



STAFF REPORT

Title: 2021 Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Recommendations

Meeting Date: November 23, 2021

Executive Summary:

Year one (1) of five (5) funding for the Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Program ("SIIG") saw the submission of two (2) applications. These included, one from Age Friendly Cold Lake Society and one from the Cold Lake John Howard Society. The Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory respectfully acknowledges that both applications recognized and attempt to address a social needs within the City, although it is our submission that one application provides a more desirous strategy to mitigate the underlying factors related to the social issue the City is facing today.

Background:

During the 2021 budget deliberations, Council allocated \$200,000 (\$40,000/year) to be distributed over a five (5) year period to support non-profit social service organizations to create, reinvent, or enhance social infrastructure that supports social inclusion within the City of Cold Lake.

On July 13, 2021, Council approved the Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Policy (No. 218-FC-21) (the "Policy"), establishing a grant program to assist eligible non-profit organizations that support vulnerable people within the community. Grant funding through this venture is intended to provide support to individuals, families, groups, and communities in meeting their social needs, maximizing their potential for development, and enhance community well-being.

The Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory Committee (the 'FCSS Advisory Committee') received two (2) SIIG grant applications for the 2021 year.

The purpose of this report is to present for Council's consideration recommendations of the FCSS Advisory Committee respecting the two (2) applications presented in this report.

Applications Recommended for Funding:

➤ The Cold Lake John Howard Society

Funding Request: \$40,000 to support and revitalize the daytime Drop-In Program, the Mat Program, and the Individual Outreach Program in their venture to provide overnight shelter, food,



water, basic personal items such as hygiene products, socks, clothes and coats and assistance in connecting to social service agencies

FCSS Advisory Committee Recommendation: For Council to approve full funding as requested within this application.

Administration Comments: The application met the eligibility criteria as set out in the Policy, including letters of support, collaboration with other services, and financial statements.

Applications Referred to Council for Consideration:

➤ Age Friendly Cold Lake Society

Funding Request: \$40,000 to purchase of a vehicle for the purpose of a transportation service to support seniors and other referrals in travelling to attend non-emergent medical appointments in Cold Lake, Bonnyville, and Edmonton.

FCSS Advisory Committee Recommendation: For Council defer this application to the next grant cycle for the applicant to provide additional budget, local collaboration, and unduplicated service information as per the Policy.

Administration Comments: The need for additional services are acknowledged by Administration. This application meets a portion of the required criteria, including a basic financial statement and letters of support, however the application:

- Had not demonstrated a collaboration with fellow social, civic service partners to achieve the program's goals (see 4.5 of the Policy).
- Provided a basic financial statement however, it does not address vehicle estimates, service fees, liability insurance costs, staffing costs, or Program Expenditures to ensure eligibility (see 4.7 of the Policy).



- Demonstrates a duplication of existing services within the community, in contravention of the Policy. It should be noted that the FCSS Advisory Committee did not receive options that do not include the purchase of a vehicle or explore the usage of local area bus or charter services to maximize efficiency.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. That Council support the Cold Lake John Howard Society application for a Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$40,000 to be used toward the daytime Drop-In Program, the Mat Program, and the Individual Outreach Program in the venture to provide overnight shelter, food, water, basic personal items, and assistance in connecting to social service agencies.

And That Council respectfully defer Age Friendly Cold Lake Society's application requesting funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of a transportation service vehicle to the next grant cycle so the applicant may provide additional budgets, local collaboration details, and unduplicated service information as per the Policy.

2. That Council may amend (by deleting or adding) the approved funding applications under the Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant Policy.
3. That Council receive Administration's report as information.

Recommended Action:

1. That Council support the Cold Lake John Howard Society application for a Social Inclusion and Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$40,000 to be used toward the daytime Drop-In Program, the Mat Program, and the Individual Outreach Program in the venture to provide overnight shelter, food, water, basic personal items, and assistance in connecting to social service agencies; and
2. That Council respectfully defer Age Friendly Cold Lake Society's application requesting funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of a transportation service vehicle to the next grant cycle so the applicant may provide additional budgets, local collaboration details, and unduplicated service information as per the Policy.



Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No; funding already allocated to restricted surplus.

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