



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD#

Date: May 21, 2019

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Shelley Rector, CPA, CMA, Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: Community Support Grants 2019

ORIGIN: 2019-20 Operating Budget

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA 65 confers on Council the authority to spend money for municipal purposes. Community Support Grants Policy 72000-08.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approves funding in the amount of \$83,610 under the Community Support Grants Policy as follows:

Amherst Little League Baseball Assoc.	\$ 1,500
Amherst Little League T-Ball Baseball	500
Autumn House	10,000
Cumberland Early Intervention Program	500
Food Assistance Network	2,000
Cumberland County Museum	4,000
Seniors Safety Program	6,500
Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland	500
Amherst Artisan Gallery	400
Cumberland Health Care Auxiliary	500
Bordertown Biker Bash Committee	2,500
Canadian Cancer Society - Relay for Life	1,800
Cumberland County Museum	4,500
Fibre Arts Festival Society	2,500
LA Animal Shelter	360
Amherst Fire Fighters Association	5,000
Amherst Spartans U-18 Girls Team	250
Amherst Sport & Social League	500
Cumberland Y Service Club	2,000
Knights of Columbus	300
Phoenix Cheer & Tumbling Club	500
Showcase Productions	1,000
NS Health Authority Community Rehab	1,500
Amherst Legion Branch 10	2,000
Nova Scotia Community College	20,000
Amherst Community Christmas Dinner	1,500
Pay It forward Pantry	1,000
Maggie's Place	10,000
	\$ 83,610



BACKGROUND: An annual budget is allocated for community support grants so that the can Town provide assistance in a fiscally responsible manner to organizations that qualify under the criteria set in the policy. In doing so, the Town encourages and promotes the success of these organizations. It should be noted that all groups fill a significant role in the community; however, to ensure the intentions of the policy are adhered to, not all can be funded.

DISCUSSION: The amount of \$83,610 includes \$25,500 in grants that are set out in the Policy. These amounts include Little League, T-Ball, Autumn House, Cumberland Early Intervention, Food Assistance Network, Cumberland County Museum, Seniors Safety Program, and Sexual Health Centre.

Requests for support submitted by community organizations total \$174,119 this year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This year's community support grants amount to \$83,610 with funding coming from the Community Support Area Rate. This amount does not include the requests to support events and activities that are received throughout the year, which qualify for funding under the policy. An allowance remains in the budget to address these requests.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: In response to a public invitation to apply, funding requests were submitted by community groups. Future community and sporting event requests will be dealt with on an individual basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications attached to this request.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the funding requests as listed
2. Increase the budget and tax rate to accommodate all requests
3. Discontinue the practice of providing community support grants

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Support Grants Policy, 72000-08
 - A binder containing the Community Support Grants Funding Requests is available.
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Report prepared by: Shelley Rector, CPA, CMA, Chief Financial Officer

Report and Financial approved by: