



Subject: *General Government Grants Policy Review*
To: Corporate & Residential Services Committee
Date Prepared: 6/8/23
Related Motions: n/a
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Summary

The 'General Government Grants Policy' is being reviewed as part of Council's Policy Review Program. The draft version of the Policy contains minor language changes, adds reference to the Municipality's 'Strategic Plan', and simplifies the application deadline.

Financial Impact Statement

n/a

Recommendation

That the Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommend to Council to adopt the updated 'General Government Grants Policy'.

Recommended Motion

Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) - June 20, 2023

Move that the Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council that Council give notice of intent to approve the 'General Government Grants Policy' amendments as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated June 20, 2023.

Regular Meeting of Council - June 28, 2023

Move that the Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council that Council approve the 'General Government Grants Policy' amendments as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated June 20, 2023.

Background

The 'General Government Grants Policy' (the 'Policy') outlines four (4) different types of Municipal grants along with their eligibility and application requirements. These four (4) grants are:

- Use of Municipally owned facilities;
- School bursaries;
- Grants to community organizations; and
- Grants to non-profit organizations.

These grants are intended to support the development of a strong Municipal community. When financial assistance is given, these grants generally do not exceed \$2,000. This grant distributed to both annual recipients and select organizations that apply to Council as needs arise. Examples of previous recipients of the General Government Grant include:

- Aquatic Centre rental for East Hants Schools' Safe Grad;
- Food bank and Christmas programs support;
- Remembering Canada's Heroes;
- Hants County Exhibition.

This Policy is being reviewed as part of Council's Policy Review Program. To complete this review, meetings were held with the following individuals or groups:

- The Senior Grant Review Committee;
- The Chief Administrative Officer; and
- The Community Development Coordinator.

Discussion

There are no major updates associated with this Policy review. The proposed changes represent minor language updates and clarifications.

One proposed change includes adding reference to groups, programs, or services that align with the Municipality's 'Strategic Plan' in Sections 1.1.4 and 3.1.5. This change gives provides greater clarity on groups that are eligible to receive funding under this grant program.

The second proposed change is a simplification of Section 4.1, which states all applications will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. This proposed change simplifies the Policy for groups seeking funding, while providing clarity to Municipal staff on the administration of grant applications.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The draft Policy aligns with the Municipal Key Strategies of Corporate Excellence and Strong Communities.

Alternatives

Committee may recommend any other policy amendments as appropriate.

Attachments

DRAFT General Government Grants Policy (With Markup)

DRAFT General Government Grants Policy (Without Markup)