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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **April 13, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – The Realistic Success Recovery Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve funding in the amount of \$5,000 in support of The Realistic Success Recovery Society (the “Society”) from the Council initiatives Fund to complete renovations and maintenance of the Trilogy Houses.

BACKGROUND

The Realistic Success Recovery Society is a non-profit charitable organization based in Surrey. The Society operates three residential supportive recovery homes (“The Trilogy Houses”) registered with the BC Ministry of Health’s Assisted Living Registry. The mandate of the Society is to provide a respectful environment for those struggling with addictions who seek to recover and live a clean and sober independent life. The Trilogy Houses offer onsite non-medical detox, residential treatment and support recovery services for men based on abstinence from drugs and alcohol. As part of the supportive role the Trilogy Houses play in the recovery process of their clients, they help individuals find employment, providing them with a sense of responsibility and well-being, and with the opportunity to give back to the community.

The Society is launching a project to improve the Trilogy Houses through renovations with the goal to maintain their excellent reputation of good quality recovery facilities. It is estimated that renovations and leasehold improvements will cost approximately \$30,000.

DISCUSSION

The Society is requesting that the City consider a financial contribution of \$5,000 towards laminate flooring upgrades in the Trilogy Houses. The project is comprised of renovations including upgraded flooring, bathroom upgrades, and new interior paint. As a result of the pandemic, the Society has been unable to afford repairs and maintenance due to high inflationary costs related to essential expenses such as groceries, gas, and utilities. The Society has also applied for funding from other organizations such as the Royal Bank of Canada, Surrey Care Foundation and the Home Depot Canada Foundation.

The objective of the project is to keep the Trilogy Houses well maintained. Providing a safe and good quality living environment that residents feel proud of, is an important aspect of the recovery process. The project will provide an opportunity for Trilogy House residents to take part in the renovations, allowing them to develop life skills that can be added to their resume and leveraged when they begin to look for employment ultimately benefiting the Surrey community.

FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the current request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Initiatives Fund Utilization Policy. Staff recommend that Council support a funding allocation of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to complete renovations at the Trilogy Houses.

Appendix "I" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve funding in the amount of \$5,000 in support the Society from Council Initiatives Fund to complete improvements to the Trilogy Houses.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives – Allocations for 2023

Appendix "I"



2023 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
2023 Proposed Budget	<u>260,000</u>		\$ 500,000
SFU Share the Vibe Community Mixer		5,000	
The Realistic Success Society (Proposed)		5,000	
Allocations for 2023		<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 490,000</u>