



Subject: *General Government Grants 2022/2023*
To: Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
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Summary

This report provides an overview of the General Government Grants program.

The Staff Grants Review Committee has reviewed and are bringing forward this report for direction on inclusion in the General Government Grant budget for 2022/2023.

Financial Impact Statement

Organization	2022/2023 Draft Operating Budget	Note
Remembering Canada’s Heroes	\$1,000	
Hants County Exhibition	\$500	
East Hants Crime Prevention	\$825	For insurance costs C19(301)
Hants County Christmas Angels Society	\$1,000	
Dr. Snow Bursaries	\$3,000	
East Hants Foodbanks	\$5,000	\$1,000 per registered foodbank in East Hants
Kids Action Program (Christmas Program)	\$1,000	C21(346)
Contingency Available	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$14,325	

The “Grants to Organizations” line item in the 2022/2023 Draft Operating Budget includes a \$2,000 contingency to fund new General Government Grants requests that are approved by Council. These requests will be brought to Council if received.

Recommendation

The General Government Grants identified in the draft budget and discussed in this report are approved as presented.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that pending appropriate documentation is received, Council approve the following General Government Grants for disbursement in 2022/2023:

- Remembering Canada’s Heroes \$1,000
- Hants County Exhibition \$500
- East Hants Crime Prevention \$825
- Hants County Christmas Angels Society \$1,000

- Dr. Snow Bursaries \$3,000
- East Hants Foodbanks \$5,000
- Kids Action Program (Christmas Program) \$1,000

Background

In April 2009 Council approved the General Government Grants Policy with a subsequent amendment being approved in May 2012. The purpose of the Policy is to provide guidelines for the awarding of grants to non-profit organizations who apply to the Municipality for financial assistance.

The Eligibility Criteria from the General Government Grants Policy guides the review of applications and is as follows:

1. Program/Service Obligation ~ supports a service delivered by the Municipality.
2. Public Need/Benefit ~ service or program is broad based and all residents will derive a benefit versus special interest group needs and benefit to specific residents.
3. Financial Need ~ application demonstrates financial need and identifies all other grants and fundraising activities. Copies of most recent Financial Statements and the current year's budget should accompany the request.
4. Quality of Life ~ service or program enhances the quality of life of residents.

Council's policy identifies that applications received prior to March 31st in any given year will be given priority. Applications received after March 31st will be considered only if there are funds available.

As per the Municipal Grant Program Policy, the General Government Grant requires a Motion of Council to approve the budgeted General Government Grant recipients. Before the monies are released, each organization has to send their financial statements, operating budget and a letter of request to the CAO.

Discussion

The twelve (12) organizations, including five (5) East Hants Foodbanks, listed in the Draft 2022/2023 Operating Budget have received General Government Grants before and a summary of each is included below.

Each of these organization are continuing to meet the grant objectives as outlined above.

REMEMBERING CANADA'S HEROES

Remembering Canada's Heroes applies for funding annually to support their educational outreach program, where they visit Grade 8 and Grade 11 classrooms. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic began, the group has not been able to perform their presentations. They are hopeful that they will be able to return to the schools during this school year to continue with their presentations.

A budgeted amount of \$1,000 for this organization is in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government. The group will apply for these funds once they have used up the funds provided in years past prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

HANTS COUNTY EXHIBITION

Hants County Exhibition has received a General Government Grant of \$300 for 10 years, with the exception of an expanded sponsorship in 2015 for their 250th anniversary. In July 2020, Council received and approved an

increase to their funding from \$300 to \$500 (C20(209)). The request for an increase was due to the new expenses associated with an online event and the absence of gate revenue.

The budgeted amount of \$500 is included in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government.

EAST HANTS CRIME PREVENTION

East Hants Crime Prevention received a General Government Grant in 2019, as per C19(301). The motion indicated that future years' grants to cover the cost of insurance be included in the budget process. East Hants Crime Prevention received \$825 in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The budgeted amount of \$825 is included in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government.

HANTS COUNTY CHRISTMAS ANGELS

The Hants County Christmas Angels Society's mandate is to "confidentially support and assist Hants County families and children at Christmastime to participate in the shared enjoyment of buying Christmas gifts and participating in their family traditions of celebrating the Christmas holidays." The group has received funding from the General Government Grant eight times in the last eleven years. Since 2016/2017 they have received \$1,000 annually.

The budgeted amount of \$1,000 is included in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government.

DR. SNOW BURSARIES

These are for the funding of three (3) \$1,000 grants within the schools. These are given every year and the school select each recipient. The Dr. Snow Bursaries are part of the Council's Municipal Grant Program Policy.

The budgeted amount of \$3,000 is included in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government.

EAST HANTS FOOD BANKS

In October 2020 Council made a motion to provide all established food banks in East Hants with \$500 to help replenish stock after receiving a request from the Caring and Sharing Food Bank. In November 2021, Council made a motion to increase that amount to \$1,000 per foodbank (C(21)346) There are five established food banks in East Hants:

1. Caring and Sharing Foodbank (Enfield)
2. Hants North Food Bank
3. Indian Brook Food Bank
4. Shumilacke Food Bank Society
5. Uniacke Wish Givers (Uniacke and District Jr. Fire Department Emergency Fund)

There is \$5,000 in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government to provide \$1,000 to each established food bank.

KIDS ACTION PROGRAM (CHRISTMAS PROGRAM)

In November 2021, Council made a motion to include the Kids Action Program's Christmas Program in Kennetcook as one of the recipients of the General Government Grant. Each year the Kids Action Program hosts an Angel Tree Program between October and December for families who need extra support providing Christmas for their children. This self-referral program is confidential.

The budgeted amount of \$1,000 is included in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget under General Government.

Due to limited volunteer capacity and nature of the donation, documentation is not required for the release of funds to the Christmas programs (East Hants Food Banks and Kids Action Program (Christmas Program)).

CONTINGENCY

A contingency of \$2,000 is included in the draft operating budget. This amount is used for any other potential grant applications that are received throughout the year. Should the applicant(s) meet the requirements for receiving a General Government Grant, separate report(s) will be brought to Council for approval.

Alternatives

Alternative funding amounts be identified for the General Government Grant applicants.

Conclusion

This report has brought forward a summary of the General Government Grant Program recipients and seeks Council’s approval of these organizations in the 2022/2023 draft operating budget.

Recommendation

Move that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommends to Council that Council approve the following General Government Grants for disbursement in 2022/2023:

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