

Healthy Community Initiative Fund 2022 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, 2022, to December 31, 2022, in accordance with By-law 2018-129.

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

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 semiannual reports identifying the financial particulars of the Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund allocations by ward.

A total of \$500,000 was allocated to the HCI Fund in the 2022 Budget. There were no funds transferred from the 2022 allocation to the HCI Reserve Fund as it had achieved 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 \$99,394.00 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 – 2022 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, 2022, to December 31, 2022. Ward fund balances in this report may differ from those identified in the routine HCI funding requests for Council approval reports presented throughout the year.

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 (By-law 2018-129).

2022 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 21 HCI capital funding applications were approved in 2022 for a combined value of \$450,712. Approved funds were allocated as follows:

- 17% toward playgrounds
- 16% toward outdoor rinks/courts
- 7% toward community gardens
- 5% toward new infrastructure (shed, picnic tables)
- 27% toward facility upgrades
- 27% toward parks, trails, and community beautification
- 1% toward art projects

Grant Stream

A total of 37 HCI grant requests were approved in 2022 for a combined value of \$62,250. The grants were allocated as follows:

- 63% toward events
- 29% toward programs/small initiatives
- 1% toward fundraising initiatives
- 6% toward art programs
- 1% toward volunteer appreciation

Outstanding HCI Capital Applications

Previously approved HCI Capital Projects that are beyond the 24-month period will be prioritized and incorporated with staff workplans for completion within the 2023 construction season. Projects are expected to be completed within original project budgets and contingencies. Some previous HCI approvals are dependent on applicants securing additional third-party funding. These projects will only advance once applicants have secured all project funding required.

Next Steps

A 2023 semiannual report of ward specific HCI Fund financials will be presented for Council's information in fall 2023.

Resources Cited

Healthy Community Initiative Fund Policy Revision June 2018, By-law 2018-129

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