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To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Andy Allison, CAO
Date: November 17, 2021
Re: Community Funding Support

At the March 29, 2021 General Government Committee meeting, Council directed staff to advertise and promote a second intake under the Community Funding program with an application deadline of August 31, 2021. I am pleased to attach a Memo dated November 5, 2021 from the Director of Financial Services and Director of Community Services that outlines how the funds have been allocated to the community agencies. A total of \$7,700 was awarded to successful applicants.

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. During the first intake of applications a total of \$34,420 was awarded to successful applicants. Staff believe that there are unallocated funds (\$29,880) 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.

As a result, the Community Development team is prepared to support community organizations throughout the 2022 application process. They have planned various information sessions with targeted outreach through our community groups newsletter, in addition to social media/media promotion. Staff, with feedback from the Funding Review Committee, will continue to identify opportunities for growth and change as it pertains to the program priorities, deadlines and scoring criteria.



Andy Allison
CAO

cc: Department Heads
Funding Review Committee

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MEMO

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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: Friday November 5, 2021

Re: Clarington Community Funding Program Funding Recipients- Second
Intake

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 6 funding applications. One of the applications were deemed not eligible and 5 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 two applicants prior to finalizing the decisions.

The recommended 2021 Community Funding Program (Second Intake) recipients are:

DAASC- Durham Alliance Association- \$4,000

Durham Alliance Association is requesting funding to provide a program to LGBTQ+ youth within the community. COVID has had a significant impact on youth and this program is intended to re-instill a sense of belonging, improve self-esteem and normalize being a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Durham Alliance Outreach- \$2,500

Durham Alliance Outreach has recently opened a food bank dedicated to being an inviting space for the LGBTQ+ community. They are seeking funding for supplies and marketing expenses of the food pantry.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation- \$ 500

Central Lake Ontario Conservation is seeking funding to cover the costs of supplies for their Durham Children's Watershed Festival. This event will focus on Indigenous teachings to local children.

Bethesda House- \$ 700

Bethesda House is seeking funding for the annual Clarington Community Christmas Party which sees multiple host agencies and organizations collaborating to host a non-sectarian celebration of the holiday season.

There was \$72,500 available through the 2021 Community Funding Program, of which \$34,420 was awarded to the successful applicants in the first round. As directed by Council, a second intake took place through July and August with a deadline of August 31, 2021. The second intake awarded \$7,700 to the successful applicants, leaving \$30,380 unspent. We anticipate a higher number of applicants in 2022 as COVID restrictions begin to ease and programming begins to pick up in the community.

The following groups were not awarded funding:

- Revitalized Reintegration Services

The groups that were disqualified were:

- Long Term Development Sports Inc.

These groups will be contacted by the Community Development team for support and guidance on their applications to the December intake of the Community Funding Program for 2022.

We are confident that the funding recipients are reflective of the program priorities (Connection, Inclusion, Environment, and Innovation) and will strengthen our community. A copy of each complete application and scoring is available upon request.

As we go into the second year of applications in December, the Community Development team is prepared to support community organizations throughout the application process. There are various information sessions planned with targeted

outreach through our community groups newsletter, in addition to social media/media promotion. As we close the books on the initial year of this new funding program, staff, with feedback from the Funding Review Committee, will continue to identify opportunities for growth and change as it pertains to the program priorities, deadlines and scoring criteria.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Job Title: Director of Community Services
Department: Community Services



Name: Trevor Pinn, CPA, CA
Job Title: Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
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Cc:
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