



Subject: Cultural Grant Funding Request

Report Number: CS 22-33

Department: Corporate Services Department

Submitted by: Laura Pickersgill, Executive Assistant/Assistant Clerk

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, December 12, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives report CS 22-33 Cultural Grant Funding Request, as information;

AND THAT the Council authorizes the funding in the amount of \$600.00 to Forge Fest as a cultural grant to assist in costing involved with the concert series held at the Station Arts Centre.

BACKGROUND

The Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Committee of the previous term of Council was tasked with distributing funds to local non-profit organizations from the Cultural Funds budget. There was \$6,000 in the 2022 budget with \$1,100 spent to date. The only other application submitted and funded under this grant for 2022 was for Forge Fest held in August 2022.

DISCUSSION

With the turnover in staff members, this item was not forwarded onto existing employees prior to their departure. Given that, this application was not reviewed and submitted to the former Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Committee. Being that the previous Committees of Council have expired and there will be some time passed before a new Committee is established and orientated, staff is bringing this forward for Council's consideration to expedite the process.

Staff are recommending that this grant request be permitted as this organization and its' event meets the eligibility criteria established for Cultural Grants. The application with the organization and event details has been included for Council's reference.

CONSULTATION

Former Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Committee Chair & Council Representative
Interim Director of Finance/Treasurer
Clerk's Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

\$600 from the Cultural Grants budget as noted above.

CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- Lifestyle and amenities
- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion
- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal- Within the community, Tillsonburg will strive to offer residents the amenities, services and attractions they require to enjoy balanced lifestyles.

Strategic Direction- Increase opportunities to enjoy culture, events and leisure activities in Tillsonburg.

Priority Project- N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A- Forge Fest Concert Series Application for Cultural Grant