

**Subject: Rural Community-Building Grant Program – Quarter 3 Applications  
Review**

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**Objet: Programme de subventions pour le renforcement communautaire en milieu  
rural – Examen des demandes du troisième trimestre**

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**Rapport au Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales**

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## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approve the recommendations  
on the Rural Community-Building Grants Program applications as detailed in  
Document 1.**

## **RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales approuve les recommandations concernant les demandes relatives au Programme de subventions pour le renforcement communautaire en milieu rural, comme l'explique en détail le document 1.**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Rural Community-Building Grants Program (RCBGP), approved by Council on September 14, 2011, is designed to support rural-based community projects undertaken by non-profit organizations. Funding is project-based, with a defined beginning and end and measurable outcomes. Assessment is based on eligibility, the merit of the project, community impact, and organizational effectiveness.

The program is administered by the Rural Affairs Office. Projects are reviewed and decisions are made quarterly by the members of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

This report provides a summary of the applications received under this Program by the Rural Affairs Office in Q3 2023.

## **DISCUSSION**

Under the program guideline for the RCBGP the eligible applicant is limited to organizations that:

- Are non-profit organizations that are active in rural Ottawa and recognized as supporting local community and/or agricultural activities and programs.
- Operate in a non-discriminatory manner, as set out by the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- Are governed by a democratically elected Board of Directors
- Demonstrate efficiency, effectiveness and fiscal responsibility
- Remain in good financial standing with the City of Ottawa

The program guideline further states limitations on eligible activities. The following is a list of activities beyond the scope of the program:

- Retroactive costs – any costs incurred before a proposal is submitted

- Costs that are the responsibility of another level of government or funding program
- Costs for which an organization would reasonably be expected to make provisions for in the general daily administration of their organization, i.e. ongoing activity / business as usual

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to implementing the report recommendation.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

Rural Councillors have been made aware of the applications and staff recommendations.

### **CONSULTATION**

Public consultation is not required for this report.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no accessibility impacts. As a standard requirement in the agreement, successful recipients shall warrant that it is in compliance with the requirement of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act, 2005*, S.O. 2005, C.11. and shall continue to comply throughout this agreement.

### **ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no asset management implications associated with the report.

### **ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no economic implications.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications.

**RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Rural Community-Building Grants Program is intended to support rural communities through funding for eligible community projects that are beneficial to rural Ottawa residents.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 Applications summary and staff recommendations

**DISPOSITION**

As per the Council approved "Rural Community-Building Grants Program Policy", should the recommendations in this report be approved by Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, staff will proceed with administering these applications under the Rural Community-Building Grants Policy.

## **Document 1 – Applications Summary and Staff recommendations**

### **A - Metcalfe Farmers' Market – Update or Replace local Market Signage**

#### Project Summary

The applicant, Metcalfe Farmers' Market, is proposing a project to repair and/or replace the local Market Signage. The state of local signage for the market has deteriorated over the years and is in desperate need of repair and/or replacement such that it better represents a vibrant and professional atmosphere and provides clear directions to, and statement of purpose for, the Market.

#### Project Cost

The total funding request of the project is estimated to be \$847.50 dollars which includes installation cost.

#### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Metcalfe Farmers' Market, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. In Staff's opinion, the proposed project meets the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines. Staff recommend approval of the full amount of \$847.50 dollars.

### **B - Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association – Celebrating the 40th anniversary**

#### Project Summary

Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association is seeking funds to celebrate the 40th anniversary. Special guests from the 1983 match will be invited to join for afternoon refreshments and dinner awards presentation on Saturday, August 26th.

#### Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,040.00 dollars which based on 30 invited guests to celebrate the 40th anniversary.

#### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. In Staff's opinion, the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guidelines. Staff recommend approval of the full amount of \$3,040.00 dollars.

### **C - Water's Edge Owner's Association (WEOA) – Replace the existing aeration system and an educational campaign to raise awareness of the effects of herbicides and chemicals on water quality**

### Project Summary

WEOA Aquatic Improvement Project is seeking funds to replace the existing aeration system in the subdivision's stormwater management pond with one that is efficient and robust. The project also includes an educational campaign to raise awareness of the effects of herbicides and chemicals on water quality in SWM pond.

### Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$12,500 dollars.

### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Water's Edge Owner's Association (WEOA), is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. However, the maintenance and replacement of the aerator is not an eligible expense because it falls within the normal business of the Community Association. The stormwater pond is a private facility, the responsibility for maintenance and lifecycle costs of which lies with the Owner's Association.

Considering these factors, Staff recommend declining the application.