



Council Report

Report Number: HS2021-004

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

Title: **Community Pandemic Recovery Fund: Round Two Grants**

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Recommendation(s):

That Report HS2021-004, **Community Pandemic Recovery Fund: Round Two Grants**, be received; and

That the balance of \$6,642.48 in City Contingency Reserve funds allocated to the Community Pandemic Recovery Fund but not awarded, be returned to the Contingency Reserve.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Community Pandemic Recovery Fund (CPRF) was established by Council in January 2021. The first round of applications were received in February and March with a total of 245,169.30 being awarded.

Council passed the following resolution on April 20, 2021:

That Report HS2021-002, **Community Pandemic Recovery Fund Grants**, be received;

That the balance of \$205,668.22 in Lindsay Legacy CHEST Funds allocated to the Community Pandemic Recovery Fund but not awarded, be released to the Lindsay Legacy CHEST Fund Grant Committee and their distribution process be reinstated; and

That the balance of \$49,162.48 in City Contingency Reserve funds allocated to the Community Pandemic Recovery Fund but not awarded, be made available to eligible organizations located outside the geographical boundaries for eligibility for the Lindsay CHEST Fund through a second application process of the Community Pandemic Recovery Fund, to a maximum of \$7,500 per application.

The application process for the second round of CPRF, to address the direction in the third paragraph of the above resolution, was open from April 28th to May 14th, 2021. Communications for the fund were shared through various City media channels including the City website, engagement website (jumpinkawathalakes.ca), media releases and social media. The Application form and details were distributed to multiple community agency networks and distribution lists.

Rationale:

A total of six (6) applications were submitted.

Through the Terms of Reference, the CPRF Evaluation Committee was delegated the decision-making authority for the funds with staff reporting back to Council with the funding decisions.

The Evaluation Committee (four of the five appointed members) met on May 28, 2021 to review the submissions. The total amount requested from the eligible applications was \$42,500. All six applications were approved.

Table 1 below lists the applications that were received, in alphabetical order, as well as a very high level description of the program or service and the funding request.

Table 1: Summary of Applications

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Dunsford Community Centre	Maintaining operating costs for the Community Centre.	7,500.00	7,500.00
Globus Theatre	Community Outreach Work that goes beyond regular activities.	7,500.00	7,500.00
John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton	Support the Partner Assault Response program during the pandemic (specifically outside Lindsay).	5,000.00	5,000.00
Maryboro Lodge: Fenelon Falls Museum	Support operating costs for the organization, including online programs.	7,500.00	7,500.00
Ottawa-Huron Tract History Association	Adapt programming for online access and delivery.	7,500.00	7,500.00
The Kinsmen Club of Lindsay Foundation	Support continuing operations to benefit families and children (specifically outside Lindsay).	7,500.00	7,500.00
Total Requests		42,500	42,500

The total funding awarded by the Evaluation Committee was \$42,500 from the City's Contingency Reserve allocation. Written notification of the decision was sent to all applicants during the week of May 31st and funding letters are being executed with successful applicants to flow funds as soon as possible.

The Evaluation Committee passed the following resolution regarding the balance of the City's Contingency Reserve that was not allocated through the CPRF:

That the balance of City Reserve allocation to the CPRF funds not awarded (\$6,662.48) under the Community Pandemic Recovery Fund be returned to the City Reserve.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force and the CPRF both relate directly to the Exceptional Quality of Life and Vibrant and Growing Economy priorities by supporting overall community well-being and health.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The allocation of \$42,500 from the Contingency Reserve is consistent with Council's designation of a portion of that Reserve to support Pandemic recovery.

Consultations:

Community Pandemic Recovery Fund Evaluation Committee

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