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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: June 11, 2024 **REPORT:** 24-067
FROM: Legislative Services **FILE:** 1850-20-2024
SUBJECT: 2024 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING REPORT –
ALLOCATION OF REMAINING FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Corporate Services and Public Safety be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council direct staff to allocate the remaining \$1,319 available in the 2024 Community Enrichment Program grant budget to one of the eligible organizations.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to request that Council allocate the remaining funds from the 2024 Community Enrichment Program (CEP) budget to one or some of the organizations listed below.

Information Report Administrative Report (Decision or Direction)

DISCUSSION

Background

Each year, the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) financially supports local not-for-profit organizations or societies whose work benefits the Whistler Community through the CEP.

The 2024 CEP budget is \$180,504, representing approximately 0.2 per cent of the total RMOW operating budget. Within the CEP budget, a minimum of \$6,000 is for scholarships that are awarded to Whistler Secondary School (WSS) graduating students.

During the Regular Council Meeting on April 23, 2024 Council awarded \$169,185 to the CEP applicants. On June 4, 2024 at the WSS Awards Event, Council provided ten \$1,000 scholarships to ten students graduating from WSS. That left \$1,319.36 unallocated in the CEP budget. There is no requirement under the CEP Policy to fully utilize all of the funds.

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Further, at the April 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council requested that staff return to a future meeting to determine if the remaining funds from the CEP budget should be allocated to one or more of the applicant organizations.

Analysis

In 2024, the RMOW received 39 CEP applications from 35 organizations, requesting a total of \$288,572. As in previous years, the total amount requested far exceeded the amount available in the CEP budget.

From the 35 different CEP applicants, the following organizations received their full requested amount:

1. Sea to Sky Community Services Society
2. Whistler Independent Supported Housing Society
3. Whistler Naturalists - Bird Studies
4. Whistler Gymnastics Club
5. Whistler Youth Soccer Club
6. The Whistler Writing Society
7. Whistler Valley Quilters' Guild Society
8. Whistler Chamber Music Society

31 applications did not receive the fully requested amount and therefore could still benefit from the allocation of the remaining CEP funds.

No.	Organization name	Amount requested	Amount approved	Amount not received	Funding previously allocated for these programs/needs
1	PearlSpace Support Services Society- PEACE	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	PEACE program
2	PearlSpace Support Services Society- Whistler Drop-in Centre	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$3,000	Whistler Drop-in program
3	Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	Coordination/oversight of program materials and promotion
4	The Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC	\$13,005	\$5,000	\$8,005	Five TALK sessions
5	Whistler Community Services Society	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	Access to counselling services for Whistler Community
6	Whistler Mature Action Community	\$4,290	\$2,000	\$2,290	MAC sessions and seminar series
7	Whistler Multicultural Society - Multicultural Community Kitchen	\$7,802	\$5,000	\$2,802	Community Kitchen program

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8	Whistler Multicultural Society - Resilience Whistler	\$8,459	\$4,000	\$4,459	Resilience Whistler program
9	Zero Ceiling Society of Canada - Work 2 Live Program	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$8,000	50% of Alumni crisis response emergency support program
10	Whistler Farmers Market	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	Sustainability and First Nations reconciliation (supports 50% of both programs)
11	Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE)	\$9,400	\$5,500	\$3,900	Full funding for GROW Program/\$500 for Keela Annual Subscription
12	Whistler Naturalists-BioBlitz	\$5,700	\$3,500	\$2,200	BioBlitz program
13	Whistler Naturalists-Fungus Among Us	\$4,100	\$3,500	\$600	Fungus Among Us program
14	BC Luge Association	\$5,000	\$1,100	\$3,900	Purchase of jackets for the athletes
15	Sea to Sky Nordics	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	Purchase of equipment for Biathlon and Cross-Country Ski programs
16	Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society	\$8,500	\$7,500	\$1,000	Bursaries
17	Whistler Blackcomb Freestyle Ski Club	\$5,600	\$4,625	\$975	Coach Development program that benefits youth athletes
18	Whistler Mountain Ski Club	\$10,000	\$2,300	\$7,700	NCCP courses and Canadian Ski Instructors courses/ Payment for Para Coaching Module fees
19	Whistler Nordics Ski Club	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	Coaching and cross-country ski program administration for youth and masters
20	Whistler Sailing Association	\$7,220	\$4,300	\$2,920	Purchase of new jibs
21	Whistler Sea Wolves Swim Club	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	Accounting and administrative costs, training equipment and junior coaching program expenses
22	Whistler Skating Club	\$16,229	\$5,000	\$11,229	Full funding for Ice Summit registration and CanSkate supplies/ 50% of NCCP/ \$1,000 coaching
23	Whistler Slo Pitch Association	\$7,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	Purchase of helmets

