

SUBJECT: Rural Community-Building Grants Program – Applications Review

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Report to Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on 30 June 2022

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**OBJET : Programme de subventions pour le renforcement communautaire en
milieu rural – Examen des demandes**

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

**That Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approve the recommendations
respecting applications submitted for the Rural Community-Building Grants
Program, as detailed in Document 1.**

RECOMMANDATION 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 such as community associations and agricultural groups. The program is administered by the Rural Affairs Office. Projects are approved by a review panel consisting of the members of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee.

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.

This report provides a summary of the applications received under the RCBGP in Q2 2022.

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

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

- Programs within the legislated mandate of other governments or City departments
- Sponsorships
- Increasing a surplus or offsetting an existing financial deficit
- Fundraising projects and initiatives
- Sports and recreation tournaments and events

Applications are typically accepted throughout the year until the allocated annual funding has been awarded and reviews of the applications are conducted quarterly. Applications are submitted to the Rural Affairs Office. Once the full application is received staff review the applications submitted based on the program guideline and form a recommendation for each eligible application. A summary of eligible applications received by the Rural Affairs Office in Q2, 2022 and staff recommendations are listed in Document 1.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available from within the Rural Community Building Grants Program budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with implementing the recommendation contained within this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLORS

Rural Councillors have been notified of the recommendations – they had no concerns.

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.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no economic 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.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The recommendation contained herein aims to support the following priority and outcomes of the City's Strategic Plan 2019-2022:

- Thriving communities

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 – Application Summary and Staff recommendation

A - Carp Agricultural Society –lighting upgrade in the show pavilion on the Fair Grounds

Project Summary

The applicant, Carp Agricultural Society, is proposing to upgrade the lighting at the Carp Fair Grounds, municipally known as 3790 Carp Road. The show pavilion is one of several venues on the Fair Grounds and is often being used for events. It is understood that the current HID lighting in the pavilion does not sufficiently service the needs of its users. The applicant is proposing to upgrade the existing HID to LED lighting to achieve energy-efficiency and reduce any potential safety risk with the HID restrike time (a period of time required to cool down before the lighting can restart).

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$11,096.60 which includes material (approximately 18 lighting fixtures), labour, and disposal of material.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Carp Agricultural Society, is an eligible applicant under the program guideline. It is in staff's opinion that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guideline. After reviewing the application staff recommend the approval of the full \$11,096.60 be awarded to the applicant.

B - Village of Carp Business Improvement Area – Bicycle Friendly Initiative

Project Summary

The applicant, Village of Carp Business Improvement Area (BIA), is proposing to install two bicycle racks to accommodate the increasing need of weekend visitors due to the Village's attraction as a cyclist destination. The Village of Carp BIA also noted an increasing demand for washroom access by the visitors and is proposing to install two portable bathrooms in the Village to address this issue.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,800 excluding H.S.T. The applicant is seeking \$1,500 under the program to support the project. The remainder will be covered by the applicant.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Village of Carp BIA, is an eligible applicant under the program guideline. It is in staff's opinion that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guideline. After reviewing the application staff recommend the approval of the \$1,500 be awarded to the applicant.

C – Constance & Buckham's Bay Community Association – Pickleball facility improvement

Project Summary

The applicant, Constance & Buckham's Bay Community Association (CBBCA), is proposing to improve their existing pickleball facility by painting the sixth pickleball court and retrofitting an existing unused structure to provide shaded resting area. The improvement is to meet the increasing demand from the community.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,950 including H.S.T. The applicant is seeking for the full amount under the program to support the project cost.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, CBBCA, is an eligible applicant under the program guideline. It is in staff's opinion that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guideline. After reviewing the application staff recommend the approval of the \$1,950 be awarded to the applicant.

D - Huntley Community Association – Scoreboard installation at Carp Softball Diamonds Project Summary

The applicant, Huntley Community Association, is proposing to install a scoreboard at the Carp Softball Diamonds. The project will provide the ability to host larger scale events at the current facility.

Project Cost

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,987.77 including H.S.T. The applicant is seeking for the full amount under the program to support the project cost.

Staff Recommendation

The applicant, Huntley Community Association, is an eligible applicant under the program guideline. It is in staff's opinion that the proposed project meets the eligibility requirement under the program guideline. After reviewing the application staff recommend the approval of the \$3,987.77 be awarded to the applicant.