



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023-2024 Community Well-Being Program

Prepared By: Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

Department: CAO

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File Number:

Attachments: Community Well-Being Fund Program Guidelines

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves report number CAO-2023-03-7, prepared by Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law be brought forward to the March 20th Council meeting;

AND that two members of Council are chosen to participate on the Community Well-Being Grant Committee.

Background:

From 2018-2020 the Township of Huron-Kinloss offered a community well-being grant program to local community organizations with funding provided from the NWMO's Community Well-Being Fund. The program offered \$100,000 annually to not-for-profit community groups through an application process. The funding was no longer offered by the NWMO in 2021 and 2022 so the program did not continue.

The past recipients of program funding are outlined in the table below.

Community Group	2018	2019	2020
Lucknow Agricultural Society	\$1,500	\$9,000	\$2,000
Ripley Agricultural Society	\$1,500	\$5,500	\$6,685
School Council – Lucknow Central	\$3,500	\$3,000	
School Council – Ripley-Huron	\$3,500	\$2,400	\$5,987

Community Group	2018	2019	2020
Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 309 Lucknow	\$11,000	\$6,750	
Royal Canadian Legion – Branch 440 Ripley, Ladies Auxiliary	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$1,668
Ripley Huron Skating Club	\$1,750		
Lucknow United Church	\$1,100	\$1,200	
South Kinloss Presbyterian Church		\$4,500	\$10,000
Pine River United Church			\$3,700
Ripley Wolves	\$3,000	\$2,000	
Huron Bruce Minor Hockey Association	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Huron Bruce Minor Hockey Parent's Auxiliary			\$10,000
Purple Grove Community Centre	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$6,500
Lucknow Community Centre	\$5,000	\$9,000	
Kinloss Community Centre			\$6,000
Ripley & District Lions Club	\$2,600	\$3,000	\$3,500
Lucknow Strawberry Summerfest	\$2,200		
Ripley 4-H	\$1,500		
Lucknow & District Chamber of Commerce	\$3,000		
Ripley Business Community	\$3,000	\$5,000	
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bruce Botanical Food Garden	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$1,800
Lucknow Music in the Fields	\$2,500	\$5,000	
Ripley & District Horticultural Society	\$850		
Lucknow & District Horticultural Society	\$3,500		\$3,175
Ripley Curling Club	\$27,500	\$9,000	\$10,000
Lucknow Reunion	\$5,000		
Point Clark Boat Club		\$2,500	\$10,000
Point Clark Dog Park		\$1,000	
Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club		\$9,000	

Community Group	2018	2019	2020
HAWK Theatre			\$4,400
Community Living			\$2,500
Mayfair Ukelele Group			\$2,585
Pine River Watershed			\$2,500

Project funding assisted these groups in planning community events, making capital upgrades to their facilities, purchasing equipment and supplies and facilitating community programs like the Christmas Hamper. The program was always oversubscribed and the recipients were thankful for the extra support. Please note the amounts in the table above is the total approved amount by the Grant Committee, there were a few cases where a group did not complete their project, or a project came in under budget and they did not require as much funding.

Discussion:

This year, the Township received news from the NWMO that we will receive Community Well-Being funding for 2023 and 2024. After three years of great success with our Community Well-Being program, we would like to invest \$100,000 in 2023 and again in 2024 to revive our program. The guidelines of the program are attached.

The intention of the program is to provide funds for projects that benefit the residents of the Township of Huron-Kinloss and that support, sustain, promote, inform, educate, celebrate, preserve and/or provide access to arts, culture, heritage, sports and recreation, social and health, or the environment. Projects where funds go outside the Township are not eligible.

If approved, the Administrative Coordinator will contact our community organizations to inform them of the grant program and will work with them to complete the application. The application requires project specific information including a detailed budget and it must be submitted by the application deadline.

After the application deadline all the applications are presented to and scored by the Community Well-Being Grant Committee. The Grant Committee is made up of the CAO, Treasurer, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and 2 members of Council. Scoring is completed using a weighted scoring matrix to ensure the process is fair, transparent and accountable.

The dates of the program are listed below (pending Council approval):

Program Launch: March 21st 2023

Program Deadline: April 21st 2023

Application Review: Date to be determined (all Grant Committee members must attend from 9:30AM-4PM)

Photo op: Date to be determined 3:30-4:30PM (all Grant Committee members must attend)

Final Reports due: December 15th 2023.

Dates for the 2024 program will be brought forward to Council in the Fall of 2023.

Financial Impacts:

\$200,000 from the NWMO Community Well-Being Fund be put in reserve for the Community Well-Being Grant Program. \$100,000 will be given out in 2023 and again in 2024.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous community and a vibrant community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer