



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 16-018**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Cheryl Hitchen, Manager, Social Policy & Strategic Community Development
Date of Meeting: December 15, 2015
Subject: Community Investment Fund 2015 Recommendations

Executive Summary:

In May 2011, Council approved the new Community Investment Fund to replace the Healthy Community Fund. This grant program blended the former Healthy Community Fund with the United Way of KFL&A community grant program to streamline the application process and align with the priorities of the Sustainable Kingston Plan. The United Way continues to administer this process at no charge. A total of twenty three (23) applications for this combined program were received in September with a total request of \$441,777. Five review panels were established and a total of thirteen (13) grant applications are recommended to be funded for a total of \$190,000 provided by the City of Kingston. This report presents the recommendations for the municipal funds in the program only as the United Way has its own approval process.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the thirteen (13) Community Investment Fund grant recommendations, attached to Report Number 16-018 as Exhibit A, for a total of \$190,000 which is included in the 2015 operational budget.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Cynthia Beach, Corporate & Strategic Initiatives	Not required
Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	

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Options/Discussion:

In 2011, City Council approved a new grant program that amalgamated the municipal Healthy Community Fund and the United Way's community grants into a single program called the "Community Investment Fund". There are three (3) funding streams that align with the community impact areas defined by the United Way and the goals of the Sustainable Kingston Plan. These streams are: "All That Kids Can Be", "From Poverty to Possibility" and "Healthy People, Strong Communities".

The deadline for applications for this year's program was Friday, September 11, 2015. A total of twenty-three (23) applications were received for a total request of \$441,777. Community volunteers, the United Way and municipal staff reviewed the requests in accordance with the Community Investment Fund criteria. The process included a paper review of the applications and presentations to the review panels.

Of the applications received, thirteen (13) grants are being recommended for funding from City of Kingston funds for a total of \$190,000. The United Way Board of Directors has separately approved co-funding for nine of these grants as well as funding two others through their grant funding totally \$63,700.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

Not applicable

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

Financial Considerations:

The 2015 operating budget allocated \$190,000 for this grant program.

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Lee Campbell, Manager, Housing and Child Care, Housing & Social Services Department

Exhibits Attached:

Exhibit A Community Investment Fund Summary Report 2015

**2015 City of Kingston and United Way
Community Investment Fund Summary Report 2015**

Administered by United Way of KFL&A

Background

Since 2011, the United Way of KFL&A and the City of Kingston have worked closely to streamline and coordinate processes for disbursing grants. A joint Community Investment Fund grant application process has been successfully implemented, reducing the amount of work for organizations who apply for grants.

The United Way administers the granting process for the City at no cost. This process aligns efforts with the funding priorities of both the United Way and City of Kingston. United Way funding is available for programs that address emerging needs and issues in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, while the City of Kingston's funding provides support to programs and projects that are within the City's boundaries.

The Community Investment Fund granting stream disburses one-time grants to organizations that meet an identified need and goal within one of the following three Community Impact Areas:

1. All That Kids Can Be
2. Healthy People, Strong Communities
3. From Poverty to Possibility

Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services; and Cheryl Hitchen, Manager, Social Policy & Strategic Community Development for the City of Kingston, served as a resource to the process.

The United Way recruited volunteers to review applications and make funding recommendations. Bhavana Varma, President & CEO and Marg Kubalak, Senior Manager Community Investment, provided support and guidance to the review panel volunteers through this granting process.

Community Volunteer Panel Members included: Morgan Asselstine, Peter Bacon, Sue Bates, Alexandra Blaine, Jim Campbell, Sheryl Ferguson, Martha Forkes, Kathryn Foster, Mary Beth Gauthier, Teresa Graham, Lucille Groll, Kera James, Leslie Kelly, Gus Loukas, Teresa Marrello, Margaret McGowen, Tanya McLaughlin, Leanne O`Mara, Susan Pinney, Shannon Plant, Paul Rosenbaum, Karen Smith, Wendy Stuckart, Angie Tingren-Watkins, Andrew White, Sandi Wilde and Brenda Willis.

