THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: June 23, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services

SUBJECT: 2025 Grants-in-Aid – Late Applications

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the June 23, 2025, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2025 Grants-in-Aid Late Applications" for consideration, and direct staff on the allocation of the remaining 2025 Grants-in-Aid funding available.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the 2025 Grants-In-Aid ("GIA") late applications received after February 1^{st} deadline to assist Council in allocating the remaining 2025 GIA funding available - 1^{st} .

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The City's process for administering Grants-in-Aid (GIA) is governed by Council Policy No. 302 (attached as *Appendix A*). In accordance with the policy, the following eligibility criteria apply:

- At least 25% of the group, team, or society's membership must be residents of White Rock (Section 8.a).
- Grant funding must be used to support initiatives that benefit the general interest and well-being of White Rock residents, with preference given to new or innovative programs (Section 8.e).
- Organizations that already receive financial support from the City—such as a Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE) or operating funding—are given lower priority (Section 8.f).
- Applicants are required to submit their most recent financial statements and approved budgets. If the application relates to a specific event, an itemized budget must also be provided (Section 8.g).

The policy also allows for the consideration of late applications, provided they are received by early June to allow sufficient time for review and potential approval within the current budget year.

For the 2025 intake, the City received 31 GIA applications by the first deadline of February 1st. At the April 14, 2025, Regular Council meeting, \$24K of the available \$25K in funding was awarded to the applicants listed in Appendix B, leaving \$1K available to be awarded to late applicants.

Summary of Grant-in-Aid Late Applications

The table below summarizes the two late Grant-in-Aid applications received between February 1 and June 10. In both cases, the proposed programs or events will either take place in White Rock or have a direct and meaningful impact on White Rock residents. Each applicant submitted the required financial statements and a corresponding budget in support of their request.

Table	1	

Applicant	Event/Program	Program/ Event Date	2025 Grant Request	2024 Grant Awarded	Application Notes
Canada West Wushu Association	Host Provincial Championship event at White Rock Centennial Park or WRCC	Aug 24, 2025	\$1,000	n/a	Martial arts association with year round programs from kids to seniors. 50% of members live in White Rock
White Rock Tennis Club	Funding to cover replacement cost of a battery and pads for an AED – automated external defibrillator	n/a	\$800	n/a	2025 PTE exemption - \$ 1,710

Note: The White Rock Tennis Club currently receives a Property Tax Exemption (PTE) from the City, valued at \$1,710 for 2025. The current remaining GIA funding available for 2025 is \$1,000. If Council chooses to allocate this amount to the applicant that does not receive a PTE or other City funding, the available GIA budget for 2025 would be fully allocated, with no remaining funds for additional requests.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025 Grants-in-Aid program is funded through the City's Financial Plan Bylaw, with a total budget of \$25,000. At this time, \$1,000 remains available for allocation.

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 remaining \$1K of 2025 Grants-in-Aid funding available.

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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.

Guillermo Ferrero Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Policy 302 Grants-In-Aid Appendix B: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Awards Allocated on April 14, 2025 Appendix C: 2025 Late Grant Applications