

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



**DATE:** May 12, 2021

**TO:** Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee

**FROM:** Colleen Ponzini, Director, Financial Services

**SUBJECT:** 2021 General Grants-In-Aid

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee make recommendations to Council on 2021 General Grants-In-Aid for approval.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information on 2021 General Grants-In-Aid requests, to assist the sub-committee in making recommendations on the allocation of grant monies.

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The City's criteria and process for dealing with grants-in-aid are provided in City Council Policy No. 302. A copy is attached as Appendix A. It should be noted that one "general" grant may be awarded per organization, with a maximum award of \$2,000.

Review of the applications reveals that the some are likely to be impacted by the imposed restrictions on social / physical distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such it will be difficult for those organizations to fulfill their desired outcomes. Staff recommend that if the Committee wishes to provisionally approve grants, staff will ensure that the event will take place before releasing funds.

The City received 21 regular grants-in-aid applications for 2021. A total of \$35,200 was requested. Attached are the following documents:

- Appendix B – Summary of 2021 General Grants-In-Aid Applications.
- Appendix C – 2020 Grants-In-Aid Applications.

The 2021 grant-in-aid budget is \$30,000. Council Policy No. 302 requires that 5% of the budget be held back for late submissions. After allowing for the 5% late submission holdback, \$28,500 in funding is available for these applications. The City also offers supplementary funding to support and develop arts and culture events. Additional applications were received for that program, which are dealt with in a separate report.

Two of the applications are not from formal organizations (Surrey Youth Theater Company is sponsored by the Peninsula Arts Foundation and Together-White Rock is a volunteer lead support group).

### **Permissive Tax Exemptions**

The following organizations receive Permissive Tax Exemptions from the City as outlined below:

<b>Grant Application Category</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Estimated Value of Municipal Property Tax Exemption (2021)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
General	Sources Community Resources Society	\$8,580	Exemption is for the duration of the lease of City property
General	White Rock Players' Club	\$35,970	Exemption is applied for and requires Council approval annually
General	White Rock Lawn Bowling Club	\$3,160	Exemption is for the duration of the lease of City property.
General	Mann Park Bowling Club	\$1,540	Exemption is for the duration of the lease of City property.

### **Other Grants**

The White Rock Museum and Archives Society has an Operating and Services Agreement with the City. In accordance with this Agreement, and the City's Financial Plan process, the City provides an annual grant to the Museum of \$150,700.

### **OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES**

The following options are available for the Committee's consideration:

1. Recommend Council to approve general grants in aid, and/or,
2. Recommend Council to provisionally approve general grants in aid, funds to be released when confirmation that event or program is not cancelled or significantly altered due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Grants-In-Aid Sub-Committee make recommendations to Council on the 2021 allocation of grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Ponzini, CPA, CGA  
Director, Financial Services

**Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero  
Chief Administrative Officer

- Appendix A: Council Policy No. 302 – *Grants-In-Aid*
- Appendix B: Summary of 2021 General Grants-In-Aid Applications
- Appendix C: 2021 Grants-In-Aid Applicants (binder)