

To: Corporate and Finance Services Committee

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

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Subject: 2024 Corporate Grants Update

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Corporate Grants the City has applied for in 2024.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Corporate and Finance Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CF-25-03, dated January 13, 2025, concerning the Corporate Grants update be received for information.

3.0 Input From Other Sources

- Corporate Leadership Team

4.0 Analysis

Grant funding secures non-taxation revenue to deliver City infrastructure, programs, and services. The contribution grants can make to the City's finances provides an alternative revenue source which helps reduce the reliance on property taxes. With rapid growth and increasing infrastructure and operational needs, it is critical for the City to remain focused on diversifying its revenue streams.

Grant programs are aligned with Federal and Provincial priorities including climate resiliency, affordable housing, employment, and green and inclusive infrastructure (buildings, active transportation, natural assets, electric vehicles and charging stations), among others. The focus has been on prioritizing projects that benefit the needs of the community, demonstrating diversity, equity and inclusion, and Indigenous Reconciliation.

The City established an internal Grants Management Team to implement a streamlined, coordinated corporate approach to securing grant funding. The intent is to eliminate duplication of efforts, take advantage of grant funding opportunities, apply more rigor to the grant process, and increase stewardship over grant application/agreement processes.

2024 Successful Grants

Grant Name	Description	Total Award Amount
Canada Summer Jobs	The program aims to provide quality summer employment opportunities for youth to develop skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition into the labour market. The grant contributed to the employment of 7 summer students in different branches of the City to assist the candidates with job experience.	\$16,228
Experience Ontario 2024	The program provides support for festivals and events with a tourism economic impact to motivate visitors to discover Ontario, connect people with local experiences, and increase tourism spending. The Peony Festival was partially funded through this program.	\$20,000
The Next Play	The program is designed to help organizations, their coaches and leaders engage more girls and gender-diverse participants from diverse backgrounds in active recreation and physical activity. The project was to promote a program which focused on weight training for women.	\$4,500
ParticipACTION Community Challenge	The program is a national physical activity initiative that encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June in search of Canada's Most Active Community. The grant was used to fund free fitness activities and prizes during June for Parks and Recreation Month activities.	\$1,000
Inclusive Community Grants Program	The program helps ensure local government and community organizations consider Ontarians of all ages and abilities at every stage of community planning and development. The project focuses on	\$17,000

	improvement to the outdoor space (courtyard) at Delpark Homes Centre which will provide additional patio tables.	
2 Billion Trees (2BT) Program	The 2 Billion Trees (2BT) program aims to motivate and support new tree planting projects. The project is to plant 2,500 trees per year over the next five years for a total of 12,500 trees in greenspaces, creek corridors and along rural road Total funding awarded is \$334,600 over 5 years, with \$44,600 in 2024, and \$72,500 in each years 2025-2028.	\$44,600
2024-25 EnAbling Change Program	The program promotes opportunities to increase AODA compliance and accessibility in daily living. The grant will contribute to the VOLT hockey programming for youth with developmental and physical disabilities in the community. The project will also develop a resource manual for other municipalities to guide the delivery of similar programs.	\$48,871
NG9-1-1 Transition Funding	The program supports the transition to the Next Generation 9-1-1 system. Next Generation 9-1-1 is a digital, internet protocol-based system that will replace the analog 911 infrastructure. The funding contributes to enabling technology upgrades to support Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) with their transition to the new Next Generation 9-1-1 network by March 4, 2025.	\$2,475,745
	Total Awarded in 2024	\$2,627,944

2024 Pending Grants

Grant Name	Description	Requested Amount
Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation	Firehouse Subs Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders, non-profits and public safety organizations. The grant would contribute to procuring a spare set of NFPA gloves which are integral for the protection of Firefighters against burns, injury and exposure to carcinogenic particles and toxins. Once exposed, the equipment must be thoroughly decontaminated.	\$24,600
Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative	The program supports local governments and not-for-profit organizations in retrofitting community buildings to improve energy performance, lower operating and maintenance costs, and transition to cleaner energy solutions over time. The grant would contribute to completing a Deep Energy Retrofit Feasibility Study to reduce Greenhouse Gases.	\$200,000
Fire Protection Grant	The program supports the purchase of personal protective equipment and specialized decontamination tools to clean and sanitize firefighter gear. The grant would contribute to procuring a spare set of Certified NFPA 1971 structural firefighting gloves, Innotex particulate blocking Nomex balaclavas, and helmet soft goods kit to 189 suppression firefighters.	\$85,280
Growing Canada's Community Canopies	The program supports local governments applying for funding with tailored support services and knowledge that will enhance tree planting projects. The grant would contribute to a large-scale planting project	\$318,000

