Annual Grants Allocation Background". The report detailed grants provided to community groups and organizations for a ten year period (2005 to 2015).

At the City Council meeting of March 8, 2016, resolution CC2016-99 was passed as follows:

WHEREAS various community groups receive an annual grant allocation from Leisure Services;

AND WHEREAS this grant allocation is based on historical practice, with many grant recipients pre-dating municipal amalgamation;

AND WHEREAS the value for money for said grants are not clearly understood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in 2016, all recipients of Leisure Services Grants be informed that they will have to re-apply for their 2017 grant allocation;

AND THAT clear criteria and application process be developed and presented to Finance and Administration Committee in September 2016;

AND THAT each community group be required to reapply every five years on a go forward basis.

On November 15, 2016, the Finance and Administration Committee received a report outlining a new application process and criteria for annual grants. Council approved that annual grant recipients would complete a grant application form every five years and complete a year-end report annually.

2020 annual grants were approved by Council at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 14, 2020, and by way of By-law 2020-83: By-law to Authorize the Payment of Grants to Various Non-Profit Community Organizations in the Leisure Services Sector, passed at the City Council meeting of May 5, 2020.

Upon Council's direction, a Grant Agreement accompanied 2020 annual grants which outlined the permitted uses of the grant and requirements for year-end reporting. Post-project reports were to be returned to the Leisure Services Division by February 26, 2021.

2020 Annual Grant Review

Grant agreements for annual grant recipients outlined permitted use of funds, eligible and ineligible expenses and the requirement to provide a year-end report and other financial deliverables. Year-end reports were to include a narrative describing the recipient's use of the grant and the resulting benefit to the community. Information submitted to the City has been reviewed by the respective Director responsible for the operating budget from which the grant is funded. A summary of the 2020 year-end reports is attached as Appendix A - 2020 Annual Grant Year- End Report Summary.

Impact of COVID-19

Provincial and Public Health restrictions limited the ability for many organizations to deliver programs and services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Where, in some cases, it was not feasible for organizations to deliver programs and services and/or to utilize the funds for their intended purposes, grants were not issued in 2020. Unspent funds that were already issued, will be returned to the City in accordance to provisions within the grant agreements. Instances where grants were not issued or that, at the time of this report, were not fully spent are noted in Appendix A - 2020 Annual Grant Year End Report Summary.

The pandemic has also brought upon challenges for grant recipients to gather the information necessary to complete and submit financial year-end reports. 2021 annual grants will be issued upon verification that the required 2020 year-end deliverables are received and that the need for funds in 2021 is confirmed with recipients.

Changes from Previous Annual Grant Reports

The following is a summary of additions and changes to annual grants from previous years' reports:

Ward 10 Kingsmount/Bell Park Community Action Network

At the City Council meeting of November 24, 2020, Council approved the establishment of the Ward 10 Kingsmount/Bell Park Community Action Network which provides for an annual grant of \$2,500 to the group as per the City's Community Action Network Terms of Engagement.

Through the 2021 budget process Council approved new community grants for the following organizations:

Kivi Park Community Foundation

At the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of October 13, 2020, Council approved an annual grant equivalent to the property tax liability associated with privately owned lands of Kivi Park (Resolution FA2020-50). The grant is issued to support the sustainability of Kivi Park and to aid the Foundation in keeping user fees affordable.

At the Community Services Committee meeting of September 16, 2019, Council approved a resolution redirecting funds received through Contract CDD17-287 (Purchase of Service Agreement for Sports Equipment rental Operations) and approved an annual grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Clifford & Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation (CLFCF) to support operations of Kivi Park (Resolution CS2019-15). As the Kivi Park Community Foundation is overseeing the operations of the Park and has made application for charitable status, the annual grant, including that for 2020 to the CLFCF under By-law 2020-83, will be issued to the Kivi Park Community Foundation.

Non Profit Curling Clubs

Council approved an annual grant equivalent to 50% of the property tax liability of the following local not-for-profit curling clubs (Resolution FA2021-10):

- Capreol Curling Club
- Coniston Curling Club
- Copper Cliff Curling Club
- Curl Sudbury (formerly Sudbury Curling Club)

Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association

Council approved a one-time operating grant to the Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association in the amount of \$30,000 to support its operations (Resolution FA2021-11).

Sudbury Shared Harvest

An annual grant in the amount of \$30,000 to Sudbury Shared Harvest was approved to provide financial stability to cover basic operating expenses and to assist in leveraging funds from others sources (Resolution CC2020-268).

