



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of May 10, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance
Date: April 27, 2018
Subject: 2018 Strategic Plan Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. Consider and approve, as determined by Council, the External Grant Review Committee's recommendations for grant awards for the Strategic Plan Grant program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intake for the 2018 Strategic Plan Grant program closed January 31, 2018. The 2018 Draft Financial Plan has allocated funding of \$510,000 for the Strategic Plan Grants and the Micro Grants. In March 2018, Council approved the full Micro Grant request of \$3,500; thus the remaining amount available for the Strategic Plan Grants is \$506,500.

On August 25, 2016, Council approved the Terms of Reference (Appendix A) to implement an external grant review committee for the City's Strategic Plan Grants for a one-year pilot. Council continued with the external grant review committee for the 2018 intake term. The external grant review committee was established to promote a merit-based evaluation process by appointing members with expertise in the areas that are eligible under the grant program.

The City received a total of 59 grant applications (Appendix B), with 55 eligible applications totalling \$1,060,681 and requests ranging from \$1,000 to \$70,000 (Appendix C). In 2017, the City received 57 grant applications, all were eligible totalling \$987,108 and requests ranged from \$1,000 to \$70,000. A total of \$537,500 was awarded in 2017.

The external grant review committee has evaluated the Strategic Plan grant applications and are providing a separate report and recommendations for Council's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jo-Ann O'Connor,
Manager, Financial Planning

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Susanne Thompson
Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:



Date: May 3, 2018

List of Attachments

Appendix A: External Grant Review Committee Terms of Reference

Appendix B: Strategic Plan Grant Applications

Appendix C: Strategic Plan Grant Applicant Summary

Appendix D: Grant Policy