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COUNCIL DATE: September 25, 2023

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 21, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – Semiahmoo Arts Society**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve from the Council Initiatives Fund, a funding contribution of \$10,000 to Semiahmoo Arts Society (the “Society”).

## INTENT

The Society has forwarded a request to the City to provide a funding contribution of \$10,000 towards the purchase of display cases for the Art Gallery, operated by the Semiahmoo Arts Society at South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre.

## DISCUSSION

The Society is an arts charity organization providing arts and culture services in Surrey since 1970. The Society’s primary purpose is to offer educational programs for community benefit. In 2014, the Society was offered the opportunity to operate programs at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre. The Society welcomes artists from diverse backgrounds to exhibit in shows, run workshops, offer educational programs, and host events. The number of visitors viewing art exhibitions is estimated to be 800 to 2000 per month. The Society is requesting the City of Surrey provide a funding contribution of \$10,000 to purchase four display cases for the Art Gallery. The purchase of gallery display cases will allow the Society to fulfill its mandate of “Arts for All” by promoting direct interaction with art and artists through a variety of engagement and educational programs. These display cases will also support the Art Gallery Shoppe, where local artists are invited to sell their work.

## FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the current request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Initiatives Fund Utilization Policy. Staff recommend that Council support the Society by providing a funding contribution of \$10,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. Appendix “I” attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve, from the Council Initiatives Fund, a funding contribution of \$10,000 to Semiahmoo Arts Society.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives Fund – Allocations for 2023

# Appendix “I”



## 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
<b>2023 Proposed Budget</b>	<u>260,000</u>		<b>\$ 500,000</b>
SFU Share the Vibe Community Mixer		5,000	
The Realistic Success Society		5,000	
Rotary District 5050		10,000	
KidSport BC Surrey Chapter		3,000	
Run Surrey Run		20,000	
Desi-Q Cultural Gala - Sher Vancouver		2,500	
U19 Ukranian Women's Junior Softball Team		5,000	
RCMP Musical Ride		6,000	
Gone Country, Here for the Cure		10,000	
Surrey Fiesta Extravaganza		10,000	
Anti-Racism Forum & Art Exhibition - PICS		10,000	
Homelessness Services Association of BC - Annual Conference		2,000	
Surrey Food Bank Society		15,000	
<b>Semiahmoo Arts Society (Proposed)</b>		<b>10,000</b>	
<b>Allocations for 2023</b>		<u>\$ 113,500</u>	<u>\$ 386,500</u>