

Recommendation:

That the Treasurer-2024-03 report, dated April 2, 2024, regarding Community Grant Requests be received, and;

That Council provide staff with direction regarding the Community Grant request from the Morton Community Healthcare Centre for 50% of the 2023 and 2024 municipal portion of the property taxes which totals \$7,711.78.

That Council provide staff with direction regarding the Community Grant request from the Warsaw and District Lion's Club for the 2024 property tax amount of \$1,324.49.

Overview:

The Township has received four grant requests to date, one of which was already approved by Council allocating \$1,000 to Kawartha Lake Stewards Association. The other three applications have been attached to this report and the details are summarized below:

Application #1

Applicant: INSPIRE Women's Portrait Project

Amount: \$500

Purpose: To cover the speaker fees for their International Women's Day event to be held March 8th.

Commentary: This application met all criteria of the policy.

Request Outcome: \$500 was approved and provided to the applicant.

Staff followed up with the applicant leading up to the event and we were informed that due to unforeseen circumstances the event would not be taking place, and we received our contribution back from the applicant. This is a good example of the audit/follow-up process that staff will be undertaking to ensure that the funds will be used for the purpose as stated in the application.

Application #2

Applicant: Morton Community Healthcare Centre

Amount: 50% of the municipal portion of the 2023 & 2024 property taxes. The amount for 2023 would be \$3,718.31 and approximately \$3,993.47 for 2024.

Purpose: Morton Community Healthcare Centre has indicated on their application that the funds requested are required to fund the roof replacement at the facility.

Commentary: Morton Community Centre has received funding from the Township since 2012. Council approved a 4-year commitment to the Community Healthcare Centre which ended in 2022. The Community Grant Policy states that the applicant needs to demonstrate a financial need; in reviewing the financial statements provided by the Community Centre staff feel that they are in good overall financial health.

Possible Outcome: Given the new policy that is now in place for these types of requests, the \$5,000 budget for the Community Grant Program and the financial condition of the Community Healthcare Centre, staff is recommending that Council provide \$1,000 to the Healthcare Centre. This amount shows continued support for the Centre but will also allow the Township to support other organizations.

Application #3

Applicant: The Warsaw and District Lion's Club

Amount: 2024 property tax amounts for both the County and the Township owned properties. The amount for 2024 would approximately be \$1,324.50.

Purpose: The Warsaw and District Lion's Club has indicated on their application that the funds requested will go towards maintenance, upkeep, insurance and event costs such as for the Sunday Concerts and Benefit Cruise Day.

Commentary: The Warsaw and District Lion's Club presented a delegation in 2023 and Council approved a one-time grant equivalent to the total 2023 property tax amount.

Possible Outcome: Assistance on the property taxes would provide more flexibility within the operational costs, therefore, having additional funds towards community events. Staff is recommending that Council grant the full tax amount to the Warsaw and District Lion's Club.

Conclusion:

Even though the INSPIRE Women's Portrait Project International Women's Day event did not occur, this is evidence that the Community Grant policy is working. A local organization was able to apply for support and received the funds in a timely manner. It also shows that having staff follow-up with the applicants is important to ensure funding was used as indicated in the application.

Morton Community Healthcare Centre continues to be a valued member of the community. A staff member will be speaking to their application as a delegate during the Council meeting on April 2, 2024.

The Warsaw and District Lion's Club has existed for over 50 years and continues to be a valued non-profit organization with a focus on making a difference in our community. The Club strives to explore various avenues in order to continue to serve those in our community who require assistance.

Financial Impact:

The total budget allocated for 2024 was \$5,000 for the entire program. The remaining budget is at \$4,000. Upon approval of the recommended amount of \$1,000 provided to the Morton Community Healthcare Centre, and the 2024 property tax amount of \$1,324.49 provided to the Warsaw and District Lion's Club, the remaining budget for the calendar year would be \$1,675.51.

Strategic Plan Applicability: To set out a direction of focus for economic development while utilizing resources to facilitate the promotion of the community.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Community Grants Requests - March 2024.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IWD Grant Submission DD 2024 (002).pdf- Morton Community Healthcare Grant Submission 2024.pdf- Morton Community Healthcare Centre 2022 Financial Statements.pdf- Warsaw Lions Club - Grant Submission 2024.pdf- Community Grant Program Policy - Final.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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