

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: August 18, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Ward 2 Community Grants

WHEREAS City Council approved recommendations in Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives (FCS18014(a)) on December 17, 2018;

WHEREAS Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Funds totalled \$229,987 as of November 16, 2022 and \$250,538 as of July 28, 2023;

WHEREAS funds in the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Funds expire and must be returned to the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve;

WHEREAS Report FCS18014(a) outlined “Scenario 3: Grants” which permits Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Funds to be used for grants to support community initiatives;

WHEREAS City staff in Financial Planning, Administration and Policy and Community Engagement - Grants were consulted on the development of the Ward 2 Community Grants program;

WHEREAS the Ward 2 Community Grants program was launched on July 4 and accepted applications from public organizations and groups that met both the criteria outlined in Report FCS18014(a) and proposed by City staff to allocate Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Funds including:

- The funds must be used to support an organization or group operating within the physical boundaries of Ward 2.
- The organization or group must be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, a registered charity, or must have a demonstrable non-profit status.
- Requests cannot total more than \$5,000 per organization in a calendar year.
- Applications must demonstrate that an organization or group will make an improvement or continue to provide a benefit to the community.
- Applications must demonstrate that an organization or group has a financial need for funding.
- Receipts, invoices, or other financial documentation must be provided before a cheque requisition will be completed and funding issued.

- If an application is successful, the decision of the Ward 2 Team must then be ratified by Council. The decisions of the Ward 2 office are not final until approved by Council for amounts more than \$350.
- Organizations or groups will be required to complete a disclosure form that outlines any other City funding they have received or will receive in this calendar year.
- Funding from the Ward 2 Community Grants program cannot be relied on for ongoing operational funding in future years.
- Priority will be given to new applicants in future application cycles.

WHEREAS the Ward 2 Community Grants program closed for Q1, Q2, and Q3 on July 31, 2023 with a total of 36 applications;

WHEREAS City staff in Financial Planning, Administration and Policy and Community Engagement - Grants reviewed the recommendations from the Ward 2 Community Grants program and found that they were all eligible; and

WHEREAS the following \$77,525 in 19 individual grants is the first part of the fulfilment of this round of the Ward 2 Community Grants program with additional grant recommendations coming forward in a motion to the first City Council meeting in September 2023 from applications that are still under review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Art Gallery of Hamilton for “Super Quartz”, an enhanced version of Quartz, their monthly Queer Art Hang in partnership with Fruit Salad and Friends of Ruby;
- (b) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to Cobalt Connects for expenses so that Keeping Six could provide outreach and support to unhoused guests at Winterfest 2023;
- (c) That up to \$4,500 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Corktown Neighbourhood Association to pay for translation services, professional and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliant website creation, a commercial mailout through Canada Post, and a community event;
- (d) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the gritLIT Literary Festival for a marketing and outreach consultant who will draft a concrete outreach strategy, create marketing materials, and engage new and existing stakeholders to help gritLIT serve their EDI commitments and deepen their impact;

- (e) That up to \$4,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Hamilton Arts Council to cover costs of services for the Tune In Foundation for the BIPOC hArt Music Series, providing emerging artists from underrepresented racialized communities with opportunities to develop successful careers in the music industry through mentorship, performance, and the creation of a portfolio video;
- (f) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Hamilton Community Land Trust to hire a consultant who will develop an internal organizational review, a financial and business sustainability model, and a fundraising strategy;
- (g) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Hamilton Community Peregrine Project for new Falconwatch cameras;
- (h) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Hamilton Festival Theatre Company to assist with costs associated with the rental, construction, and installation of Fringe Club Outdoor Stage programming, which hosted 12 days of free performances, workshops, and drop-in events;
- (i) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Hamilton Music Collective for rental costs associated with the Musical Futures Summer Camp (a music and performance camp for children and youth from schools identified as high-risk by Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and (HWDCDSB), and 16 students attend camp on full-fee covered scholarships) and Eclectic Local (a free and accessible summer concert series that strives to offer a diverse and eclectic mix of artists);
- (j) That up to \$1,050 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) for hiring House of Adam & Steve, a DJ and drag queens, for the unveiling of the pride crosswalk at Ferguson Avenue North and King William Street;
- (k) That up to \$1,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to Mission Services for maintaining the technology necessary to run Text Inasmuch, a 24/7 text and web-based support service (allows advocates to provide support, advice, and referrals to women in need) for women in Hamilton experiencing homelessness and abuse;
- (l) That up to \$1,650 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to Musicata - Hamilton's Voices to update their website, which allow them to identify their target audience, create a mobile

friendly design, integrate updated features, and increase access to their programming and provide training;

- (m) That up to \$4,500 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the North End Breezes community newspaper to assist with printing and distribution costs;
- (n) That up to \$825 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the North End Neighbourhood Association for advertising, web hosting costs, and banking fees;
- (o) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to Sexual Assault Centre Hamilton and Area (SACHA) for traffic control costs associated with the 43rd Annual Take Back the Night (TBTN);
- (p) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Sprout Organization for advertising and promotion of the Lucky Lion Night Market (Hamilton's first predominantly Asian-based food festival) at Bayfront Park;
- (q) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to Theatre Aquarius to provide mental health first aid, de-escalation training, anti-oppression training to staff who encounter unhoused individuals every day, often in crisis, and need tools and resources to feel confident and capable when assisting them, and to install an alcove barrier;
- (r) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) to the Welcome Inn Community Centre for landscaping costs associated with making more accessible and beautifying their outdoor community gathering space;
- (s) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (#3302309200) spectrum Hamilton and YWCA Hamilton Youth Services to provide art supplies, a storage cabinet, participant supports, and marketing and outreach materials, which will be a direct benefit to more than 300 2SLGBTQIA+ youth who access spectrum Hamilton's programming;
- (t) That any funds allocated and distributed through the Ward 2 Community Grants Program be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (u) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.