

Background

The primary goal of the Neighbourhood Association Annual Grant Allocation is to recognize and respond to individual neighbourhood needs, promote neighbourhood uniqueness and to encourage neighbourhood participation. Neighbourhood Associations which are affiliated with the City of Greater Sudbury Leisure Services Division are considered for a grant within the limits of the available financial resources.

As part of the 2017 budget process, Council approved the annual budget allocation in support of the Neighbourhood Associations. Associations are entitled to no more than one grant per year and are required to complete a grant application form which details the purpose of their grant.

A Post-Project Report must be submitted by each Association upon utilization of the funds. Subsequent grant applications from an Association will not be considered unless a Post-Project Report has been submitted for previous grants issued to that Association.

Grant applications have been reviewed by an ad-hoc committee consisting of Leisure Services Division staff and Neighbourhood Associations volunteers.

The following are eligible expenditure categories for Neighbourhood Association annual grants:

Equipment

Equipment purchases should create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to take part in a wide range of sports and leisure programs and support Neighbourhood Association activities. The purchased equipment will remain the property of the City of Greater Sudbury should an Association dissolve.

Community Special Events

Community special events hosted by the Association will reflect neighbourhood needs and priorities. Localized special events allow volunteers to create new partnerships, sponsorships, attract new volunteers and foster community engagement and involvement for all ages.

Operating Costs

Operating costs are defined as the Association's ongoing costs, i.e. mail outs, gas, oil, telephone, etc. Costs to hire staff are not eligible for funding. The intent of the operating fund is to assist Associations in effectively conducting their business and enabling them to use their own fundraising dollars for ongoing activities.

The attached summary sheet (Appendix A – Neighbourhood Association 2017 Grant Allocation) outlines the 2017 allocation requests. The budgeted funds are being distributed to a total of 36 Neighbourhood Playground Associations throughout the City of Greater Sudbury.