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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **May 14, 2018**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance** FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – Sher Vancouver Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Friends Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve a grant of \$500 from the 2018 One-Time Grants Budget to the Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society (“Society”) in support of their 2018 Sher Vancouver Christmas Party, to be held in Surrey.

BACKGROUND

On November 27, 2017, Council approved the City’s 2018 Community Grants. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from the Society. This report will address this request.

DISCUSSION

The Society is a Surrey-based social, cultural, and support non-profit organization for LGBTQ South Asians and their friends, families and allies. The Society helps inform, educate, and bring about more acceptance and cross-cultural understanding surrounding LGBTQ issues including bullying, racism, homophobia, and transphobia within the South Asian and broader community.

The Society will be hosting their 2018 Sher Vancouver Christmas Party in Surrey. The event will be one of the highlights of the Society’s 10th anniversary as an organization and will incorporate recognition for long-time volunteers, members, and community partners. The Christmas party will be open to the Society’s members as well as the general public through the Society’s public Facebook page. Fifty five to sixty five guests are expected to attend and will be supporting a local charity through a fundraising component of the event. The 2018 Sher Vancouver Christmas Party will provide a safe space for many vulnerable and at-risk members of the community who may not otherwise have a place to celebrate the holiday season.

The Society is seeking a grant of \$2,000 towards the costs of the 10th anniversary and the Christmas party.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and has determined that a grant of \$500 would be reasonable in the context of similar requests that the City has received from other organizations for which the City has provided financial assistance. It is further recommended that this funding be provided from the unallocated One-Time Grant funding.

Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2018 Grants Budget:

Should Council approve the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendation, Appendix “I” outlines the remaining balances for the 2018 City Grants Budget.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Through the array of grants and sponsorships provided to community groups, the City is able to support the objectives of the Sustainability Charter 2.0. This request will specifically support the following Desired Outcomes (DO):

- Inclusion DO23: Numerous active local clubs, groups and agencies contribute to the community’s well-being; and
- Health and Wellness DO1: Surrey has a full range of high quality, community-based health and social services and programs that address health and wellness.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a grant of \$500 from the remaining 2018 One-Time Grants Budget to the Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society.

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Appendix “I” – 2018 Community Grants

APPENDIX "I"



2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Description	Unallocated Balance
Grants for Property Taxes	
Opening Balance	\$ 5,000
Available for Future Allocation	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Grants for Dry Grads	
Opening Balance	\$ 4,500
Earl Marriot Secondary	(250)
Ecole Kwantlen Park Secondary	(250)
Available for Future Allocation	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Grants for Special Recognition	
Opening Balance	\$ 5,000
Available for Future Allocation	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Grants for One-time	
Opening Balance	\$ 58,400
Allocated via Corporate Report 2017-F004	(50,200)
Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society (Proposed)	(500)
Available for Future Allocation	<u>\$ 7,700</u>