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**Subject:** Culture and Recreation Grant Semi-Annual October 2018 Allocation  
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**Department:** Community Services  
**Date:** November 27, 2018

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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide the semi-annual report of the allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant. The total allocation for 2018 is \$9,011.34.

## **Background**

Each year Council allocates funds from the Operating Budget in support of the Culture and Recreation Grant. This Grant was combined with the former Arts & Culture Grant in 2010.

The Community Services Department currently administers this grant and updates on the allocation of funds are presented to Council on a bi-annual basis.

## **Analysis**

### **Allocation of funds**

The Culture and Recreation Grant has been allocated a total of \$16,000 for 2018. Since the last report presented to Council (CMS18-012) in May 2018, 6 applications were received and approved totalling \$5,011.34, and two *John West Memorial Scholarships* were awarded totalling \$2,000.

The following table shows the breakdown of funds between the organizations who received funding:

Organization Name	Amount Requested	Reason for Grant	Groups		
			Must be Non-profit and/or charitable organizations	Must serve the residents of Aurora	Represent Aurora provincially, nationally or internationally
Central York Girls Hockey Association	\$1,000	To put towards on-ice logos at the SARC and ACC	Yes	Yes - 33%	No
Aurora Skating Club	\$811.34	To cover the cost of replacing the Aurora Skating Club logo on our home ice at the AFLC - Judy Sherin Arena	Yes	Yes - 90%	No
Pezmosis Music Productions	\$500	To assist in the rental cost of Theatre Aurora so that patrons can have this family show at a discounted rate of \$10 per person	No	Yes	No
Optimist Club	\$1,000	To help offset the cost of putting the <i>Optimist Club of Aurora - Friend of Youth</i> logo on the ice at the Ford Arena (ACC)	Yes	Yes - 82%	No
Aurora Historical Society	\$1,000	Working in partnership with the Aurora Cultural Centre and the Aurora Museum and Archives to host a commemoration event in honour of the 100-year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in WW1. This grant would allow the residents of Aurora to attend the event free of charge.	Yes	Yes - 90%	No
2799 Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps	\$700	Raise awareness 100th year of armistice, and provide hospitality and activities at this community event. Purchase of commemorative candles, ribbon and wreath, and light refreshments.	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$5,011.34</b>				

Additionally, two *John West Memorial Scholarships* were awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each to students Josie Kearny and Rob Lee.

## **Advisory Committee Review**

None

## **Legal Considerations**

None

## **Financial Implications**

In 2018, \$16,000 has been allocated for the Culture and Recreation Grant program. A total of \$9,011.34 has been awarded in 2018, leaving a balance of \$6,988.66 available to be allocated for the remainder of the calendar year.

## **Communications Considerations**

There are no communications considerations at this time.

## **Link to Strategic Plan**

The allocation of funds for the Culture and Recreation Grant supports the Strategic Plan goal of **Supporting an Exceptional Quality of Life for All** through its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objective within this goal statement:

**Expand opportunities and partnerships that contribute to the celebration of culture in the community.**

## **Alternative(s) to the Recommendation**

None

## **Conclusions**

In accordance with the Culture and Recreation Grant Policy, staff have distributed the funds as noted within this report.

**Attachments**

None

**Previous Reports**

CMS18-012 Culture and Recreation Grant March 2018 Allocation

**Pre-submission Review**

Reviewed by Financial Services and CAO on November 19, 2018

**Departmental Approval**



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**Approved for Agenda**



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