



RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO:	Council	
DATE:	December 22, 2020	DIVISION: ALL
FILE:	N/A	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Fall 2020 Community Recreation Funding Grant Recommendations	

POLICY DIRECTION:

The fall intake of recreation grant applications were evaluated in accordance with Community Recreation Funding Policy C-317. As the four applications received from adjacent municipalities do not meet policy, they have been recommended to Council for approval by the Recreation Governance Committee (RGC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Rocky View County offers community recreation grant funding opportunities to assist not-for-profit community organizations with general operating and capital costs associated with providing recreation services to our residents.

Community Recreation Funding Policy C-317 enables recreational development and ongoing partnerships, enhancing access to recreational facility services and programs for the greatest community impact.

In fall 2020, four organizations in adjacent municipalities applied for funding for operational and capital projects. As these organizations were unable to secure matching funds from the adjacent municipalities in which they are located, their applications were deemed ineligible as per Policy C-317.

At the December 1, 2020, Recreation Governance Committee meeting, the Committee passed resolutions to recommend to Council that funding be provided to these applicant groups, as they provide services to County residents.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

RGC evaluates and approves grant applications based on policy and Administration's review. The Committee makes strategic decisions to prioritize recreation funding, looking at the needs of the entire County, including consideration of programs, services, and facilities that the County funds in neighboring municipalities.

During the fall 2020 application intake, Rocky View County received a total of four requests from organizations located in adjacent municipalities: two operational funding applications totaling \$17,000.00, and two capital funding applications totaling \$10,614.00, for a total request of \$27,614.00.

Administration reviewed the application packages for compliance under Policy C-317, and found them non-compliant as matching funds were not provided to the groups from the municipalities in which they are located.

At their December 1, 2020 meeting, the RGC passed a motion to recommend to Council that funding to these groups be approved as they do provide recreation services to County residents.

Administration Resources

Susan de Caen, Recreation, Parks & Community Support



Tables 1 and 2 summarize the submitted applications with the requested amounts, and the amounts RGC recommends for funding.

Table 1: Community Applications - Operational

Division	Organization	Funding to support	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended by RGC
Applications under \$100,000				
<i>Adjacent Municipalities</i>				
Beiseker	Beiseker Minor Hockey	Provide each of the six teams with seven player skill training sessions, and pay for referees at home games; to cover 12% of expenses.	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Chestermere	Camp Chestermere	Snow removal costs; to cover 1% of expenses.	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total:			\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00

Table 2: Community Applications - Capital

Division	Organization	Funding to support	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended by RGC
Applications under \$100,000				
<i>Adjacent Municipalities</i>				
Cochrane	Cochrane Minor Baseball	Assist with purchase of a batting cage, portable pitching mound, and shed.	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Cochrane	Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association	Repairs and improvements to Ranchlands Horse Park; install media stands and a storage facility; and purchase a generator.	\$7,614.00	\$2,500.00
Total:			\$10,614.00	\$4,000.00

A summary of the applications, with funding previously received by the applicant groups, is shown in Attachment 'A'. Detailed application reviews are provided in Attachment 'B'.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

A total of \$21,272.00 is available to be distributed to eligible non-profit organizations in 2020 through the Recreational Tax Levy. Four applications, totaling \$21,000.00, are being recommended for funding, leaving a balance of \$272.00 to be carried over to the public reserve for future capital recreation projects.

**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1 Motion #1: THAT the Beiseker Minor Hockey Community Recreation Grant application be approved for up to \$11,000.
- Motion #2: THAT the Camp Chestermere Association Community Recreation Grant application be approved for up to \$6,000.
- Motion #3: THAT the Cochrane Minor Baseball Association Community Recreation Grant application be approved for up to \$1,500.
- Motion #4: THAT the Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association Community Recreation Grant application be approved for up to \$2,500.

Option # 2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT ‘A’ – Summary of fall 2020 applications from groups based in adjacent municipalities
ATTACHMENT ‘B’ – Detailed application reviews