Volunteers were divided into five panels. A total of 23 applications were received, requesting a total amount of \$441,777. The process included a review of the submissions and presentations by the agency applicants to the panels. Volunteers carefully deliberated to reach consensus on all requests in accordance with the City of Kingston and United Way Community Investment Fund guidelines. City of Kingston and United Way staff participated as non-voting members at the panel meetings.

City of Kingston funds in the amount of \$190,000 were available for disbursement through the 2015 Community Investment Fund process. City funds must be disbursed during the fiscal year i.e. December 31, 2015. The United Way Board of Directors has approved United Way funding on November 19th. This year, based on review and eligibility, 13 grants are being recommended to Kingston City Council for approval to receive City of Kingston funds in the amount of \$190,000.

All That Kids Can Be

Seven applications received totaling \$140,641

Recommended for Funding from City of Kingston - 6 grants totaling \$92,300

Boys and Girls Club of Kingston & Area

Healthy Transition Years

\$18,000

Funding is recommended for a pilot program to address the gap in age-appropriate programming for children aged 10 to 12 years old. Programming ensures a successful transition from childhood to adolescence by establishing healthy habits to improve children's overall health and wellbeing and to build resiliency skills for their future. The program will include education, physical activity, cooking and nutrition instruction, mental health supports and increased community connections. Funding is to support one full-time coordinator position, program materials and supplies for one meal preparation workshop per week for 75 children and partial funding for transportation from the North End program to the West End program.

Brigantine Incorporated

St. Lawrence II Centenary Legacy Revitalization Project, Phase I

\$11,000

Funding is recommended to assist with the Legacy Revitalization Project to renovate and repair the St. Lawrence II. Renovations to the ship are necessary to continue providing the organization's maritime program of educational in-house leadership and sail training to youth. Youth participating in the Leadership and Skills Development program will assist with the construction of the masts and installation of navigational equipment. Funding of \$6,500 is for salaries of the craftspeople/educators to lead the shaping and finishing of the new masts and training these skills to 10-20 youth; the remainder of \$4,500 is to purchase updated navigational equipment (i.e. radios, chart plotting software).

Canadian Mental Health Association Kingston

Promoting Mental Health with Gender and Sexually Diverse Youth

\$20,000

Funding is recommended to provide mental health support program to the vulnerable population of gender and sexually diverse youth. The program will provide youth with space and

opportunity to engage in conversations, activities and education to prevent the high risk of suicide and substance abuse that affects this population. The program will be delivered through monthly Community Facilitated Conversations for youth, parents and educators, Suicide Intervention Training for 19-24 year olds, Friends for Youth Training for 13-16 year olds, Information and Navigation of mental health supports including referrals, and the distribution of printed materials to 75 schools. Funding is for a staff coordinator to develop and coordinate the program and for program supplies.

Community Living Kingston and District

Youth Connect

\$21,000

Funding is recommended to provide youth aged 16-22, who have developmental disabilities, with opportunities to volunteer, gain experience for employment, develop social relationships and participate in recreational activities. The program matches each youth's interests with connections to community partners. The program runs primarily in the summer when youth are most disengaged from structured activity with the goal to continue the connections and relationships beyond the grant timeframe. Funding is for two Inclusion Facilitator positions to support 10-15 youth.

Down Syndrome Association Kingston

After School Tutoring & Physical Activity Program

\$2,300

Funding is recommended to support the afterschool tutoring and physical activity program for Down Syndrome children and their siblings. A special education teacher will develop and coordinate the program and match children on a one-to-one basis with volunteers and parents for the academic component. The second part of each session is composed of physical play and social interaction to encourage emotional and physical well-being and positive relationships between the children, their siblings, families, and friends. Funding will cover the Educator's salary, program supplies and nutritional snacks.

K3C Community Counselling Centres

Healthy Relationships in High School Aged Males

\$20,000

Funding is recommended to support a pilot program to offer accessible individual and group counselling on location in high schools and social spaces. This program will address unhealthy relationship dynamics exhibited by some high school aged males. Support will be delivered by professional counsellors with expertise in youth and their unique needs. Individual counselling for up to 25 youth will be tailored to each youth's circumstances, with referrals from educators and social workers. The program will address barriers to counselling including lack of ability to travel to K3C and the social stigma associated with accessing counselling of this nature. Funding is for the delivery of counselling for youth.

