

**Subject: Rural Community Building Grant Program - Grant Review Application
(Osgoode Legion)**

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

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

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

RECOMMANDATION 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.

This report provides a summary of the application received under this Program by the Rural Affairs Office on May 16, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Under the program guidelines for the RCBGP, eligible applicants are 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 guidelines further state 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

One application has been submitted and assessed, as detailed in Document 1. The Osgoode Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch #589) is seeking \$6,328 to replace the flooring in the Legion Hall. The existing, original flooring which came with the hall from Rockcliffe Air Base in 1961, has deteriorated beyond repair. The work will revitalize the space, renewing a community hub.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available for the application 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)

Ward Councillor has been made aware of the application and staff recommendation.

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 – Application summary and staff recommendation

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 – Application Summary and Staff recommendation

A – Osgoode Legion (Branch #589) – Re-flooring of Legion Hall.

Project Summary

The Osgoode Legion is seeking funds to replace the flooring in the Legion Hall which has deteriorated beyond repair. The contractor will skim coat the existing hardwood, install vinyl tile flooring and add new quarter rounds to the accent the flooring and walls. This will bring a sense of community back to this space and make it a community hub within the village. Staff have reviewed the application and recommend support for this initiative.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$6,328.00 which includes the materials and installation.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Osgoode Village 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 Rural Affairs Office has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the full amount of \$6,328.00.