



Staff Report T2026-02

Committee 2026-04-08

Council 2026-04-20

Amendments

Submitted To: Committee of the Whole | Council
Submitted By: Jennifer Graham, Treasurer
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Subject: 2026 Council Community Grant Award

Recommendation

THAT Staff Report T2026-02, 2026 Council Community Grant Award, be received;
AND THAT Council award eligible 2026 applicants funding based on the average amount allocated by each member of Council, from the 2026 operating budget, totaling \$102,626.

Amendments

None.

1. Executive Summary

This report provides Council with the results of the evaluation of grant applications received, the available budget for allocation, and includes other relevant information to assist in determining awards under the 2026 Council Community Grant Program.

2. Analysis

Background

The purpose of the grant and in-kind support program is to provide assistance to organizations or individuals that demonstrate social, economic, or environmental benefits to the Town of Collingwood, its citizens or taxpayers, and/or advance the Town's strategic initiatives. The budgeted amount for Council Grants in 2026 is \$102,626.

Council also budgeted 2026 funds outside of this grant process to support local initiatives which include the following:

- \$28,000 – Physician recruitment
- \$25,000 – BIA clean up staff moving from part-time to full-time
- \$65,000 – Georgian Bay Accelerator
- \$31,500 – Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) annual commitment under the 10 year funding agreement
- \$40,000 – Collingwood Climate Action Team (CCAT) Green Economy Hub
- \$25,000 – Pride Festival funded from Municipal Accommodation Tax

The intake period for the 2026 Council Community Grant Program closed on February 6, 2026. Staff completed the intake and eligibility review for more than 20 applications. Finance and PRC staff worked collaboratively to ensure applications were directed to the appropriate grant program, as PRC administered its Community Recreation and Culture Grant process concurrently.

A total of 22 eligible applications were forwarded to Council, along with an evaluation tool for scoring.

Analysis

Evaluations were submitted to the Treasurer by all Councillors by March 26, 2026. In accordance with the established procedure, staff calculated the overall average score for each application, based on Council's evaluations. All 22 applicants met the minimum eligibility threshold of 15 points, with scores ranging from 15 to 29 out of a possible 30. Staff also calculated the average financial and in-kind award amounts recommended by Councillors. Where a Councillor declared a conflict of interest, their evaluation was excluded from the calculations.

Grants will be awarded based on the average amounts recommended by Council, resulting in all applicants receiving some level of funding within the approved budget. The total value of the average recommended awards is \$104,385. The difference between the available funding and the total recommended amounts was distributed evenly across all 22 applications. This approach enables Council funding to support a broad range of initiatives.

Recommended award amounts based on Council scoring:

Applicant	Financial Award	In-Kind Award
100 Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle	\$870.05	
Alpine Canada Alpin	\$2,830.05	
Brad's Place Addiction Treatment	\$4,230.05	
Collingwood Hockey Faceoff Against Hunger		\$1895.05
Collingwood Leisure Time Club	\$7,310.05	
Collingwood Music Festival	\$8,370.05	
Collingwood Toastmasters		\$750.05
Common Thread Collingwood Thrift Store Inc.	\$3,640.05	
Connaught Public School	\$4,920.05	
Cybergnomes Robotics Inc.	\$1,670.05	
First Presbyterian Church	\$3,060.05	
Georgian Bay Cancer Support	\$3,180.05	
Georgian Bay Forever	\$4,140.05	
Home Horizon Georgian Triangle Residential Services	\$8,420.05	
Hope Chapel	\$3,680.05	
Magic of Children in the Arts		\$4,310.05
Mobile Soup Kitchen	\$5,860.05	
My Friend's House	\$9,090.05	
Optimist Club		\$4,310.05
South Georgian Bay Music Foundation	\$3,510.02	\$3,480.03
The Bein Gorm Highlanders Pipe and Drums		\$4,860.05
Theatre Collingwood Association Inc.	\$8,240.05	
TOTAL		\$102,626

Purpose for the use of funds granted is included in Appendix A: Applicant Details.

Financial Impacts

Awards given are within the current operating budget.

Conclusion

Council has the ability to positively impact more people and organizations while fulfilling the purpose of this grant.

3. Input from Other Sources

Reviewed at Department Heads

4. Applicable Policy or Legislation

T2025-22 Council Community Grant Policy Amendments

5. Considerations

2024-2028 Community Based Strategic Plan: [Choose an item.](#)

Sustainable Connected Vibrant Responsible

Services adjusted if any: [Choose an item.](#)

Climate Change / Sustainability: [Choose an item.](#)

Communication / Engagement: [Choose an item.](#)

Accessibility / Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: [Choose an item.](#)

Registered Lobbyist(s) relating to content: [\[add content and meeting dates\]](#)

Next steps and future action required following endorsement:

6. Appendices and Other Resources

Appendix A: Applicant Details

7. Approval

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Jennifer Graham, Director, Finance/Treasurer

CAO Comments:

Endorsed by CAO Skinner on April 2, 2026 to proceed to COW.