



Recreation Governance Committee

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| Subject: | Community Grant Funding: Operational and Community Enhancement Requests |
| Date: | June 11, 2025 |
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| Department: | Recreation and Community Support |

REPORT SUMMARY

This report includes the operational and community enhancement funding requests from non-profit community organizations for the Recreation Governance Committee's (RGC) consideration.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Recreation Governance Committee approve operational funding of \$2,017,750 from the 2025 Recreation Tax Levy, as per Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

Non-profit organizations provide a range of cultural, recreational, sports-based, and other community-based services and programs for County residents. Community Recreation and Culture Grant Funding Policy C-317 facilitates funding to support community, recreational and cultural development, ongoing partnerships, and enhanced access to community facilities, services, and programs.

Applications are accepted twice annually through the Spring and Fall funding cycles. This report includes submissions received during the Spring cycle, which has an annual deadline of March 1. The Fall cycle has a submission deadline of October 1 each year.

RGC evaluates and approves grant applications based on Policy C-317, the Recreation and Parks Master Plan, and Administration's review. All operational and community enhancement funding applications are evaluated in accordance with Policy C-317 and the Recreation and Parks Master Plan for RGC's consideration.

DISCUSSION

A total of approximately \$2,427,600 in operational funding is available in the 2025 Recreation Tax Levy to be distributed to eligible non-profit organizations.

Administration received 32 operational and community enhancement funding requests, totaling \$676,620. Administration reviewed all 32 applications for compliance and worked with all applicants to ensure their applications contained key information to support their requests prior to information being presented for RGC's consideration. All applications met the Policy C-317 criteria.

In addition to the operational and community enhancement funding requests, this report includes five approved intermunicipal cost-sharing agreements with our municipal partners and four approved operating agreements with the large recreation facilities within the County, totaling \$1,341,130. Table 1 provides a summary of the submitted requests and recommendations.

Community Grant Funding: Operational Requests

Table 1. Summary of the Submitted Requests and Recommendations

| Grant Type | # Of Requests | Requested | Recommended |
|---|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operational | 25 | \$ 631,620 | \$ 631,620 |
| Community Enhancement | 7 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 45,000 |
| Operating Agreements | 4 | \$ 767,000 | \$ 767,000 |
| Inter-Municipal Cost-Sharing Agreements | 5 | \$ 574,130 | \$ 574,130 |
| TOTAL | 41 | \$ 2,017,750 | \$ 2,017,750 |

Details of all submitted funding applications are included in Attachments A through D.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

THAT the Recreation Governance Committee receive the Community Grant Funding: Operational and Community Enhancement Requests report for information.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Operational and Community Enhancement Funding Requests and Recommendations
Attachment B: Detailed Operational and Community Enhancement Application Overview
Attachment C: Operational and Community Enhancement Applications
Attachment D: Three-Year Operational Funding History