



**Council
March 2, 2010**

Community Grant Program

Recommendation:

The Commissioner of Recreation, Parks & Culture recommends:

THAT the \$46,000 allocated to the 2010 budget for Community Grant Program purposes remain in the budget

THAT the Community Grant Program Committee provide a report regarding the distribution of the funds or a portion thereof, at a future Committee of the Whole meeting

Background/Purpose:

The following motions were passed at the October 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting and adopted by Council on November 10, 2009

"THAT the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Finance and the Commissioner of Recreation, Parks & Culture dated October 29, 2009 regarding the Community Grant Program be received;

THAT the Community Grants Program guidelines be adopted for 2010 as amended, to reflect the deadline date to receive grant applications is January 31st;

THAT the \$46,000 for in-kind services approved in the 2009 budget be included in the 2010 budget for the Community Grant Program; and

THAT if adopted by Council, a Community Grant Program Committee be established consisting of three (3) members of Council and the Commissioner of Recreation, Parks & Culture

The intention was for the committee to review the grant applications and provide recommendations on how the funds should be allocated at the March 2, 2010 budget meeting.

Analysis/Comment:

The date for receipt of the applications was changed to February 16, 2010 from January 31, 2010 to provide groups and organizations wanting to make a submission time to meet with their membership and prepare their application.

Twenty-two (22) applications were received totaling \$74,500 in Cash and In-Kind Service requests. The Community Grant Committee met on February 17 to review and evaluate the applications. Due to the magnitude of the documentation for each application, a cursory discussion occurred for each but final conclusions and recommendations were not determined. The committee will meet again on February 26 which was too late to meet the agenda deadline for the March 2, 2010 budget meeting.

Strategic Plan Implications: none

Financial Implications: none


Policy Implications: none


Summary:

The committee's intention is to give all applicants equal consideration and make recommendations based on the merit of each application. For this reason we are recommending that the funding remain in the budget and that more time be provided to insure thorough evaluation.

Attachments: none

Submitted by: Community Grant Program Committee

Approved by:  **Commissioner of Recreation,
Parks & Culture**

CAO Approval:  per Richard Shannon, CAO
Feb 25/10