2021 Annual Grants

Community Centres

Annual grants to the following community centers assist with the operating costs of non-municipally owned facilities as well as for the delivery of recreation programs.

Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club	\$16,000
Carole Richard Park Community Centre	\$16,000
Kukagami Campers Association	\$10,000
Penage Road Community Centre	\$16,000
Skead Community Centre	\$16,000
Wahnapiatae Community Centre	\$16,000
Community Centres Total	\$90,000

Special Events

Annual grants to the following organizations assist with costs related to annual community events.

Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society Fall Fair	\$2,500
Downtown Sudbury – Blueberry Festival	\$2,500
Onaping Falls Lions Club Cavalcade of Colours	\$1,500
Science North Canada Day Celebration (fireworks)	\$30,000
Sudbury Multicultural and Folks Arts Association (Canada Day)	\$11,000
Special Events Total	\$47,500

Older Adult Centres

In accordance with the provisions of the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act* mandated under the Ministry of Seniors Affairs, the City contributes annually to eligible seniors centres in the amount of 20% of the centre's eligible operational costs. The following is a summary of the approved Seniors Active Living Centres.

Club 50 Chelmsford	\$12,000
Club Accueil Âge d'Or - Azilda	\$14,100
Centre Club d'Âge d'Or de la Vallée	\$17,080
Club Amical du Nouveau Sudbury	\$19,354
Nickel Centre Seniors Club	\$6,700
Onaping Falls Golden Age Club	\$9,527
One Eleven Senior Citizens Centre	\$12,000
Parkside Older Adult Centre Sudbury	\$12,000
Rayside-Balfour Senior Craft Shop	\$ 5,700
Older Adult Centres Total	\$108,461

Youth Centres

Annual grants are provided to the following organizations to assist with costs associated with operating youth centre sites.

Rayside-Balfour Youth Centre	\$60,000
Sudbury Action Centre for Youth	\$89,120
Youth Centres Total	\$149,120

Community Action Networks

At the City Council meeting of December 12, 2017, revised Terms of Engagement for Community Action Networks (CANs) were approved which identify that annual grants are to be used for administrative and promotional purposes. The revised Terms of Engagement provides the ability for CANs to carry over a maximum of 25% of unspent grant funds to the following year with City approval.

Azilda	\$2,500
Capreol	\$2,500
Chelmsford	\$2,500
Coniston	\$2,500
Copper Cliff	\$2,500
Donovan/Elm West	\$2,500
Flour Mill	\$2,500
Garson/Falconbridge	\$2,500
Minnow Lake	\$2,500
Onaping Falls	\$2,500
South End	\$2,500
Uptown	\$2,500
Valley East	\$2,500

Walden	\$2,500
Ward 1	\$2,500
Ward 8	\$2,500
Ward 10 Kingsmount/Bell Park	\$2,500
Community Action Networks Total	\$42,500

Non-Profit Curling Clubs

The following organizations receive an annual grant equivalent to 50% of their property tax liability.

Capreol Curling Club	\$4,119
Coniston Curling Club	\$1,674
Copper Cliff Curling Club	\$4,363
Curl Sudbury	\$4,543
Non Profit Curling Club Total	\$14,700

Miscellaneous Annual Grants

The following organizations receive annual grants to support operations and activities.

Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre	\$106,430
Child and Community Resources	\$40,000
Rainbow Routes Association	\$45,000
New Hope Outreach Services (Samaritan Centre)	\$27,000
Social Planning Council of Sudbury	\$50,000
Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers	\$50,000
Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury	\$10,000
Kivi Park Community Foundation	\$25,000
Kivi Park Community Foundation	\$14,860
Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association	\$30,000
Sudbury Shared Harvest	\$30,000
Miscellaneous Annual Grants Total	\$428,290

Next Steps

Upon passing of the by-law to authorize 2021 annual grants, recipients will be sent a 2021 grant agreement. The grant agreements will outline the permitted uses of the grant and requirements for year-end reporting.

Where applicable, funds will be issued to a recipient upon confirmation of expected need, especially as it relates to 2021 pandemic measures, and/or following verification that all required year-end deliverables for their 2020 grant are received.

As per previous Council direction, a value for money audit will be conducted on annual grants after a five year period (in 2022) at which time organizations will be required to reapply for annual grants.

Resources Cited

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Request to Establish a Community Action Network in Ward 10 Report, City Council (November 24, 2020)

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Kivi Park Update, Community Services Committee (September 16, 2019)
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Resolution CC2016-99 re: Annual Grant Criteria and Application Process, City Council (March 8, 2016)
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