



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services**
Date: January 7 2019
Report: FIN.19.01
Subject: 2019 Community Grants

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receives the report from Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, re: 2019 Community Grants; and

That South Huron Council provide direction for review of the 2019 community grant applications.

Purpose:

Council direction.

Background and Analysis:

The Municipality's community grant program is intended to provide limited financial assistance to community groups and organizations within the municipality to support youth/senior events; community beautification; arts, culture and heritage projects/events, tourism development and community special events. The Community Grant Policy provides details on the process including eligibility criteria, exclusions and followup status reports. The grant policy and application form are on the municipal website.

Grant applications are submitted by community groups on or before September 21st each year for financial consideration for the next budget year. Application for financial assistance, in any given year, will not automatically be considered in future years.

Submission of a grant application does not guarantee an organization will receive full or partial funding. As part of the annual budget process, Council determines the financial commitment to the Community Grant Program.

All applications along with backup documentation are presented to Council at a budget meeting for Council consideration. Council reviews each application and approves a funding amount. The application indicates that the community group may present their funding request as a delegation to Council.

Operational Considerations:

Fifteen applications have been received for consideration in the 2019 budget, 10 of those applications indicate they would make a presentation to Council. Based on this volume, this will require a separate meeting for the purpose of receiving the delegations.

Options for Council consideration;

- a) Schedule a separate meeting to review the community grant applications and to receive community grant delegations;
- b) Review applications within existing scheduled budget meetings and request further clarification if required, which may include a request for delegation to provide more information;
- c) Set up a sub committee of council members from each ward to review the grant applications and make recommendation to council on grant amounts.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

Community Grant Policy

Consultation:

Dan Best, CAO

Related Documents:

Community Grant Policy and Application Form

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services