

Healthy Community Initiative Fund Applications – April 20, 2026

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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 – April 20, 2026", from the General Manager of Community Services, presented at the Community and Emergency Services Committee meeting on April 20, 2026;

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 advancement of City-led goals from Population Health, A Call to Action 2018-2028 as identified in the City of Greater Sudbury's Strategic 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 the HCI Fund Policy is that HCI funds should be used primarily for funding city-owned capital projects (Capital) and only 25% of the annual ward allocation may be spent on eligible grant applications (Grant). To clarify the distinction, the HCI Fund Policy and reporting categorize funding into two streams: Capital Projects and Grants.

Any funds in a ward allocation not spent at the end of a calendar year may be carried forward for the benefit

of the applicable ward; however, carry-forward balances may only be expended on eligible Capital projects. As a result, individual wards may carry different HCI capital balances from year to year.

2026 Budget

Through Resolution FA2025- 51- A28, Council approved a pause of \$350,000 to the 2026 capital budget allocation for the HCI Fund. This pause affects the availability of new 2026 capital funding but does not remove GM or Council authority to approve HCI Capital Project funds where sufficient prior-year HCI capital carryover funding is available.

Accordingly, in 2026:

- HCI Capital Projects may continue to be submitted and approved; and
- Grant applications may continue to be considered within the approved 2026 HCI grant budget, in accordance with the approval thresholds set out in the HCI Fund Policy.

While the HCI Fund Policy includes a guideline that no more than 25 per cent of an annual ward allocation be directed to grants, this guideline is applied in the context of the approved 2026 grant budget, with capital funding availability limited to prior-year carryover balances.

By-law 2018-129 Approval Authority

All requests that meet HCI funding criteria and are recommended by the General Manager of Community Services (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

See Appendix 1 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund – Applications for a list of HCI Fund requests by ward as recommended by the General Manager for approval by Council. All projects listed in Appendix 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.

See Appendix 2 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund – Application Outcomes for a list of HCI Fund applications that were approved or denied by the General Manager since the last report presented at the Community & Emergency Services Committee meeting on March 23, 2026.

See Attachment 1 – Healthy Community Initiative Fund Financials for recommended approvals contained in this report as well as a summary of HCI fund allocation balances up to March 6, 2026. 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 – April 20, 2026**

Capital Funds

Ward	Recipient	Project	Purpose of Funds	Estimated Annual Operating Costs	Amount Recommended for Approval by the GM
	No items to report				

Grants

Ward	Recipient	Initiative	Purpose of Funds	Amount Recommended for Approval by the GM
2	Lively 75 th Anniversary Committee	Lively 75 th Anniversary	Assist with costs of stage and sound equipment rental	\$3,000 As per resolution CC2018-147, the City is also waiving facility rental costs for the facilities associated with this event (milestone community anniversary).

Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) Fund

Applications Approved/Denied by the General Manager of Community Services

For the period of February 6, 2026 to March 6, 2026

Successful Applications

Capital

Ward	Recipient	Project	Purpose of Funds	Estimated Annual Operating Costs	Amount Approved
	No items to report				

Grants

Ward	Recipient	Initiative	Purpose of Funds	Amount Approved
3	Onaping Falls Hamper Fund	Christmas Hampers	Assist with costs of supplies to provide Christmas hampers to families in Dowling, Onaping, and Levack	\$1,000
3	Onaping Falls Snowmobile Club	Volunteer Breakfast	Assist with costs related to hosting volunteer appreciation breakfast	\$500
10	Magical Paws Pet Therapy	Woof Fest	Assist with costs related to venue rental, children’s activities, and prizes	\$500

Unsuccessful Applications

Ward	Applicant	Initiative	Amount Requested	Reason(s) for Denial
	No items to report			