

Healthy Community Initiative Fund Applications – March 17, 2025

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation regarding Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) funding requests. By-law 2018-129 requires Council's approval for all eligible HCI Capital fund requests exceeding \$10,000 and Grant requests exceeding \$1,000.

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the Healthy Community Initiative Fund requests, as outlined in the report entitled "Healthy Community Initiative Fund Applications – March 17, 2025", from the General Manager of Community Development, presented at the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting on March 17, 2025;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to present a by-law to authorize the grants recommended in the report.

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

This report refers to the City of Greater Sudbury's Strategic Plan 2019-2027 objective 5.0 Create a Healthier and More Vibrant Community through the advancement of City-led goals from Population Health, A Call to Action 2018-2028, more specifically achieving Compassionate City Designation, implementing an Age-Friendly Strategy, building Resiliency, and creating Play Opportunities. The information in this report has no relationship to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

The Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund is allocated within prescribed budgets. Approval of HCI capital projects includes approval of operating costs to be provided in the base budget in subsequent budget years to the operating department.

Background

A guiding principle of By-law 2018-129, a By-law to Adopt a Policy Regarding the Healthy Community Initiative Fund, is that HCI funds should be used primarily for funding city-owned capital projects with no more than 25% of the annual ward allocation expended on eligible grant applications. To help illustrate the difference, By-law 2018-129 and HCI reporting reference two grant streams defined as Capital and Grant.

Any funds in the ward allocation not spent at the end of a calendar year may be carried forward for the benefit of the applicable ward but may only be expended on eligible Capital projects, which results in each ward carrying different balances.

By-law 2018-129 Approval Authority

All requests that meet HCI funding criteria, and are recommended by the General Manager of Community Development (General Manager), require approval within the thresholds below.

General Manager Approval

- Grant applications less than \$1,000
- Capital applications less than \$10,000
- Capital applications that result in annual operating budget increases of less than \$5,000

Council Approval

- Grant applications greater than \$1,000
- Applications that result in an applicant receiving a cumulative total Grant greater than \$1,000 in calendar year
- Applications that result in an event or initiative receiving a Grant greater than \$1,000 due to applications by multiple participants
- Capital applications greater than \$10,000
- Capital applications that result in annual operating budget increases greater than \$5,000

HCI Fund Applications and Financial Summary

Attachment 1 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund – Applications, lists HCI Fund requests by ward as recommended by the General Manager for approval by Council. All projects listed in Attachment 1 have been evaluated against By-law 2018-129 and its related criteria and have been verified to ensure sufficient funds are available within each ward's funding allocation.

Attachment 2 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund – Application Outcomes, provides a list of HCI Fund applications that were approved or denied by the General Manager since the last report presented at the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting on December 16, 2024.

Attachment 3 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund Financials includes the recommended approvals contained in this report as well as a summary of HCI fund allocation balances up to January 31, 2025. The amounts may be adjusted due to reimbursement of under-spent funds from completed and reconciled projects or initiatives.

Next Steps

Upon Council approval, applicants will receive written notification confirming the application's approved funding and the permitted use of funds, and Grant recipients will also receive a Post-project Final Report form. This form is to be completed by the applicant and returned following completion of the initiative for

reconciliation by Financial Services.

Grant recipients will receive funding via electronic fund transfer or cheque for the approved amount, whereas a Capital funded project will be managed by the City of Greater Sudbury, working closely with the applicant.

HCI funded Capital projects will be prioritized based on the applicable City department's annual workplans and initiated within 24 months of approval in accordance with By-law 2018-129.

Should an HCI fund request not be approved, the applicant will be notified of same and the reasons for which it was not approved.

Resources Cited

Healthy Community Initiative Fund, By-law 2018-219

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/grants-and-funding/hci-fund/application-process/hci-fund-policy/>

**Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund
Applications for Council Approval – March 17, 2025**

Capital Funds

Ward	Recipient/ Project/ Location	Purpose for Funds	Estimated Operating Costs per year	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended for Approval by the GM
	No items to report				

Grants

Ward	Recipient/Initiative	Purpose for Funds	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended for Approval by the GM
All	Independent Living Resource Centre Corp / AccessAbility Week 2025	Assist with costs for advertising of National AccessAbility Week 2025	\$6,000 (\$500/ward)	\$6,000 (\$500/ward)
3	Productions Café Heritage / Rayside Balfour Heritage Days	Assist with costs related to performance and equipment fees	\$3,000	\$3,000
4	Productions Café Heritage / Whitewater Summer Concerts	Assist with costs related to artist fees and equipment rentals	\$3,000	\$3,000
6	Four Lakes Community Association / Summer Fun Day	Assist with costs related to food, refreshments, supplies, equipment rental, and prizes for games.	\$1,500	\$1,500
10	Sudbury Performance Group / Her Northern Voice Festival	Assist with costs related to rental of William Bell Gazebo, Grace Hartman Amphitheatre and Bell Park digital billboard.	\$3,000	\$3,000

**Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund
Applications Approved/Denied by the General Manager of Community
Development**

For the period of November 14, 2024 to January 31, 2025

Successful Applications

Capital

Ward	Group / Project	Estimated Operating Costs per year	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
	No items to report			

Grants 2024 Funds

Ward	Group / Project	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
2	Miners for Cancer / Hockey Tournament Fundraiser	\$500	\$500
9	Wanup Quilters / Community Quilting Program	\$950	\$950

2024 carry-over balances will be confirmed in the 2024 HCI Annual Report in Q2 of 2025

Grants 2025 Funds

Ward	Group / Project	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
3	Onaping Falls Snowmobile Club / Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	\$500	\$500
4	Northbound Sno Drifters / Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	\$500	\$500
7	Lake Wahnapiatae Home & Campers Association / Lake Safety Program	\$750	\$750

Unsuccessful Applications

Ward	Group / Project	Amount Requested	Reason(s) for Denial
3	Onaping Falls Winter Carnival Committee / Onaping Falls Winter Carnival	\$3,000	Onaping Falls Recreation Committee was approved for annual funding during 2025 budget which includes expenses for the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival