

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
**CORPORATE REPORT**



**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services, CPA, CGA

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Grants-in-Aid

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive the April 14, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2025 Grants-in-Aid" for consideration, and direct staff on the allocation of the 2025 Grants-in-Aid funding available.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information on the 2025 Grants-In-Aid ("GIA") applications received to assist Council in allocating the 2025 GIA funding available - \$25K.

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The City's criteria and process for administering GIA are provided for in City Council Policy No. 302, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A. Per the Policy, eligibility criteria include:

- Membership of the group, team or society applying for the grant should be at least 25% from White Rock. (Section 8.a)
- The grant must be used to contribute to the general interest and advantages of White Rock residents, with new initiatives being a higher priority. (Section 8.e).
- Organizations that receive other funding from the City, for example a Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE), or operating funding, will be given a lower priority (Section 8.f).
- Organizations must submit their most recent financial statements and approved budgets. Where applicable, itemized budgets should also be submitted for specific events that funding is being applied for. (Section 8.g)

Section 5 of the Policy states that Council will review and determine the award status of the application by April 1 each year. Due to challenges in obtaining required financial information, this deadline was not met in 2025. Staff will ensure that the deadline is met in 2026.

It is important to note that this Policy was revised at the March 11, 2024, Council meeting as follows:

- merge the Arts and General GIA streams into one single program (stream);

- reduce the maximum grant per applicant to \$1K (previously \$2K for General GIAs and \$5K for Arts GIAs) for all applications; and
- give preference to applications for new events or programs.

The amended policy also gives lower priority to those organizations who receive other funding from the City, for example a permissive tax exemption (PTE).

The City received 31 GIA applications for the 2025 program with a total of \$30,490 requested. The applications have been attached as Appendix B.

The applications received have been grouped into 3 (three) tables in the next section.

### Summary of Grant-in-Aid Applications

Table 1 lists the 11 applications received that staff felt met all of the criteria (total grant request of \$11K). Specifically, the program/event will take place in White Rock or will directly impact residents of White Rock, and both financial statements and a budget were submitted.

**Table 1**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Event/Program</b>	<b>Program/ Event Date</b>	<b>2025 Grant Request</b>	<b>2024 Grant Awarded</b>
Avalon Recovery Society, White Rock Women's Centre	Peer Support expansion project for women in need	Year-round	\$1,000	n/a
Brella Community Services Society	Subsidized transportation for seniors to attend social and community events	Jan – Dec 2025	1,000	n/a
Christmas on the Peninsula Society	Room rent for Christmas on the Peninsula Festival	Nov 2025	1,000	1,000
READ Surrey/White Rock Society	"What the Seal Saw" Pop-Up StoryWalk event near the Pier or Memorial Park	White Rock Sea Festival or standalone event	1,000	n/a
Semiahmoo Arts Society	Canvasses and artist honorariums at Pop Up event	Jul – Aug 2025	1,000	1,000
Semiahmoo Family Place Association	Facilitator wages and program supplies	Year-round	1,000	1,000
Semiahmoo Peninsula Marine Rescue Society	Ongoing support of RCMSAR 5 services	Year-round	1,000	1,000
South Rock Social Justice Film Society	Purchase screening rights for films	Sep – May 2025	1,000	1,000

South Surrey White Rock Repair Café	Signage, materials, tools, refreshments for volunteers	Apr – Oct 2025	1,000	1,000
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society (VCDS)	Complimentary transportation for White Rock cancer patients	Year-round	1,000	1,000
White Rock Elks Lodge No. 431	Charitable giving	Year-round	1,000	1,000

Table 2 lists the 13 applications received that did not necessarily meet all the grant criteria (total grant request of \$12.5K). The majority of the applicants in the list below did not submit full financial information (both a balance sheet and an income statement). However, three (3) of these applicants - Chinese Traditional Dance Group, Piece Arch Quilters and Semiahmoo Secondary – are volunteer groups and are not registered charities or societies. As they are not ‘organizations’ per se, they do not have or produce financial statements. Please see the *Notes on Application* column for more information.