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24	Whistler Sport Legacies Society	\$12,698	\$5,000	\$7,698	Coaches' wages and 2 spots for Multi Sport summer camp
25	Axeman Rugby Club	\$5,000	\$2,400	\$2,600	Coaching and admin cost for school outreach program
26	Whistler Field Hockey Club	\$9,200	\$1,700	\$7,500	Purchase of physical assets
27	Whistler Wolves Rugby League Football Club	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	Transportation to away games
28	Whistler Youth Baseball Club	\$3,350	\$1,200	\$2,150	Purchase of sports equipment
29	Yoga Buggy	\$6,300	\$1,500	\$4,800	Yoga classes for kids and their families
30	The Point Artist-Run Centre Society	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	50% of the summer concert cost and 50% for grant writer's fee
31	Whistler Singers	\$2,159	\$2,000	\$159	Choral riser

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Council Authority/Previous Decisions

The CEP grants are based on the following policy and legal establishment:

- CEP Policy; and
- *Community Charter*. Council may provide CEP funding to any not-for-profit organization or society pursuant to Section 8(2). “A municipality may provide any service that the council considers necessary or desirable and may do this directly or through another public authority or another person or organization”.
- [2024 Community Enrichment Program Grant Funding Report April 23, 2024](#)

2023-2026 Strategic Plan

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan outlines the high-level direction of the RMOW to help shape community progress during this term of Council. The Strategic Plan contains four priority areas with various associated initiatives that support them. This section identifies how this report links to the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Priorities

Housing

Expedite the delivery of and longer-term planning for employee housing

Climate Action

Mobilize municipal resources toward the implementation of the Big Moves Climate Action Plan

Community Engagement

Strive to connect locals to each other and to the RMOW

Smart Tourism

Preserve and protect Whistler’s unique culture, natural assets and infrastructure

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Not Applicable

Aligns with core municipal work that falls outside the strategic priorities but improves, maintains, updates and/or protects existing and essential community infrastructure or programs

Community Vision and Official Community Plan

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is the RMOW's most important guiding document that sets the community vision and long-term community direction. This section identifies how this report applies to the OCP.

This was described in the April 23, 2024 Administrative [Report](#).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The CEP budget is a percentage of the total RMOW operating budget (0.182 per cent) which remained the same in 2024. This year the CEP budget is \$180,504 and \$1,319 remains unallocated.

LÍŁWAT NATION & SQUAMISH NATION CONSIDERATIONS

The RMOW is committed to working with the Líl'wat People, known in their language as *L'il'wat7úl* and the Squamish People, known in their language as the *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* to: create an enduring relationship; establish collaborative processes for Crown land planning; achieve mutual objectives; and enable participation in Whistler's resort economy.

This section was addressed in the April 23, 2024 [Report](#).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Level of community engagement commitment for this project:

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

This was addressed in the April 23, 2024 [Report](#).

SUMMARY

Through the CEP, the RMOW annually provides grants to local not-for-profit organizations or societies. In 2024, 35 organizations requested support for 39 different programs.

This report seeks approval to allocate the remaining \$1,319 in funds from the 2024 Community Enrichment Program (CEP) budget to CEP applicants who have not received the full requested grant amount.

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