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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **February 21, 2024**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – Princess Margaret Secondary School – LeoCraft Design Team**

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 \$15,000 to Princess Maragret Secondary School's LeoCraft Design Team.

INTENT

The City has received a sponsorship request from Princess Margaret Secondary School's LeoCraft Design Team (the "Team") that will be participating in the 2024 Human Exploration Rover Challenge ("HERC") taking place in April.

DISCUSSION

The HERC is an annual National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") sponsored competition that encourages students to design, develop, build, and test human-powered rovers capable of traversing challenging terrains and completing various mission tasks. The competition is open to high school, college, and university students from the United States and around the world. The competition is held at the United States Space & Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama.

The LeoCraft Design Team from Princess Margaret Secondary school is the only Canadian team selected to participate in the 2024 HERC taking place from April 18 – 20, 2024. The Team is an extra-curricular club composed of ten grade 11 and 12 students and two teachers from Princess Margaret Secondary school. The Team will be representing their school and the City at the 2024 HERC by demonstrating their strength in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ("STEM") disciplines. The Team is requesting that the City consider supporting them by providing a sponsorship contribution of \$15,000 to offset costs of designing, constructing, and testing the LeoCraft rover. In recognition of the City's support, the Team will feature the City of Surrey logo on the rover. The City will also be recognized as a sponsor on the team's website and social media platforms.

FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Initiatives Fund Utilization Policy. Staff recommend that Council support the Team through a sponsorship of \$15,000 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 sponsorship contribution of \$15,000 to Princess Margaret Secondary School's LeoCraft Design Team.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives Fund – 2024 Allocations

Appendix “I”



2024 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
2024 Proposed Budget	<u>260,000</u>		\$ 500,000
Surrey Hospitals Foundation - Celebration of Care Gala		12,500	
SFU President's Surrey Community Mixer (Proposed)		5,000	
Immigrant Link Centre Society (Proposed)		5,000	
Princess Margaret Secondary School - LeoCraft Design Team (Proposed)		15,000	
Allocations for 2024		<u>\$ 37,500</u>	<u>\$ 462,500</u>