

# STAFF REPORT TO Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission April 19, 2023

### **Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant Program-Spring 2023 Applications**

Please note: The recommendation was varied by the Committee as follows:

- 1. That the Cedar Community Hall grant application for \$3000 for Heritage Day, Family Movie Nights and Fall Community Dinner be approved.
- 2. That Scentient Sessions grant application be declined due to the workshops not being held in Electoral Area A.
- 3. That the Cedar Farmers Market Agricultural Society's grant application for \$400 for Kid's Kits be approved.
- 4. That staff review the "clause 14 using funds for capital items" of the Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grantin-Aid criteria and how it can be modified for future applications.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the level of grant funding be determined for eligible applicants for the spring 2023 intake of the Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant program.

## **BACKGROUND**

Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant funding is available to all nonprofit organizations within the Electoral Area. Since inception, a range of sports, outdoor, artistic, cultural, and social groups have received financial support.

As of the February deadline for the spring grant intake, three grant applications were received. The combined value of the funding requests is \$3,830.00. The eligibility of the applications is to be assessed in accordance with the Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant Program criteria (Attachment 1). The summary table of applications (Table 1) provides an overview of the three applications. Attachments 2 through 4 are the three individual grant applications in full.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A total of \$10,000 for recreation grant funding was approved within the 2023 Financial Plan in the Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Service. This is the first intake for the year, the second intake deadline is in September 2023.

Table 1 provides a summary of the applications received for the February 2023 intake (Attachments 2 through 4) and includes one blank column, which can be used in discussion and calculations of grant funding amounts.

**Table 1: Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grant Applications** 

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Previous Approved Funding in 2022	Comments	Amount for spring 2023 Recommended by committee
Scentient Sessions	Scentient Session Scent Classes	\$430.00	N/A	Proposed location of the workshops (North Oyster Community Centre) is not in RDN EA A  The form indicates nonprofit however description provided is not clear	
Cedar Farmers Market Agricultural Society	Kid's Kits	\$400.00	\$4,270.00 (Returned \$2,222.87 unused funds in early 2023)		
Cedar Community Hall	Various activities including: Heritage Day Family Movie Nights Fall Community Dinner	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00		
Total Grants		\$3,830.00			

# **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

# **REVIEWED BY:**

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# **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. EA A Grant Program Application
- 2. Scentient Sessions EA A Grant Application 2023
- 3. Cedar Farmers Market EA A Grant Program Application 2023
- 4. Cedar Community Hall RDN Area A Grant 2023