

POLICY STATEMENT AND REGULATIONS

Number: 200.5

GRANTS IN AID

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The District of Summerland recognizes the value of contributions provided through the volunteer efforts of community organizations and agencies on behalf of the citizens. Grant funding demonstrates Council's commitment to working with groups providing these beneficial programs, services or projects for the community within the financial constraints of the District's budget while treating all organizations fairly and consistently.

POLICY

Each year, as part of its annual budget process, a select committee of Council will make recommendations and Council will determine the amount of funding to be provided for all municipal grants in aid.

An applicant organization must meet the following general criteria in order to be considered for a grant in aid:

1. Registration as a not for profit organization or a charity.
2. There can only be one application per organization or project.
3. Grant applications should be able to demonstrate active fundraising efforts to support the continuation of a program, project or service. The District of Summerland grant should not be considered as the primary source of funding for the organization.
4. Funding request can be defined as events, projects or programs that support sustain, promote, inform, educate, celebrate, preserve, and/or provide access to the arts, culture, and environment, heritage, recreation and/or health activities.
5. Request for financial assistance for events which are of municipal significance which would be expected to bring economic and/or public relations benefit to the District.
6. Financial assistance will not be considered for events, projects or programs of a regional nature.
7. Each application must demonstrate there is a need for financial assistance and that adequate funding from other sources is not available.
8. To qualify for funding, the group must demonstrate its commitment to all of the following principles:
 - a. Accessibility;
 - b. Effectiveness; and
 - c. Accountability through sound management and financial practices

9. The applicant organization, within the current fiscal year, must spend grant funding on the sole purpose for which it was awarded.
10. Individuals are not eligible.

In Kind Grant in Aid – use of District Facilities

1. The use of the facility must serve a community need or purpose.
2. If the purpose of the event is to raise funds, the request for the waiver of rental fees will not be approved.
3. Requests for waiver of rental fees will only be considered before the event has taken place

Participation or Hosting of Regional, Provincial, National or International Championships or Events

1. A maximum of \$500 per team or individual may be granted based on a specific need basis for travel assistance to those winning championships in sports, arts or cultural activities.
2. A maximum of \$500 may be granted to local organizations hosting events of a regional, provincial, national or international nature. Consideration will be given to the benefit received by the community as a result of hosting these events.

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