

## Healthy Community Initiative Fund 2023 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, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in accordance with By-law 2018-129.

### Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report refers to the Create a Healthier and More Vibrant Community priority area as identified in the Strategic Plan, advancing the Population Health Agenda and investing in infrastructure to support community recreation with a focus on quality of life.

### 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 \$600,000 was allocated to the HCI Fund in the 2023 Budget. There were no funds transferred from the 2023 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.

Attachment 1 - Healthy Community Initiative Fund – 2023 Annual Report provides detailed information relating to carryforward 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, 2023, to December 31, 2023. 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).

## 2023 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 2023 for a combined value of \$381,415. Of these approvals, 50% of applicants donated dollars toward the costs of the projects. The other 50% were funded entirely by HCI. Approved funds were allocated as follows:

- 47% toward facility upgrades
- 20% toward outdoor rinks/courts
- 20% toward community gardens
- 7% toward new infrastructure (shed, picnic tables)
- 7% toward parks, trails, and community beautification

### Grant Stream

A total of 34 HCI grant requests were approved in 2023 for a combined value of \$58,950. Of these grant approvals, 27 were provided to unique applicants. 30% of approved funds went to organizations with multiple applications. The grants were allocated as follows:

- 59% toward events
- 21% toward programs/small initiatives
- 12% toward volunteer appreciation
- 9% toward fundraising initiatives

## Outstanding HCI Capital Applications

Previously approved HCI Capital Projects that are beyond the 24-month period will be prioritized and incorporated with staff workplans. 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 2024 semiannual report of ward specific HCI Fund financials will be presented for Council's information in fall 2024.

## 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>