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To: Mayor and Members of Council  
From: Andy Allison, CAO  
Date: October 28, 2021  
Re: COVID Support for Hall/Arena Boards

Through [Report FSD-023-21](#), 2021 COVID Support for Hall Boards, Council directed staff as follows:

That the Municipality offer an in-take for the Community COVID-19 Support Program utilizing the guidelines and forms approved in 2020 specifically for hall boards and arena boards;

That the funding for the hall board and arena board in-take be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund (utilizing the Safe Restart Funds) to a maximum of \$60,000 with no limit per organization;

That the Director of Financial Services, Director of Community Services and the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated authority to determine and approve the allocation of funds under the in-take; and

That Staff report back to Committee in September 2021 on the recipients of the funding.

We received a total of 6 applications that represented \$121,300 in requested funding. Staff reviewed the completed applications against the criteria approved by Council to determine their eligibility and awarded funds based on the intent of the program, namely, to support reopening efforts to support their return in recovering from the pandemic and considerate of previous funding amounts received. Based on the review, Staff allocated funding as follows:

Hall/Arena Board	Funding Requested	Funding Awarded
Tyrone Community Centre	\$10,000	\$10,000
Newcastle Memorial Arena	19,000	9,000
Orono Town Hall	25,000	12,500

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Brownsdale Community Centre	5,800	2,900
Solina Community Centre	1,500	1,500
Orono Arena and Community Centre	60,000	24,100

The amount allocated to Newcastle Memorial Arena was based in part on previous COVID relief funding provided to the Arena by Council in the amount of \$41,000.

The fund were remitted to the Community Hall and Arena Boards on September 28, 2021. Copies of all completed applications and supporting documentation are available upon request. Staff are confident that decisions made will support the reopening of Community Hall and Arenas and are consistent to the purpose of the funding program.

Financial Services and Community Services continue to work on evaluating and developing recommendations on how to best support Community Hall and Arena Boards moving forward. [Report FSD-049-21](#) deals with similar issues regarding sustainable support for community boards.

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CAO

cc: George Acorn, Director of Community Services  
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