

2025 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 2025 budget process. The 2025 grants will be released subject to Council's approval of the applicable by-law. Refer to the By-law Section.

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

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 respective 2025 Leisure Services, Children & Social Services, and Economic Development 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 to deliver special events and programs. Most funds are budgeted in the Leisure Services Division operating budget with the exceptions of grants to the Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society (Economic Development), the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre (Economic Development), and New Hope Outreach Services/Samaritan Centre (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.

Annual grants for 2024 were approved by Council at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 26, 2024, by way of By-law 2024-58: 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 April 16, 2024.

Upon Council's direction, a Grant Agreement accompanied 2024 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, Economic Development and Children & Social Services Divisions by January 31, 2025.

2024 Annual Grant Review

Grant agreements for annual grant recipients outlined permitted use of funds, eligible and ineligible expenses, and the requirement to provide narrative and financial year-end reports along with required financial deliverables. Narrative year-end reports were to include a description of 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 2024 narrative year-end reports is attached as Attachment 1 - 2024 Annual Grant Review.

As the Annual Grant program has been discussed during recent budget deliberations, and as the City of Greater Sudbury Core Service Review (2020) suggested reconsidering community grants as it is not considered a common service provided by other municipalities, additional information on individual annual grants has been included with the 2024 Annual Grant Review.

This year's report includes information on the impact of each annual grant in terms of affordable programming and volunteerism. The report also includes information on other financial and in-kind support provided to annual grant recipients. The scoring from the 2022 Five-year Value for Money Review (Attachment 2 – 2022 Value for Money Review Results) is also included for reference.

Changes from Previous Annual Grant Reports

Reduction of Community Grants

After Hours Youth Programming

Sudbury Action Centre for Youth formerly received a grant in the amount of \$89,120. Upon the closing of the organization, Council directed staff to find an alternative service provider for after hours youth programming in downtown Sudbury following the City's procurement process. This process has been completed and the

budget is now considered committed.

Addition of Community Grants

Onaping Falls Recreation Committee

To provide a more stable source of funding, a business case to initiate an ongoing \$16,000 annual grant to Onaping Falls Recreation Committee was approved during the 2025 budget process via [FA2024-36](#). Onaping Falls Recreation Committee delivers recreation programming and initiates infrastructure improvements in the communities of Dowling, Levack, and Onaping. Since forming in 2014, the Onaping Falls Recreation Committee has been responsible for delivering the Onaping Falls Winter Carnival, Onaping Falls Summer Fest, power skating at the I.J. Coady Arena, summer programming at the A.Y. Jackson Lookout, the development of the Onaping splash pad, and numerous other programs and events that enhance the quality of life for residents.

Seniors Active Living Centres

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA) funds the Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) Program to support organizations to establish sustainable programs to support seniors. The SALC Program is established by the Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017, (SALCA), which defines the SALC Program purpose “to promote active and healthy living, social engagement and learning for persons who are primarily seniors by providing them with activities and services”.

As stipulated in the SALCA, municipal support of the maintenance and operating costs of the SALC program is mandatory to qualify for SALC funding from MSAA. As in past years, the value of the municipal contribution can be cash or in-kind, or a combination of both.

The City currently funds a total of \$108,461 to nine eligible SALCs, noted under the Older Adult Centres category below. The minimum municipal contribution must be 20 percent of the net annual cost of maintaining and operating the program for the funded year for SALCs to be eligible for SALC funding. The municipal contribution does not have a legislated maximum set in the SALCA.

To continue to support SALC operators' ability to provide more varied programs for more older adults in the face of the rising cost of living, MSAA has increased the maximum maintenance and operating funding threshold from \$42,700 in 2023 to \$50,000 in 2024, and \$55,000 in 2025. This means that in 2025-26, MSAA will fund up to 80 percent of SALC programs' net operating costs, to a maximum of \$55,000.

With the increase to the provincial maximum of the SALC grant, it is anticipated that currently funded SALCs may report increased net operating costs and request additional funding from the City to meet the 20 percent minimum contribution.

Community Action Networks

In 2024, the City initiated a review of the Community Action Networks (CANs) at the request of City Council, as part of the 2019-2027 Strategic Plan. The actionable item falls under 5.5. Build Community Pride Through Internal and External Promotion of the City; Develop a community engagement framework and strategy that focuses on ensuring consistent and authentic engagement opportunities for citizens.

The City retained Stuckless Consulting to review the current CAN program and provide recommendations for improvement to the current CAN program model, or a new community development model. Over several months the consultant facilitated focus groups and conducted community consultations with key partners, including City Council, staff, CAN executives and members, along with other community groups and

residents. It is expected the final report and recommendations will be presented to City Council in Q2 of 2025.

Annual grant funding for 2025 will be awarded to those CANs in compliance with financial deliverables. Moving forward, City staff will look to City Council for direction on the future of the CAN program and annual grant funding.

2025 Annual Grants

Attachment 3 - 2025 Annual Grants provides a detailed listing of organizations and associated grant amounts for all annual grants.

Older Adult Centres

In accordance with the provisions of the Seniors Active Living Centres Act mandated under the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, the City contributes annually to eligible seniors' centres in the amount of 20 percent of the centre's eligible operating and maintenance costs that are directly related to providing programs and services to seniors. Total grants issued amount to \$108,461.

Youth Centres

Annual grants are provided to youth centres to assist with operating costs. Total grants issued amount to \$60,000.

Community Centres

Annual grants to community centres assist with operating costs of non-municipally owned facilities as well as for delivery of recreation programs. Total grants issued amount to \$106,000.

Special Events or Purposes

Annual grants to specified organizations assist with costs related to annual community events. Total grants issued amount to \$45,000.

Operating Grants of Certain Organizations

Annual grants to specified organizations assist with costs to support operations and activities. Total grants issued amount to \$275,030.

Curling Clubs

Specified non-profit curling clubs receive an annual grant for property tax relief. Total grants issued amount to \$18,700 (estimate).

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 those 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 percent of unspent grant funds to the following year with City approval. Total grants issued amount to \$50,000.

Next Steps

Upon passing of the by-law to authorize 2025 annual grants, recipients will be sent a 2025 grant agreement.

Where applicable, funds will be issued to a recipient upon confirmation of expected need and following verification that all required year-end deliverables for their 2024 grant are received and in compliance.

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