



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of May 13, 2021

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** April 21, 2021
From: Thomas Soulliere, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Subject: 2021 Community Garden Micro Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve Community Garden Micro Grant applications for the following non-profit organizations:
 - a. Burnside Gorge Community Association (\$500)
 - b. Fairfield Gonzales Community Association (\$500)
 - c. Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society (\$500)
 - d. James Bay Neighbourhood Association (\$500)
 - e. Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee (\$500)
 - f. Victoria West Community Association (\$485)
 - g. North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association (\$500)
 - h. Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society (\$500)
 - i. James Bay New Horizons (\$500)
2. Delegate authority to approve future Community Garden Micro Grants to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, to the satisfaction of the Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Garden Micro Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations to assist with the cost of supplies, materials, and equipment for community gardens. The grants are awarded through an application process annually.

The 2021 Financial Plan includes a total allocation of \$477,100 in funding for the *Strategic Plan Grants* and the *Micro Grant* programs. In January, the City received nine eligible grant applications for the 2021 program intake totalling \$4,485: Eight requests for \$500 and one for \$485 (Attachment A). The eligibility of each application is reviewed based on the criteria provided in the City's Grant Policy (Attachment B). In 2020, the City awarded ten Micro Grants totalling \$4,840.

Should Council award the recommended value, the remaining funds available for Strategic Plan Grants would be \$472,615.

The total amount of funds applied for through this program each year is typically \$5,000 or less. To increase the efficiency of the review and award process, staff recommend that Council delegate authority to approve future Community Garden Micro Grants to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soulliere
Director
Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager

List of Attachments

Attachment A: 2021 Community Garden Micro Grant Eligible Applications
Attachment B: City of Victoria Grant Policy