

**Information Memo**

To: City Council

From: Stephanie Sinnott, Commissioner, Corporate and Finance
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Corporate and Finance Services Department

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Date: October 16, 2024

Subject: 2024 Oshawa Community Grants Update

Ward: All Wards

File: 03-05

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members of Council on the grants awarded to community organizations in 2024 under the Oshawa Community Grants Program.

2.0 Input From Other Sources

This report was developed in conjunction with the Grants Committee, made up of representatives from 12 branches across City departments, which oversees the administration of the Oshawa Community Grants Program. The complete listing of branches involved in the Grants Committee is outlined below in section 3.0.

3.0 Analysis

The Oshawa Community Grants Program was adopted by Council on October 25, 2021 (Item FIN-21-102) who further approved the Evaluation and Scoring Criteria to guide the program on May 16, 2022 (Report FIN-22-54).

The program is administered by a cross-departmental team with representatives from the following branches:

- Corporate Strategic Initiatives (Committee Chair)
- Business & Economic Development - Culture and Events
- Parks & Roads Operations Services
- Parks, Forestry & Trails
- Corporate Communications
- Finance Services
- Fire Services

- Human Resource Services (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
- Legal Services
- Legislative Services
- Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services
- Recreation Services

3.1 Oshawa Community Grants 2024 Disbursement

The program had an annual budgeted amount of \$300,000 to be awarded in four categories:

- Arts, Culture, Heritage and Environment – Events (\$100,000)
- Arts, Culture, Heritage and Environment – Development (\$50,000)
- Strong Inclusive Communities (\$100,000), and
- Fundraising & Oshawa Significant Events (\$50,000)

The grant program also included a one-time Centennial Grant category with a budgeted amount of \$50,000. This one-time funding was part of the Centennial reserve approved by Council through [Report CNCL-23-95](#).

The application period for the 2024 program was November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The City received a total of 74 applications totaling \$1,128,982 and the committee approved awards amounting to \$223,585 (Cash) and \$73,100 (In-Kind).

Table 1 details the awards made under the 2024 Oshawa Community Grants Program.

Category - Arts, Culture, Heritage and Environment Events

Applicant	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
Durham Community Health Centre	\$5,000	\$1,500	Completed
Durham Region Int'l Film Festival	\$6,135	-	Completed
Durham Youth Orchestra	\$6,000	-	Completed
Heroes 4 Wildlife Inc.	\$20,000	\$5,000	Completed
Pride Durham	\$5,000	-	Pending
Convergence Festival	\$50,000	-	Completed

Category: Arts, Culture, Heritage and Environment Development

Applicants	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
Por Amor	\$15,000	-	Completed

Category: Centennial

Applicant	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
Canadian Jamaican Club of Oshawa	\$5,000	-	Pending
Duncan Hopkins	\$5,000	-	Completed
e-Camp Mentoring	\$5,000	-	Completed
Ontario Tech University	\$5,000	-	Pending
Oshawa Art Association	\$1,500	-	Completed
Oshawa Camera Club	\$5,000	-	Pending
The LivingRoom Community Art Studio	\$5,000	-	Completed

Category: Fundraising and Oshawa Significant Events

Applicant	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
Canadian Cancer Society Run for the Cure	-	\$15,600	Completed
Oshawa Firefit	-	\$5,000	Completed
Oshawa Folk Arts Council (Fiesta)	-	\$8000	Completed
Sloane's House Pediatric Recreation and Respite Care	-	\$5,000	Event Cancelled
Rotary Ribfest	-	\$30,000	Completed

Category: Strong Inclusive Communities

Applicant	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
All Around & Upside Down Inc.	2,500	1,500	Event not held; grant returned
Autism Home Base Durham	\$5,200	-	Completed
Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle	\$5,000	-	Completed
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-West Durham and Northumberland	\$5,500	-	Ongoing

Applicant	Award (\$)	Award (In-Kind)	Status
Durham Children's Aid Foundation	\$15,000	-	Ongoing
Durham Family & Cultural Centre	\$5,000	\$1,500	Completed
Durham Rape Crisis Centre	\$20,000	-	Ongoing
Girls Inc. of Durham	\$18,750	-	Ongoing
World of Wonder (Heather Whaley and Kesha Christie)	\$2,500	-	Completed
Scientists in School	\$5,500	-	Completed

4.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from this report.

5.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Belong: Inclusive and Healthy Community” with the goal to reduce systemic barriers and deliver engaging, equitable and culturally inclusive programs and services for all participants.



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