

Recommendation:

That the Treasurer-2023-26 report, dated December 5, 2023 regarding the Draft Community Grant Policy be received, that Council provide comments on Draft Policy F-9 – Community Grant Program and that a finalized version be brought to Council on December 19, 2023 for approval.

Overview:

The Township periodically receives various requests for funding to support local organizations and individuals. There is currently no policy to dictate who is eligible to receive the funding and how community members apply for funding. The draft Community Grant Policy is attached to this report and provides clear guidelines regarding who is eligible to receive a community grant and how they apply. Also attached is the corresponding application that will need to be completed when applying.

Conclusion:

The feedback that Council provided at the June 27, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting was considered while developing the proposed policy along with policies from other municipalities. Staff will revise the policy for the December 19, 2023, Council meeting if there is any feedback and comments to incorporate.

Financial Impact:

The annual budget related to community grants was increased from \$3,900 to \$5,000 during the 2024 Budget process.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To develop and/or assist with the development and delivery of social and recreational programs as well as effectively maintaining and updating recreational facilities to promote healthy lifestyles and meet the broad range of community needs.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Draft Community Grant Policy.docx
Attachments:	- Community Grant Program Policy - 2nd Draft.pdf - Community Grant Program Application - 2nd Draft.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Nov 29, 2023

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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