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To: Mayor and Members of Council  
From: Andy Allison, CAO  
Date: March 29, 2021  
Re: Community Funding Program

At its November 2, 2020 meeting, Council passed the following Resolution (#C-436-20):

That Report [CSD-009-20](#) be received;

That the Community Funding Program, as outlined in Attachment 1 of Report CSD-009-20, be approved;

That Council direct staff to review applications and recommend funding to the CAO for approval following the recommendations made by the Funding Review Committee;

That staff report annually to Council with the details on the funding provided to the community agencies; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CSD-009-20 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

I am pleased to attach a Memorandum dated March 22, 2022 from the Director of Financial Services and Director of Community Services that outlines how the funds have been allocated.

Report CSD-009-20 set out the composition of the Funding Review Committee. It included three community representatives. The representatives who sat on the committee were able to provide a different and very valuable perspective to the discussion and ultimately to the recommended distribution of the funds. Staff look forward to this community component being part of the success of this funding program in the future.

A total of \$72,500 was approved by Council for distribution under the 2021 Community Funding Program. The attached memorandum shows how \$34,420 of this amount was awarded to successful applicants. Staff believe that there are unallocated funds (\$37,580) for two reasons. First, this is the first year of the new Program. Second, many of our community groups have not returned to a normal level of operation as the result of the pandemic. For these reasons, it is staff's recommendation that we advertise and promote a second intake under the Program with an application deadline of August 31, 2021.



Andy Allison  
CAO

cc: Department Heads  
Funding Review Committee

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To: Andrew Allison, Chief Administrative Officer

From: George Acorn, Director of Community Services | Trevor Pinn, Director  
of Financial Services/Treasurer

Date: Monday March 22, 2021

Re: Clarington Community Funding Program Funding Recipients

The Clarington Community Funding Program Review Committee is pleased to present the following recommendations on funding for your review and approval. Once approved a memo will be drafted to share the information with Mayor and Council and cheques will be prepared for successful applicants.

The Community Development team conducted a thorough review against the approved criteria of all 16 funding applications. Two of the applications were deemed not eligible and 14 applications were forwarded to the committee for consideration. The funding review committee conducted a review of all eligible applications using a pre-approved scoring rubric followed by an engaging discussion and debate. The Committee did request additional information from three applicants prior to finalizing the decisions.

The recommended 2021 Community Funding Program recipients are:

**Autism Home Base Durham Inc.- \$4,000**

Autism Home Base is requesting funding for new technology and program needs to support services through the enhanced safety measures due to COVID-19.

**Scientists in School- \$5,000**

Scientists in School is requesting funding to provide complimentary virtual STEM workshops to the community, in collaboration with the Clarington Public Library.

### **Durham Region Migrant Worker Ministry- \$4,000**

The Durham Region Migrant Worker Ministry is requesting funding to support Temporary Foreign Workers with grocery delivery, personal protective equipment (“PPE”) and program delivery that support local public health guidelines.

### **The Gathering Place- \$3,000**

The Gathering Place is requesting funding to expand their monthly meal delivery to residents in need, in addition to a small group of migrant workers returning to Clarington in early 2021.

### **Liberty Allotment Gardens- \$500**

Liberty Allotment Gardens is requesting funding to frame each individual plot which allows for more residents to participate, therefore increasing local food security.

### **Big Brothers Big Sister of Clarington- \$3,000**

BBBS Clarington is requesting funding to support the implementation of Project Ignite- a training program for staff and volunteers on the Developmental Relationship Framework. This program provides an opportunity to respond effectively to the needs of local children and families.

### **172 Clarington Royal Canadian Air Cadets- \$3,300**

172 Clarington Royal Canadian Air Cadets is requesting funding to increase their local membership through a targeted media campaign.

### **Bowmanville Garden Allotments- \$800**

Bowmanville Garden Allotments is requesting funding to enhance the infrastructure of their new location, therefore increasing membership, food security and social benefits.

### **Newcastle Village and District Historical Society- \$1,500**

Newcastle Village and District Historical Society is requesting funding to increase access to their collection through digital enhancements, online access, a social media campaign and in-person activity as public health guidelines allow.

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### **Clarington Swim Club- \$5,000**

Clarington Swim Club has requested funds to be used to subsidize memberships for families in need. With many residents feeling the financial implications of COVID-19, they expect an increase in those requesting financial aid.

### **Clarington Martial Arts & Fitness- \$4,320**

Clarington Martial Arts & Fitness has requested funds for the creation of an internal subsidized membership program. This program will use established criteria and a committee to identify recipients.

There was \$72,500 available through the 2021 Community Funding Program, of which \$34,420 was awarded to the successful applicants. As the new program was approved by Council for one intake per year, with discretion sitting with the CAO, it is our recommendation that the remaining funds be left for further decision as the impacts of COVID-19 continue to be felt. Should a clear direction not be apparent by Summer 2021, we recommend another call for submissions.

The following groups were not awarded funding:

- Connect 4 Life
- Bowmanville Tennis Club
- Relay for Life Clarington

The groups that were disqualified were:

- Heroes 4 Wildlife
- Clarington Ravens

We are confident that the funding recipients are reflective of the program priorities (Connection, Inclusion, Environment, and Innovation) and will strengthen our community, particularly within the current challenges generated by COVID-19. A copy of each complete application and scoring is available upon request.

With this being the first year within the new program, the Community Development team, in conjunction with the Funding Review Committee are committed to continuous improvement of the program. Next steps include identifying opportunities for growth within the program priorities, deadlines and scoring criteria. There are also plans within the Community Development team for capacity building initiatives within the community that further strengthen the quality of applications over time.

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Thank you for your time.

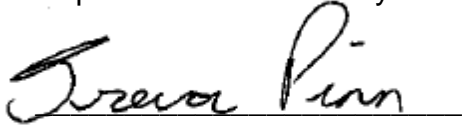


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