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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **July 20, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture**

FILE: **1855 -01**

SUBJECT: **Union of BC Municipalities Grant for Clayton Community Programming**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Authorize staff to accept a grant from the Union of BC Municipalities (“UBCM”), Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation (“UCPR”) Program in the amount of \$10,000 to develop additional programming opportunities for Urban Indigenous youth at the Clayton Community Centre as generally described in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authorization to accept UBCM’s UCPR Program grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 to provide additional programming opportunities for Urban Indigenous youth in the Clayton area.

BACKGROUND

The UCPR is a pilot program intended to support events and activities that provide a time and place for dialogue to build on opportunities, support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility, interest or concern, and/or to advance tangible outcomes.

Funding is available to eligible Indigenous organizations and local governments who want to create opportunities for in-person dialogue and relationship building which can help advance collaborative reconciliation plans, protocols, agreements or future projects.

On April 14, 2023, staff confirmed eligibility and proceeded to submit a grant proposal to offer accessible, free art-based storytelling workshops.

Staff were recently informed that its grant application for \$10,000 was successful. To receive the grant funding, the UBCM requires staff to obtain Council approval that *“they support the current proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management for the project.”*

DISCUSSION

The programming is intended to create a safe space, build resiliency and community, and empower participants to develop their sense of self, family, and community connection. The project proposal is built from previous programming success and positive relationships (at Clayton and in the City overall) with q̄icəȳ (Katzie), q̄w̄ɑ:n̄l̄ən̄ (Kwantlen), and səmyámə (Semiahmoo) First Nations, Urban Indigenous communities, and Indigenous service organizations. Staff will be partnering with the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (“FRAFCA”) on this project.

The programming will consist of informative and experiential culture storytelling workshops with two Indigenous artists: S^yowah of Buffalo Heart Medicine Healing Society, and slóməx̄w (Rain Pierre) from Katzie First Nation. The vision of having the workshops at the Clayton Community Centre is to build upon the facility’s growing relationships with the urban Indigenous youth population and continuing to provide new and relevant opportunities to serve the community.

FUNDING

The total cost to complete this project is \$14,500. After the grant funding is allocated, the remaining funding to implement this project is \$4,500 and is available in the 2023 Parks, Recreation & Culture Department Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council authorize staff to accept a grant UBCM’s UCPR Program in the amount of \$10,000 to develop additional programming opportunities for Urban Indigenous youth as described in this report.

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