

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Corporate Services

Accounting and Revenue



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Kate Rowe, Interim Corporate Leader - Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 11, 2024

Subject: Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Grant Applications for 2024

Recommendation

Direct the Interim Corporate Leader- Chief Financial Officer to process the Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Grant Applications for applications # _____ to a maximum per application of \$5000, as presented at the November 5, 2024 Council meeting.

Strategic Objectives

This does not relate to a Strategic Objective however it is a core service of the Municipality.

Background

The Municipality of Lakeshore is dedicated to fostering a vibrant community, promoting inclusivity, and supporting organizations that contribute to the social and cultural fabric of the municipality. The Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Grant supports non-profit and charitable organizations that benefit the residents of Lakeshore by providing financial assistance across various categories.

Eligible organizations include:

- Charitable organizations registered with the Canada Revenue Agency
- Registered not-for-profit organizations
- Associations or societies that are recognized at law as not-for-profit

Funding categories include:

- Social and Community Services
- Senior or Youth Activities
- Historical, Arts, and Cultural Events or Organizations

- Fundraisers for Municipal Projects
- Community Beautification and Protection/Preservation of the Environment
- Event Sponsorship

The program was introduced in 2020 with annual funding of \$25,500. The deadline for 2024 applications was September 30.

Comments

Below is a listing of the 2024 applications received, including whether they comply with the Community Benefit Fund Policy, and the requested amount:

Organization	Application #	Date Received	Type of Request	Complies with Policy	Amount
Multicultural Council of Windsor-Essex - Carrousel 1 of the Nations		2024-05-27	Operating	No [a]	\$5,000
Royal Canadian Legion Comber Br #241	2	2024-06-17	Capital	Yes	\$5,000
Lakeshore Minor Baseball Association	3	2024-06-05	Operating	Yes	\$5,000
St. Simon & St. Jude Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul	4	2024-06-06	Capital	Yes	\$5,000
Belle River & District Horticultural Society	5	2024-06-24	Both	Yes	\$5,000
Dragon Boat Club of Windsor and Essex County	6	2024-07-03	Operating	Yes	\$5,000
Lakeshore Sports Excellence Hall of Fame	7	2024-08-21	Both	Yes	\$5,000
Community Support Centre of Essex County	8	2024-07-31	Operating	Yes	\$5,000
Lakeshore Pickleball Association	9	2024-08-09	Operating	Yes [c]	\$5,000

Organization	Application #	Date Received	Type of Request	Complies with Policy	Amount
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #399 Belle River	10	2024-08-28	Capital	Yes	\$5,000
Proverbs Heritage Organization	11	2024-09-26	Operating	Yes [b, d]	\$5,000
Stoney Point Soccer Club	12	2024-09-29	Operating	Yes [c]	\$3,700
Skate Lakeshore Association	13	2024-09-30	Both	Yes [c]	\$5,000
Thames River Yacht Club	14	2024-09-28	Capital	Yes	\$5,000
Stoney Point Sportsmen's Club	15	2024-09-30	Capital	Yes	\$5,000

Notes:

[a] This organization is not located in Lakeshore and not currently benefitting Lakeshore, however it is the organization's hope to bring their annual celebration to the Lakeshore area.

[b] The address for this organization is located in Essex, Ontario, however it is our understanding that the organization provides benefit to Lakeshore due to its close proximity.

[c] Part or all of the request by the organization is for a waiver of user fees.

[d] Additional support is provided to this organization through the Grant Fund Program (Policy AD-0069).

Financial Impacts

The 2024 budget has allocated \$25,500 for the Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Grant Program. The total request of \$73,700 exceeds the available funding by \$48,200.

Should Council wish to limit grants to the available budget of \$25,500, they may opt to prioritize or reduce funding for some applications. A recommendation to enforce a maximum per organization of \$5,000 has been incorporated to align with the annual funding limitations.

Should Council wish to authorize grants in excess of the available budget of \$25,500, they may opt to fund the overage from the Community Benefit Reserve. The forecasted

balance of the Community Benefit Reserve at the end of 2024 is approximately \$1,145,000.

Attachments

- Application forms
- Schedule of Past Recipients (2023)
- Community Benefit Fund Grant Policy

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Grant Applications for 2024.docx
Attachments:	- Lakeshore Community Benefit Fund Applications_Redacted.pdf - Appendix 1 - Community Benefit Fund - Past Recipients.pdf - By-law-53-2024 Community-Benefit-Fund-Grants-Policy-2024-Update.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Oct 24, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Prepared by Kate Rowe

Approved by the Corporate Leadership Team