

## **Annual Grants**

### **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 costs to deliver special events and programs. The majority of funds are budgeted in the Leisure Services Division operating budget with the exceptions of grants to the Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society (Communications & Citizen Services), the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre (Communications & Citizen Services), Samaritan Centre (Children & Social Services) and the Social Planning Council (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, the following resolution was passed:

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.

2019 annual grants were approved by Council at the Council meeting of April 9, 2019 by passing by-law 2019-55, By-law to Authorize the Payment of Grants to Various Non-Profit Community Organizations in the Leisure Services Sector.

Upon Council's direction, a Grant Agreement accompanied 2019 annual grants which outlined the permitted uses of the grant and requirements for year end reporting. Post project reports were to be returned by April 1, 2020.

## **2019 Annual Grant Review**

Grant agreements for annual grant recipients outlined permitted use of grants, eligible and ineligible expenses and the requirement to provide a year end report and financial statements. Year end reports were to include a narrative describing 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 2019 year end reports is attached as Appendix A - 2019 Annual Grant Year End Report Summary.

## **Changes from Previous Annual Grant Reports**

The following is a summary of additions and changes to annual grants from previous year's reports:

### **Greater Sudbury Blueberry Festival**

Funding in the amount of \$2,500 has been historically issued through the Leisure Services Special Events budget and provided to Downtown Sudbury to support the Greater Sudbury Blueberry Festival. In consultation with the event organizer, the grant will be issued through the annual community grant process to better align with similar grants for other special events and to ease administrative burdens on the event organizer. There is no tax levy impact as a result of the change. The grant will be subject to future value for money reviews.

### **Human League Association**

Through the 2020 budget process, Council one-time emergency funding to the Human League Association emergency funding in the amount of \$50,000 subject to the group obtaining charitable status (Resolution CC2019-254). Charitable status has been obtained and verified by City staff.

### **Kivi Park**

At the Community Services Committee of Monday, September 16, 2019 Council approved a resolution redirecting funds received through Contract CDD17-287 (Purchase of Service Agreement for Sports Equipment Rental Operations) and approved an annual grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Clifford & Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation to support operations of Kivi Park (Resolution CS2019-15).

### **Northern Ontario Railway Museum & Heritage Centre**

Through the 2020 budget process, annual funding for the Northern Ontario Railway Museum & Heritage Centre was increased to \$106,430 (Resolution FA2019-93).

### **Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association – Canada Day**

An annual grant in the amount of \$11,000 has been historically issued through the City of Greater Sudbury's Arts & Culture Grant Program, administered by Economic Development and provided to the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association to support Canada Day festivities at the Sudbury Community Arena. In consultation with the event organizer and Economic Development staff, the grant will be issued through the annual community grant process to better align with similar grants for other special events and to ease administrative burdens on the event organizer. There is no tax levy impact as a result of the change. The grant will be subject to future value for money reviews.

### **Other Notes**

Through the 2020 budget process Council also approved the following grants. These grants have been previously authorized at the City Council meeting of January 20, 2020 and are outside the scope of this report:

- By-law 2020-13 authorized a grant to the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee Inc. for the 2020 calendar year, as approved in the budget process.
- By-law 2020-18 authorized a grant to the Clifford & Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation for 2020 in the amount of \$13,862 as contribution towards the cost of property taxes associated with Kivi Park.
- By-law 2020-19 authorized one-time funding for the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association for operational purposes in the amount of \$30,000.

## **2020 Annual Grants**

### **Community Centres**

Annual grants to the following community centers assist with the operating costs of non-municipally owned facilities as well as for the delivery of recreation programs.

Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club	\$16,000
Carole Richard Park Community Centre	\$16,000
Kukagami Campers Association	\$10,000
Penage Road Community Centre	\$16,000
Skead Community Centre	\$16,000
Wahnapitae Community Centre	\$16,000
<b>Community Centres Total</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>

### Special Events

Annual grants to the following organizations assist with costs related to annual community events.

Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society Fall Fair	\$2,500
Downtown Sudbury – Blueberry Festival	\$2,500
Onaping Falls Lions Club Cavalcade of Colours	\$1,500
Science North Canada Day Celebration (fireworks)	\$30,000
Sudbury Multicultural and Folks Arts Association	\$11,000

<b>Special Events Total</b>	<b>\$47,500</b>
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### Community Action Networks

At the City Council meeting of December 12, 2017, revised Terms of Engagement for Community Action Networks were approved which identify that 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% of unspent grant funds to the following year with City approval.

Azilda	\$2,500
Capreol	\$2,500
Chelmsford	\$2,500
Coniston	\$2,500
Copper Cliff	\$2,500
Donovan/Elm West	\$2,500
Flour Mill	\$2,500
Garson/Falconbridge	\$2,500
Minnow Lake	\$2,500
Onaping Falls	\$2,500
South End	\$2,500
Uptown	\$2,500
Valley East	\$2,500
Walden <sup>1</sup>	\$0
Ward 1	\$2,500
Ward 8	\$2,500

<b>Community Action Networks Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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Notes:

1. Walden CAN will not require grant funds for 2020 and did not receive grant funds in 2019. They will use the 2018 carryover to complete projects in 2020.

### **Older Adult Centres**

In accordance with the provisions of the Seniors Active Living Centres Act (formerly the Elderly Persons Centres Act) mandated under the Ministry of Seniors Affairs, the City contributes annually to eligible seniors centres in the amount of 20% of the centre's eligible operational costs. The following is a summary of the approved Seniors Active Living Centres.

Club 50 Chelmsford	\$12,000
Club Accueil Âge d'Or - Azilda	\$14,100
Centre Club d'Âge d'Or de la Vallée	\$17,080
Club Amical du Nouveau Sudbury	\$19,354
Nickel Centre Seniors Club	\$6,700
Onaping Falls Golden Age Club	\$9,527
One Eleven Senior Citizens Centre	\$12,000
Parkside Older Adult Centre Sudbury	\$12,000
Rayside-Balfour Senior Craft Shop	\$5,700
<b>Older Adult Centres Total</b>	<b>\$108,461</b>

### **Youth Centres**

Annual grants are provided to the following organizations to assist with costs associated with operating youth centre sites.

Rayside-Balfour Youth Centre	\$60,000
Sudbury Action Centre for Youth	\$89,120
<b>Youth Centres Total</b>	<b>\$149,120</b>

### **Miscellaneous Annual Grants**

The following organizations receive annual grants to support operations and activities.

Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre	\$106,430
Child and Community Resources	\$40,000
Rainbow Routes Association	\$45,000
Samaritan Centre	\$27,000
Social Planning Council of Sudbury	\$50,000
Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers	\$50,000
Volunteer Sudbury/Bénévolat Sudbury	\$10,000
Clifford & Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation	\$25,000
Human League Association	\$50,000
<b>Miscellaneous Annual Grants Total</b>	<b>\$403,430</b>

## Next Steps

Upon passing of the by-law to authorize 2020 annual grants, recipients will be sent a 2020 grant agreement. The grant agreements will outline the permitted uses of the grant and requirements for year end reporting.

As per previous Council direction, a value for money audit will be conducted on annual grants after a five year period (year 2022) at which time organizations will be required to reapply for annual grants.

## References

2020 grant to Junction Creek Stewardship Committee Inc. (January 21, 2020)  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1462&itemid=18210&lang=en>

2020 grant to the Clifford & Lily Fielding Charitable Foundation (January 21, 2020)  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&attachment=28555.pdf>

2020 grant to Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association (January 21, 2020)  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1462&itemid=18216&lang=en>

Annual Grants Report, City Council (April 9, 2019)  
<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=1242&itemid=15121>

Kivi Park Update, Community Services Committee (September 16, 2019)  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1357&itemid=17280&lang=en>

Annual Grants Value for Money Review, Finance and Administration Committee (January 17, 2017)  
<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=2&id=1167>

Annual Grants Draft Application/Criteria, Finance and Administration Committee (November 15, 2016)  
<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=4&id=975>

Annual Grants Allocation Background, Finance and Administration Committee (July 7, 2015)  
<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=3&id=842>