

Document 1– Application Summary and Staff recommendation

A – Cumberland Community Association - Purchase of mower and supplies to make trails in community more accessible.

Project Summary

The Cumberland Community Association, located in Ward 19, is seeking funding to support an update work to improve the accessibility of a network of trails in the community. The work will entail the construction of boardwalks and bridges, as well as some tree trimming and mowing, to provide trails that are easier to navigate. In order to facilitate the mowing, a mower is being acquired, to replace the one that had been on loan by a volunteer who has now moved away.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$15,000.00, which includes the purchase of materials for the boardwalks and the bridges, the purchase of the mower, the volunteer hours and use of the general equipment for the work. The Cumberland Community Association is asking for \$10,000.00 in RCBGP funds, with the rest being self-funded.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Cumberland Community Association, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. Staff believes 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 requested, of \$10,000.00.

B – Cumberland Farmers' Market - Acquisition of tents, chairs, tables, and various equipment to modernize the Farmers' Market.

Project Summary

The Cumberland Farmers' Market is seeking funding support from the City in acquiring pop up tents, tent weights, sound devices, tables and chairs, a professional first aid kit, signage a-frames, locking door handles, floor mats, a changeable message sign, and cords and wireframes to modernize the farmers' market.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is \$9,554.55 which includes the acquisition of the items.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Cumberland Farmers' Market, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. Staff believes 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 \$9,554.55.

C – Just Food - Agrifood Self-guided tourism

Project Summary

Just Food is seeking \$19,990.00 in funding to support the development of an Agri-tourism project that will coordinate self-guided tours of local farms in all four rural wards. These tours will also connect people to over 20 local businesses. This will be accomplished through a mixture of online tools and physical signage. The project will be assessed for success through in person meetings at the beginning and the end of the project.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$19,990.00, which includes the purchase of materials for signs, the cost of staff for the project, the cost of web design, translation, travel cost, and communications materials.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Just Food, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. Staff believes 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 \$19,990.00.

D – North Gower Recreation Association - Canada Flag Banners

Project Summary

North Gower Recreation Association is seeking \$1,800.00 in funding to support the acquisition of 40 Canadian Flag Banners to be hung on lamp posts along the main streets of the village of North Gower. These banners are intended to unite people and create a sense of community and unity in the face of the current climate and to provide a centre piece for Canada celebrations as well.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,800.00, which includes the purchase of 40 of the flag banners and the installation, as well as brackets for the installation of the banners. The North Gower Recreation Association is requesting \$1,800.00, the rest of the project being self funded. The Rural Community Building Grant Program would use Rural Affairs Office funds of \$1,800.00 to fund this project.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, North Gower Recreation Association, is an eligible applicant under the RCBGP. Staff believes 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 \$1,800.00.