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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **March 21, 2016**
FROM: **General Manager, Finance & Technology** FILE: **1850-20**
SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council approve a special recognition grant of \$5,000 to the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society to assist with the start-up of this re-established service.

BACKGROUND

On November 30, 2015, Council approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2016. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society to assist with start-up costs associated with the re-launch of this service. This report will address that request.

DISCUSSION

In February 2016, the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society re-launched a volunteer driver service for cancer patients in the Metro Vancouver area. This service was previously provided by the Canadian Cancer Society, who made the decision to discontinue the BC/Yukon program in October 2015 due to declining donations and a lack of volunteers. A similar service is currently provided by the Freemasons, serving Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby and New Westminister, however Surrey, Delta, the North Shore and the Tri-Cities is not being served at this time. The Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society plans to fill the gap, providing volunteer driver services to Surrey, Delta, the North Shore and the Tri-Cities.

The Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society is seeking a \$5,000 grant to assist with the start-up and service needs of the re-launched driver service. This level of support is consistent to the level of support committed to by the Corporation of Delta and requested from the Township of Langley. The City of Surrey Community Grants Budget contains \$4,750 in unallocated funds for one-time grants and \$5,000 for special recognition.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and has determined that the requested grant meets the grant evaluation criteria. The Grants Evaluation Committee recommends that Council approve a grant of \$5,000, making use of the special recognition funding.

Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2016 Grants Budget:

Should Council approve all the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendations, Appendix "I" outlines the remaining balances for the 2016 City Grants Budget:

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Appendix "I" – Unallocated City Grants



**2016 FINANCIAL PLAN
CITY GRANTS**

Description	Amount	Allocation to Date	Remaining
Grants for Property Taxes			
Opening Balance			\$ 5,000
Masonic Building Assoc. of North Surrey	2,200		
Newton Neighbourhood Community Dog Park - Proposed	9,800		
Transfer from unallocated one-time grants - Proposed	(7,000)		
Allocation for 2016		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Grants for Dry Grads			
Opening Balance			4,500
Allocated via Corporate Report 2015-F028	1,500		
Allocation for 2016		\$ 1,500	3,000
Grants for Special Recognition			
Opening Balance			5,000
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society - Proposed	5,000		
Allocation for 2016		\$ 5,000	\$ -
Grants for One-time			
Opening Balance			66,850
Allocated via Corporate Report 2015-F028	53,600		
HOPE Symposium	1,500		
Transfer to property tax grants - Proposed	7,000		
Allocation for 2016		\$ 62,100	4,750