



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2020**

Date: May 11, 2020

From: Councillor Isitt

Subject: Amplifying Community Benefits from Strategic Plan Grants

Background

Council is considering options for Covid-19 recovery, including proposals for new grant programs.

The City of Victoria Strategic Plan 2019-2022 reflects a consensus of priorities of many Council members, informed by extensive input from community members.

It is therefore recommended that Council focus new investment in grants in the Strategic Plan Grant Program, to amplify Covid-19 recovery efforts that align with the Strategic Plan.

It is also recommended that Council allocate \$500,000 from the 2020 contingency and direct staff to initiate a second intake for 2020, with a new granting criterion for applicants who have experienced economic hardship as a result of Covid-19.

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1) Authorize \$500,000 from the 2020 contingency toward the Strategic Plan Grant Program.
- 2) Direct staff to initiate without delay a second intake for the Strategic Plan Grant Program for 2020, incorporating a new criterion in the evaluation of applications based on the degree to which applicants have experienced economic hardship arising from Covid-19.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Isitt", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Councillor Isitt