

Committee of the Whole Report

For the Meeting of July 23, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole Date: July 17, 2020

From: Jo-Ann O'Connor, Deputy Director of Finance

2020 Strategic Plan Grants – Second Stream for COVID-19 Subject:

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider, determine, and approve grant awards for the second intake of Strategic Plan Grants related to COVID-19 recovery.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to COVID-19, Council has approved several initiatives to support the community to reopen and recover from the pandemic, including offering additional grants. One of these initiatives included undertaking a second round of Strategic Plan Grants of up to \$250,000 with an exclusive focus on recovery projects related to COVID-19 and to be dispersed as soon as practicable.

The intake for the COVID-19 Strategic Plan Grant program opened June 11 and closed July 15. The City received a total of 23 grant applications (Appendix A) which were reviewed by staff for eligibility. All 23 applications are eligible under the City's grant policy (Appendix B). The eligible applications total \$860,162 in requests ranging from \$4,000 to \$190,780 (Appendix C).

For this second intake, Council will be evaluating all applications and determining the grant award amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Director of Finance

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:

July 20, 2020

Susanne Thompson

Deputy City Manager/CFO

List of Attachments

Appendix A: COVID-19 Strategic Plan Grant Applications Appendix B: City of Victoria Grant Policy

Appendix C: COVID-19 Strategic Plan Grant Applicant Summary