

**Subject: Rural Community-Building Grant Program – Quarter 4 Applications  
Review**

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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 Q4 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**

Funds are available for the applications in the Rural Community-Building Grant Program account.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to implementing the report recommendations.

### **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 - Carleton 4H Association - Development of confidence, leadership and life skills in Youth**

#### Project Summary

The applicant, Carleton 4H Association, is proposing a project to increase the development of confidence, leadership and life skills in youth. The anticipated users for this project are 4-H cloverbuds (ages 6 to 8) and 4-H members (ages 9 to 21). The project is a program to build youth into leaders in the community and is open to all youth. 4-H brings together engaged volunteer leaders and youth to learn about selected topics through fun, and hands on activities and mentorship.

#### Project Cost

The total funding request of the project is estimated to be \$5,000.00.

#### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Carleton 4H Association, 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 \$5,000.00.

### **B - Osgoode Village Community Association –Osgoode Village Outdoor Rink**

#### Project Summary

Osgoode Village Community Association is seeking funds to purchase a machine to continue the efficient maintenance of the Osgoode Community Outdoor rink. A machine to aid in resurfacing would speed up the process of resurfacing thus ensuring a full and successful skating season. A machine will improve the volunteers experience of helping out with rink maintenance and therefore will also aid in volunteer retention. Osgoode has an indoor arena as well as an outdoor skating rink; however, hours of public skating indoors are limited. Local community groups such as Girl Guides, Scouts, O-YA, and OVCA enjoy the use of the outdoor rink however without a proper machine to resurface the ice, these groups often find they cannot rely on the ice quality.

#### Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$4,202.03 which includes HST and transportation.

### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Osgoode Village Community 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 \$4,202.03.

### **C - Fallowfield Community Association (FCA) – A facility improvement project for the site of the Fallowfield outdoor hockey/skating rink located in Rooney Park on Steeple Hill Crescent**

#### **Project Summary**

Fallowfield Community Association's project aims to improve the Fallowfield outdoor hockey/skating rink in Rooney Park on Steeple Hill Crescent. The current rink is partly located on an uneven grass area, making ice surface maintenance challenging. The plan is to purchase 400 cubic yards of topsoil to level the rink and create a gradual slope without affecting water drainage. Competitive quotes are being sought for soil supply and bulldozer rental, but volunteers from the village may also contribute backhoe/farm loader time and labor.

#### Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$6,500.

### Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Fallowfield Community 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 \$6,500.