

**Subject: Rural Community-Building Grant Program – Grant Application 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 this report and 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 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 applications received under this Program by the Rural Affairs Office prior to the February 23, 2026, deadline.

## **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 its limitation 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

The following five applications have been submitted and assessed, as detailed in Document 1.

- The Manotick Culture, Parks and Recreation Association is seeking \$20,000 to support the Water Access Improvement project, Mahogany Landing Dock. The MCPRA is seeking \$20,000 of \$40,000 to improve access to the water by adding a second access point and additional locking area for active transportation.
- The Goulbourn Lawn Bowling Club is seeking \$15,705 to support acquisition of a storage container to store heavier equipment to prevent the need for seniors from needing to lift heavy equipment from waist high shelves. It also prevents a significant risk of vandalism.
- The Cumberland Township Agricultural Society is seeking \$16,623.09 to support the second stage of security upgrades to the fair site after a CPTED review. This will include the addition of security cameras, a secure drop box, fire resistant file cabinets, and the trenching and installation of new sound wiring to prevent trip hazards and temporary wiring issues (ensuring year-round use).
- Manotick Curling Centre is seeking \$20,000 to support the renovation of the majority of the curling centre. The project has been costed out at \$300,000 and the curling club has self-financed \$240,000. The centre holds events for the community and is a cornerstone of recreation in the community.
- Fitzroy Harbour Community Association is seeking \$12,184.79 to support the acquisition of new baseball netting for Diamond A at the Fitzroy Harbour Community Centre. The netting will provide increased safety and security, replacing the 13-year-old netting that is currently in place.

Staff have reviewed these applications and are satisfied that they are eligible submissions under the Rural Community Building Grant Program and recommend approval for the five projects listed above, for a total of \$84,512.88. Should the Committee support the staff recommendation, the total remaining \$84,414 of the 2026

funding envelope will be committed, with an additional \$98.88 to be used from the Rural Affairs general funds.

Further, staff seek Committee's approval to permit a change in scope for the application submitted by the Osgoode Village Community Association, which was approved by the Committee on April 7, 2026.

The original approval was for funding to support the purchase of a video display system, including a portable stand, associated cabling and storage, for use at the Osgoode Community Centre. The applicant has since requested an amendment to the project scope to allow flexibility in acquiring equipment to support the programming, including a video display system and other portable assets such as tables and chairs, at the same facility. The total funding request remains unchanged at \$3,098.

The amended scope will continue to benefit the proponent and its community not-for-profit partners. Approval of this request will have no impact on funding availability, as the funding request remains unchanged.

With the approval of the aforementioned applications, the 2026 RCBGP funding will be fully allocated, and no additional applications will be accepted.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds are available for the applications from within the Rural Community-Building Grants Program.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to adopting the recommendations in this report.

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

Councillors have been made aware of these 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.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications associated with the report.

**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.