

NO: R165

COUNCIL DATE: October 16, 2023

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **October 11, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – The Centre for Child Development**

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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 sponsorship contribution of \$3,000 in support of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Hope hosted by the Centre for Child Development (the “Centre”).

## INTENT

The Centre has forwarded a request to the City to provide a sponsorship contribution of \$3,000 towards their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Hope held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Coast Langley Hotel and Convention Centre.

## BACKGROUND

The City has received a sponsorship request from the Centre for their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Hope. This event has typically taken place in November and accordingly, staff receive the request for funding with adequate time to bring forward a corporate report prior to the event. However, this year, due to the timing of the event and the related request for funding, this request is coming to Council after the event.

## DISCUSSION

The Centre is a non-profit organization that operates to overcome societal barriers for those with disabilities and to empower vulnerable children and families throughout the South Fraser Region. The Centre provides comprehensive, collaborative medical rehabilitation programs and multi-disciplinary therapeutic services to children with a wide range of abilities and conditions. Each year, the Centre hosts an annual fundraising event, namely, “Gala of Hope” to support vital services that are delivered to over 4,000 children with disabilities and special needs. The Centre is requesting the City consider a sponsorship contribution of \$3,000 to support the 2023 Gala of Hope.

## **FUNDING**

Staff have evaluated the request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Initiatives Fund Utilization Policy. Staff recommend that Council consider supporting the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Hope through a sponsorship of \$3,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. Appendix "I" attached to this report, documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on the 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 sponsorship contribution of \$3,000 in support of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Hope hosted by the Centre for Child Development.

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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	
Semiahmoo Arts Society		10,000	
Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards		5,000	
<b>Centre for Child Development (Proposed)</b>		<b>3,000</b>	
Spooktacular Newton (Proposed)		5,000	
Drishti Awards Gala (Proposed)		5,000	
<b>Allocations for 2023</b>		<u><b>\$ 131,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 368,500</b></u>