Healthy People, Strong Communities

Twelve applications received totaling \$230,066

Recommended for Funding from City of Kingston - 5 grants totaling \$79,000

Independent Living Centre Kingston

Access to Volunteering 2

\$15,000

Funding is recommended for the Access to Volunteering 2 program to provide supported volunteering for 24 adults with disabilities. Individuals will be recruited and trained to provide them with the necessary skills to be successful in their volunteer positions. With the assistance of the project coordinator, clients will develop, maintain and deliver their own volunteering plan. Their plans will identify need, barriers, strategies, expectations and experiences. Agencies where clients are volunteering will also be supported by ILCK. Funding is for .33 FTE project coordinator, printing and advertising, purchase of a laptop and printer for coordinator's use, and local travel.

KCHC – Community Harvest

Community Harvest Kingston

\$13,000

Funding is recommended for Community Harvest Kingston to operate the north end market and community garden to increase food security for North Kingston residents. The community garden is maintained by volunteers who learn gardening skills and work cooperatively under the leadership of a facilitator. The produce is sold at very low prices at the market and at events that include fun and educational food related activities, such as cooking demonstrations for families. Funding is to support a garden and market coordinator position to further promote sustainable local organic food production and preparation to low income families.

Kingston House of Recovery for Women and Children

Piloting Recovery for Women and Children

\$25,000

Funding is recommended to support a pilot program to provide wrap-around services to two women undergoing addiction treatment who are pregnant and/or have children in their care who may otherwise require foster placement. Services include: temporary housing in a shelter for up to six months; medical substitution therapy; individual psychotherapy; attendance at community support groups; practical support; prenatal and parenting education; connection to income and housing support services. Currently, no residential addiction treatment allows women to have children with them. Funding will be used to provide the cost of professional services, transportation and shelter fees.

Kingston Makerspace

Startup Funding for Kingston Makerspace

\$5,000

Funding is recommended for startup funding for Makerspace. This program will offer weekly open-house evenings for unstructured brainstorming, monthly class or project workshops and group project support. Projects may be based in the arts, technology, mechanics and/or crafts and participants will have access to tools and equipment not readily available in schools or elsewhere in the community (i.e. Raspberry Pi programming, 3D printing). Funding is intended to assist the agency to rent workshop space suitable for carpentry, metalworking and welding, and a finished, clean space suitable for activities such as electronics.

Seniors Association Kingston

Closer to Home: Phase 2

\$21,000

Funding is recommended to support Phase 2 of the Closer to Home program in the west end that focuses on fitness and sports activities for seniors living in close proximity to the Frontenac Mall. Programming will be expanded from 5 to 16 programs and from 2 days to 3 days weekly. A 5-member volunteer committee composed of local residents has devised the list of programs to be offered. Programming in the west end is expected to be self-sustaining by the beginning of 2017. Grant funding will be used for staff, facility rental costs, instructor and volunteer training and equipment.

From Poverty to Possibility

4 applications received totaling \$71,070

Recommended for Funding from City of Kingston - 2 grants \$18,700

Kingston Home Base Non-Profit Housing

Emergency Shelter Back-up Generator

\$12,700

Funding is recommended to purchase an emergency back-up generator for the 29-bed In from the Cold homeless shelter located on Montreal Street. In the event of a power failure, the shelter has to close due to safety issues. The backup generator would supply power to only the shelter portion of the building allowing services to continue; residents from other affected shelters could also be accommodated. The generator to be purchased is a used 44kw natural gas powered backup generator previously used by the KFLA Public Health Unit. It is in excellent condition with a useful life expectancy of 20 years, and meets electrical specifications for the HBH building's electrical system.

Outreach St. George's Kingston

Lunch By George

\$6,000

Funding is recommended for the purchase of a commercial food processor, new or replacement freezers/refrigerators, clothing racks and men's clothing. The agency runs the Lunch by George Program that serves between 30 and 70 meals each weekday and gives marginalized people in the community a place to eat, socialize and receive assistance with referrals to other community agencies. Free clothing is also available at no cost to the client. The agency manages its own community garden and any surplus produce is shared with other food providers and community partners.

Respectfully submitted,

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