

**Subject: Rural Community-Building Grant Program – Grant Application
Review**

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**Objet : Programme de subvention pour le renforcement communautaire en
milieu rural – Examen de la demande de subvention**

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

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

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales approuve la recommandation concernant la demande 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 made based on 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 by the members of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC).

This report provides a summary of the application received under this Program by the Rural Affairs Office on January 5, 2024.

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; and
- Remain in good financial standing with the City of Ottawa

The program guideline further states its limitations on eligible activities. The following is

a list of activities outside the scope of the program:

- Retroactive costs (i.e. any costs incurred before a proposal is submitted);
- Costs that are the responsibility of another level of government or funding program; and
- 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 from within the Rural Community Building Grants Program budget

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the report recommendations.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor is aware of the application related to this report.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation is not required for this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts. As a standard requirement in the funding agreement, the successful grant recipient shall warrant that they are 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- Application summary and staff recommendation

DISPOSITION

As per the Council approved "Rural Community-Building Grants Program Policy", should the recommendation in this report be approved by ARAC, staff will proceed with administering this application under the Rural Community-Building Grants Program.

Document 1– Application Summary and Staff recommendation

Metcalfe Community Association – Installation of platforms at 4 village signs at village main entrances.

Project Summary

Metcalfe Community Association is seeking funds to install platforms beneath the newly installed Metcalfe Village Signs at the four main village entrances. These platforms will provide a safe place for community volunteers to post information about community events (Santa Claus Parade, City Meetings, Community BBQ's, etc.)

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,900.00 which includes the acquisition and installation of four platforms.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Metcalfe Community Association, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. It is staff's opinion that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guidelines.

The Metcalfe Village Signs were installed in 2023 with support from the RCBGP and came in \$2,533 under budget. It must also be noted that the Metcalfe Community Association has a subgroup, the Metcalfe Loop Committee, for which ARAC approved funding for a bicycle and pedestrian loop project in 2023. The Metcalfe Loop Committee was considered a separate applicant with respect to funding, and their project will be completed in spring of 2024.

The Rural Affairs Office has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the full amount of \$1,900.00.