

2019 CAG Community Grant Comments

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| <p>\$16,000 for two signs is outrageous (Glenayre)</p> |
| <p>There are others that I believe also deserve consideration for requested grants. Hopefully if the budget does not allow to provide the grants, a reduced amount to those that are asking over \$4,000 can be applied in order to fulfill as many requests as possible.</p> |
| <p>Thank you ?????</p> |
| <p>We are fortunate to have such associations serve our community. Ideally , all deserve our support. This list comprises some groups who normally do not garner enough financial aid but do a great deal for many in the tri cities.</p> |
| <p>There are several "community associations" on this list.... anything OTHER THAN THOSE ASSOCIATIONS should get funding. How do we compare driving for cancer patients, helping youth at risk and first nations youth, or helping with youth sports - with buying new signs for a single neighbourhood association?! That's nuts...</p> |
| <p>21 was in the running</p> |
| <p>These are all great organizations doing great work and its very difficult to choose. However, with limited resources I believe we should focus on supporting our more vulnerable residents (seniors, post-partum), those who face current/past marginalization (such as Indigenous children, and LGTBQ youth), and supporting Indigenous communities and culture in Port Moody.</p> |
| <p>If possible, I would also add support for those organizations asking \$500 or less to implement small but meaningful activities.</p> |
| <p>i realize this is a tough decision. So many good causes. Some would, however, be better served by active participation of sponsors other than the City. With more imagination and foresight, I'm pretty sure that sources of private funds could be found.</p> |
| <p>Grant applicant's website address should be made available so that we can do learn more about the organizations. It would be good to have the last 5 year's list of grant recipients in the grant info booklet as well.</p> |
| <p>Decision-making was quite challenging because all of these applications have worthy requests! I wound up choosing the organizations that I felt would serve Port Moody residents whose physical and mental well-being were most in need, and whose recipients cover a fairly wide range of people. To that end, I also wanted to choose Access Youth Outreach, however a \$10,000 request meant that there'd be smaller amounts available to other charities. Is it possible we can raise the amount of available grant money next year to between \$20,000 and \$25,000?</p> |
| <p>I do not believe tax funds should go to specific Community Associations as the operation of such associations should come from the membership. It would also be discriminatory to fund some CA's and not others.</p> |

I believe this represents the greatest good to the greatest numbers. CVS should receive the balance of what is left after the first 4 would be paid out

Thank you to the city for keeping the grant program going.

I would have liked to select Grant Proposals totalling \$18000

I believe it's important to support cancer agencies that provide help for families. Also meals are very important part of support as well. Meals on wheels gives meals and contact to many shut ins.

I don't think the Port moody Christmas Fair should receive a grant it's going to give away. If a Fair raises enough money to be able to give it away, that's great, but to use a grant to give away isn't right. The ACCESS outreach is a good project, but will also have possible funding through the province and federal governments. I'm willing to help the Glenayre community with their signs, but they need to do some fundraising as well - and should be evidenced as such. As always there are many good choices to pick from, and it's a tough job choosing just five of them.

Great variety of applicants. I hope to see variety in recipients.

This challenging when some requests were significantly large and in some cases effort to access or leverage with other funders was absent or not adequately explained. Applicants should know what the available funds are for the year, or an estimated range so as to be practical in their requests. Requests for \$10,000 and \$16,000 are not practical requests for this community program. There were also very modest requests for \$500 (Friendly Forest Preschool Assn) and \$200 (MCCA) that get lost in the process, yet the small support to these groups would be a big difference for them. One question not asked is whether the applicant had received funding in the past and when. Repeat requests should not receive support for more than 2 years. I would be happy to participate in a better evaluation process, as I have no idea how many have volunteered to provide their preferences and if there is any disclosure if any evaluator is associated with any of the funding requests.

I read through the descriptions and scored each application based on the 8 criteria set out on page 3 of the guide. I then tallied the scores and these 5 applicants came out on top as having addressed a demonstrated need, will improve quality of life for Port Moody residents, the funds are expended locally (and I added a section for programs that are accessible to a large portion of the Port Moody population rather than exclusive groups), the extent to which benefits will be directed towards youth, people with disabilities, and seniors; and the involvement of volunteers to help build a sense of community and belonging.

Grants focused on community improvement for shared (non-neighborhood) associations is always a priority.