



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Corporate Report

Report from Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee

Date of Report: February 5, 2013

Date of Meeting: February 25, 2013

Report Number: FMS-049-2013

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Subject: 2013 Grant Recommendations

Recommendation

That Council receive and approve the 2013 Grant recommendations, as outlined on Appendix '1', from the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee; and

That a letter be sent to each applicant advising of the committee's recommendations and Council's decision in connection with same. FORTHWITH

Background

Council, at its meeting on December 1, 2008, approved the creation of a grants Committee to review grant applications and recommend approval of grants to Council as part of the 2009 Budget Process. For 2013, the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee assumed the responsibility for the grant review and recommendation.

The mandate of the Committee is to examine and evaluate all grant submissions and interview any group at its discretion. Once this process has been completed, the Committee shall make recommendations to Council for individual grant approval.

Report

The Committee evaluated the submissions from organizations requesting grants. The Committee's 2013 Grant Recommendation report is attached as Appendix '1'.

In prior years, the unallocated amount for grants was used for the following purposes:

1. Grant Appeals
2. Grants approved by Council during the year

For 2013, the funding allocation for grants is \$25,000. As per the attached schedule (Appendix '1'), the grants recommended by the Ad Hoc Budget Review Committee total \$25,000 and thus there is no unallocated amount remaining.

A letter will be sent to each applicant to provide notification of the Committee's recommendations and Council's decision arising from consideration of same, and

advise that they have a 30 day period in which to appeal the decision. Once the Committee has considered all appeals in this regard, the affected applicants will be (a) notified of the Committee's decision, (b) provided with the date upon which Council will consider the Committee's Grant Appeal report, and (c) advised that they may make a presentation during the same evening the appeal Report is to be considered by Council.

Financial Implications

The Committee recommends that \$25,000 be allocated for Grants in 2013.

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GRANTS 2013

	NATURE OF GRANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2013	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION 2013	ACTUAL 2012
UNALLOCATED GRANTS - CODE 783.100				
FORMAL GRANT REQUESTS				
**2010 MASTERS ROWING	5 of 5 year commitment	10,000	10,000	10,000.00
OUR COMMUNITY FOOD STORE				2,500.00
CHORALIS CAMERATA	****	3,675	0	
SINKE SCRAP METAL REQUEST			0	
WAIVING OF FEES				
PETE STOUTENBERG MEMORIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	*	1,600	1,600	1,600.00
RANKIN CANCER RUN	*	1,650	1,650	1,657.93
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL PLANT SALE	*	2,000	2,000	1,762.50
JAYCEES EASTER EGG HUNT	*	2,500	2,500	2,210.53
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTRE NIAGARA		250	250	
CENTURION CYCLING EVENT		7,300		
COMMUNITY LIVING	**	23,500	7,000	
***UNALLOCATED GRANTS				6,691.48
TOTAL		\$52,475	\$25,000	\$26,422.44

*Note: As per council motion of December 1, 2008 - Item # 644-"That Council approve the creation of a Grants Committee to review and recommend approval of grants to council as part of the 2009 Budget Process; and further that an amount of \$25,000 be established as the 2009 amount for grants.

*Note: At the 2011 Grant Committee Meeting (Jan 17,2011) the waived fees noted with an asterisk were approved as annual grants for the term of Council (2011-2014)

** The waiving of permit fees for Community Living is contingent upon the Region waiving its Development Charges for this project. The \$23,500 will be applied to Grants over a three year period (2013-2015)

**** The ad hoc budget committee recommended that the Choralis Camerata grant request be funded from 2013 Operating Budget Performing Arts Centre Sponsorship account.

2013 Approvals at Council

December 17,2012 Council approved **\$3500** for the 2013 Centurion Cycling Event through the Sports Tourism Grant the event is to be hosted in St Catharines August 17-18,2013.

At the January 7,2013 the request to waive fees was approved in the amount of \$7,300. Subsequent to this approval, the Centurion Cycling Event was cancelled.