	involving all of our City parks and our goal will be to plant 1500 large caliper trees.	
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1	The program provides financial support for repairing or upgrading existing sports and recreation facilities. The grant would contribute to the replacement of the Civic Complex Track.	\$1,000,000
Housing Accelerator Fund Round 2	The program was developed to create more housing at an accelerated pace and enhance certainty in the approvals and building process. The grant would contribute to removing barriers and supporting the development of affordable, inclusive, equitable and climate-resilient communities.	\$25,509,000
National Accessibility Week Funding – 2025 and 2026	The program provides funding to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion. Through structured conversations and workshops, the project will identify barriers to inclusion and develop strategies to enhance accessibility across the City. The project will include a partnership with Community Living Oshawa/Clarington to include their expertise in disability support and emphasize inclusive project design and delivery. The grant would contribute to the activities the City runs for National Accessibility Week.	\$91,000
Enabling Accessibility Fund – Small Projects	This program aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. The grant would contribute to the proposed project of the modernization of the elevator servicing the pool at the Civic Recreational Complex located at 99 Thornton Road, Oshawa. The existing elevator was installed in 1983, and lacks accessibility features, including audible and visual direction and location indicators.	\$125,000

Skills Development Fund – Training Stream	The program offers funding to organizations for innovative projects that address challenges to hiring, training, or retaining workers, including apprentices, to drive Ontario's economic growth. The project will train the City's mechanics to repair electric vehicles.	\$6,942
Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund – Second Intake	The program will help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate, and expand critical drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. The grant would contribute to improve the stormwater management for Thornton/Britannia Project, which includes Roselawn/Bickle to support new housing.	\$9,311,348
Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program	The program provides funding towards the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) chargers and hydrogen refueling stations across Canada. The grant would contribute to phase 2 of the COD project to install more vehicle chargers.	\$76,042
Tree Canada's Operation ReLeaf Program	The program helps recover areas that have undergone substantial tree loss due to a natural event. The grant would contribute to increasing the tree canopy cover in Lakeview Park by planting 200 large caliber trees.	\$50,000
Housing Enabling Core Servicing Stream	The program will help municipalities build, maintain and repair municipal roads, bridges and culverts. The grant would contribute to reconstructing and widening Thornton Road North, constructing a new Britannia Avenue West bridge, and reconstructing Roselawn Avenue, Winifred Avenue, and Bickle Drive. This project aims to improve transportation infrastructure and accommodate adequate sanitary sewer and water services to support new housing and redevelopment opportunities.	\$29,321,319
Tourism Growth Program	The program provides support to develop local tourism products and experiences. The grant would contribute to	\$140,000

	the installation of Trail and stage lighting, plus event and information signage for the Human Rights Garden. This will allow for increased use, safety and accessibility in the amphitheater area in Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park.	
Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk	The program provides funds for projects that help protect and recover species at risk. The grant would contribute to protecting, restoring, enhancing and creating Monarch breeding areas and habitats which are key to ensuring the health of Butterfly stopover areas and species recovery.	\$222,500
Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program	The program aims to complete flood hazard maps of higher-risk areas in Canada and make this flood hazard information accessible. The grant would contribute to funding the Stormwater Management Master Plan.	\$399,166
Celebrate Canada	The program provides funding to community-based activities celebrating and promoting National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27 and Canada Day on July 1. These celebrations enable Canadians to appreciate Canada's cultural, ethnic, linguistic and geographic diversity. The grant would contribute to funding the 2025 Canada Day celebrations.	\$210,800

5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this Report.

6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Lead: Governance and Service Excellence” with the goal to provide transparent, efficient, and responsible fiscal stewardship and use of resources.

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