**Table 2**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Event Program</b>	<b>Program/ Event Date</b>	<b>2025 Grant Request</b>	<b>2024 Grant Awarded</b>	<b>Application Notes</b>
Arts Rock Society BC	Busking stage at the 2025 White Rock Sea Festival and Semiahmoo Days	BC Day weekend	\$1,000	n/a	Only balance sheet provided, no income statement.
BC Pets and Friends	Pet Therapy - funding for part-time staff and to grow the volunteer base	Year- round	1,000	1,000	Application does not reference events or services for residents of White Rock.
Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) White Rock Surrey	Salute to seniors at National Seniors Day event	Oct 2025	1,000	1,000	Financial statements not submitted.
Chinese Traditional Dance Group	Rent an internal venue, costumes and accessories for performances to/for White Rock seniors	Beginning May 2025	990	n/a	Financial statements not submitted. <i>Volunteer group.</i>
Naked Stage Productions Society	Licensing fees (for productions) to be presented at the Culture Crawl	Oct 2025	500	500	Only income statement provided, no balance sheet

Peninsula Arts Foundation	Scholarship to an artist in need in South Surrey/White Rock	Year-round	1,000	1,000	Scholarship could be awarded to an artist outside of White Rock.
Piece Arch Quilters	Comfort quilts for Family Enhancement program at Options and placemats for Meals on Wheels - members in White Rock	Year-round	1,000	n/a	Only income statement provided, no balance sheet. <i>Volunteer group.</i>
Semiahmoo (Secondary) Dry Grad 2025	Semiahmoo Secondary Dry Grad 2025	May 2025	1,000	1,000	Financial statements not submitted. <i>Volunteer group.</i>
South Rock Art Tour	Promotion for the South Rock Art Tour	Sep 2025	1,000	1,000	Only income statement provided, no balance sheet.
Threads of Power Foundation	Support Volunteers and secure rental space	Year-round	1,000	n/a	No financial statements submitted. Budget provided was only until March 31/25.
Together South Surrey White Rock	Together SSWR Rebrand	N/A	1,000	1,000	Only income statement provided, no balance sheet.
White Rock City Orchestra	Opera on the Rocks - Orchestral Version	Jun 2025	1,000	n/a	No financial statements submitted.
White Rock Farmer's Market	Provide support to local programs such as the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon program	Apr – Oct 2025	1,000	1,000	Only income statement provided, no balance sheet.

Table 3 lists the remaining seven (7) applications (total grant request of \$7K). Please note that these organizations currently receive Property Tax Exemptions (PTE) from the City. Please see the notations under the “*Application Notes*” column for more information.

**Table 3**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Event/Program</b>	<b>Program / Event Date</b>	<b>2025 Grant Request</b>	<b>2024 Grant Awarded</b>	<b>Application Notes</b>
Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club	Recruitment, community outreach and open house projects	Apr – Sep 2025	\$1,000	\$643	2025 PTE estimated \$2,150
Peace Arch Curling Club	Marketing and community engagement	Sep 2025	1,000	1,000	2025 PTE estimated \$9,870. Only income statement provided, no balance sheet.
Peace Arch Hospital and Community Foundation	Youth in Action program for Grade 10 to 12 students in White Rock and South Surrey	Sep – Jun 2025	1,000	643	2025 PTE estimated \$43,560
Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary	Room rental for volunteer meetings for volunteer	Feb – Nov 2025	1,000	643	2025 PTE estimated \$9,010
Sources Foundation	Coldest Night of the Year 2025	Feb 2025	1,000	643	2025 PTE estimated \$12,010
White Rock Lawn Bowling Club	Exterior painting of the clubhouse	n/a	1,000	1,000	2025 PTE estimated \$3,820
White Rock South Surrey Stroke Recovery Branch	To support ongoing program costs such as salary, rent, and insurance.	Year-round	1,000	643	2025 PTE estimated \$120

If Council were to allocate the requested grants to all the applications received from organizations that are not already receiving a property tax exemption from the City, the total awarded would equal \$23.5K. This would leave \$1.5K to allocate amongst the applications from organizations who already receive some form of funding or tax exemption from the City.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget for the 2025 GIA program is included in the City’s financial plan bylaw at \$25K.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The allocation of grants from the City's GIA program aligns with Council's strategic priorities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Council has sole discretion as to the allocation of the General GIA funding. Staff seek Council's direction on the allocation of the 2025 Grants-in-Aid funding available.

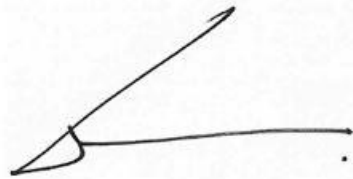
Respectfully submitted,



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### **Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

This corporate report is provided for Council's consideration and direction to staff.



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Appendix A: Policy 302 Grants-In-Aid  
Appendix B: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Applications