
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATIONS DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That staff in Recreation Services be authorized to submit applications for grants that are supplied to reduce expenditures associated with current or future recreation projects, programs and/or services, or to fund recreation service enhancements.
2. That the Director of Recreation Services and/or Manager of Recreation Business Services be delegated the authority to execute any agreements associated with the acceptance of such grant subject to the following provisions:
 - a) The grant provides 100% funding and does not require any financial commitment from the City of Barrie and is awarded within a timeframe up to a maximum of 4 years;
 - b) The grant provides partial funding and limits the City of Barrie's commitment to a maximum of \$10,000 and is awarded within a timeframe up to a maximum of 3 years; and
 - c) The grant provides partial funding and limits the City of Barrie's commitment to a maximum of \$100,000 and the Recreation Services Department can accommodate this commitment within the existing annual Operating Business Plan.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

3. The Recreation Services department actively pursues available grant funding to enhance the quality and level of service provided to City of Barrie residents and has consistently been able to secure several grants including the following.
 - a) Seniors Community Grant valued at \$3,000;
 - b) Elderly Persons Centre Grant (EPC) for both Allandale and Parkview Seniors Centres valued at approximately \$31,000 and \$41,000 respectively
 - c) Summer Student Grant valued at approximately \$40,000
4. In addition Recreation Services has secured special funding in 2017 through the Elderly Persons Centre Grant for capital works for both Allandale and Parkview of \$15,000 each to install an accessibility ramp, carpet bowling mats, upgrade storage, purchase tables, and provide emergency / first aid training for volunteers and convenors.

5. Looking forward into 2018 staff are also researching additional grant opportunities including new funding available through the Seniors Community Grant, New Horizons, Trillium funding through the Youth Friendly Committee and a Ministry of Sports and Tourism Grant.

ANALYSIS

6. Grant application submissions can prescribe tight timelines and often require significant business case justification, financial and non-financial information, and statistical data. Allowing staff in Recreation Services to actively pursue these grants and provide the necessary authorization to execute the agreement in the acceptance of successful grants will remove an additional barrier that may jeopardize meeting the parameters of the submission.
7. Grant applications are geared towards target demographics to enhance the level of service provided, fund new capital projects, grow a start-up service, and help fund existing programs. It is believed that all grant applications would be supported by Council as they meet key strategic plans for an inclusive community, enhancing services, and minimizing the impact on the tax levy.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

8. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

9. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could choose not to provide the delegated authority outlined in the recommend motion.

This alternative is not recommended as it may put grant application submissions at risk and maintain an additional barrier that is deemed unnecessary as the City is receiving additional funding for programs and services for the community.

FINANCIAL

10. There are no direct financial implications as a result of the proposed recommendation.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

11. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- Inclusive Community
 - Responsible Spending
12. Delegating authority to staff to both submit and accept grants (subject to conditions), through the execution of agreements will streamline the process associated with grant applications. The acceptance of grants enhances Barrie's ability to provide inclusive recreational services, while minimizing the impact on the taxpayer.