




CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Recreation Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 20, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Recreation Funding Agreements for Annual Operating Grants (HSC24023) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with CANUSA Games, effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to support the hosting and administration of the CANUSA Games, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City’s annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with the Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton, effective June 12, 2024 to provide an annual operating grant to support the operation of Camp Marydale, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City’s annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys’ & Girls’ Club operating as BGC Hamilton-Halton, effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to support the operation of after

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- school programming, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City's annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with The Jewish Social Services of Hamilton Inc., effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to support the operation of programming for seniors, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City's annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. operating as Wesley, effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to support the hosting and operation of after school programming at the Queen Street Youth Centre, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City's annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with International Children's Games Hamilton, effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to assist in sending athletes to the International Children's Games, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City's annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (g) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into a new five year Funding Agreement with Sport Hamilton, effective June 12, 2024, to provide an annual operating grant to assist in the execution of the Breakfast of Champions recognition event, the amount of which will be subject to Council approval, determined as part of the City's annual operating budget process, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton has historically provided annual operating grants to a variety of recipients that offer programming which fills gaps in the City’s offerings and improves resident access to valuable programs. Each entity identified in Report HSC24023 (collectively referred to as the “recipients”) has a long-standing relationship with the City, providing programming for youth and seniors, hosting of multi-sport games, and operating camps.

The amounts of the annual operating grants vary by recipient, based on historical need and the City’s available financial resources. The intent of the grants is not to fully fund any of these programs or organizations, but rather to offset costs of providing quality programs, services, and opportunities to residents.

Staff are recommending the following annual operating grants for the recipients for 2024 through 2028 including 2% annual increases:

Organization	APPROVED 2024	PROPOSED 2025	PROPOSED 2026	PROPOSED 2027	PROPOSED 2028
CANUSA Games	\$42,850	\$43,707	\$44,581	\$45,473	\$46,382
Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton	\$10,546	\$10,757	\$10,972	\$11,191	\$11,415
Jewish Social Services of Hamilton	\$16,307	\$16,633	\$16,966	\$17,305	\$17,651
Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys’ & Girls’ Club	\$242,403	\$247,251	\$252,196	\$257,240	\$262,385
Wesley Urban Ministries	\$39,801	\$40,597	\$41,409	\$42,237	\$43,082
International Children’s Games Hamilton	\$15,600	\$15,912	\$16,230	\$16,555	\$16,886
Sport Hamilton	\$17,160	\$17,503	\$17,853	\$18,210	\$18,575

City staff recommend annual operating grants to each of these recipients for the next five years to support programming opportunities in the Hamilton community.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 7

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The annual operating grants have historically been approved as part of the City’s annual operating budget process, with funds coming from the annual operating levy. This will continue for the next five years if the recommendations herein are approved.

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The Funding Agreements will incorporate multiple measures to strengthen financial accountability of recipients, including:

- Submission (by January 31st of each year of the term) of all reporting requirements including financial reports as outlined in the Agreements, by recipients before the City will release funds for the following year;
- Providing recipients with a list of eligible and prohibited expenditures for grant funds;
- Standardizing a 2% annual increase in funding for each recipient over the term of the Agreements;
- Providing recipients with templates for financial statements and reporting to promote consistency and accuracy; and
- A checklist for recipients to complete to ensure fulfilment of requirements for receiving annual operating grants.

City staff within the Finance Department will continue to administer the funds annually.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Legal Services will prepare Funding Agreements for each of the recipients listed herein, as well as any ancillary documentation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

CANUSA Games

The CANUSA Games are an annual multi-sport games event that brings together athletes from Hamilton, Ontario and our sister city of Flint, Michigan to celebrate the spirit of international friendship. Pursuant to Item 5.2, Emergency & Community Services Committee Report No. 11-008, adopted by Council for the City of Hamilton on June 15, 2011, the City has provided the recipient with funds and use of office space and City facilities in support of CANUSA Games. The CANUSA Games alternate between Hamilton and Flint annually, giving both cities the opportunity to host and showcase their communities, including a friendly competition between the Mayors. 2024 is the 66th year of the CANUSA Games, with Hamilton athletes travelling to Flint for a weekend in August to participate in sports including soccer, baseball, tennis, hockey, volleyball, and pickleball.

Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton (CYO)

The Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton has operated Camp Marydale since 1963, providing summer camps for children between the ages of 4 and 12, in an outdoor setting that includes canoeing, archery, swimming in an outdoor pool, and other physical and social activities, as well as March Break and PA Day camps.

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The camp is an accredited member of the Ontario Camps Association, which ensures the camp meets high quality standards in health, site and facility safety, and leadership.

International Children's Games Hamilton

The inaugural International Children's Games were hosted in Slovenia in 1968 to "enable, develop, and promote interactions that transcend borders, cultures, and beliefs" through a sporting competition for youth between the ages of 12 and 15. The City of Hamilton first competed in the International Children's Games in 1989, and then proudly hosted in 1994 and 2000, becoming the first host city outside of Europe. The City of Hamilton has been granting funds to the International Children's Games Hamilton organization for over 25 years. The 2024 International Children's Games will be held in July 2024 in Leon, Mexico, with Hamilton planning to send 18 athletes plus coaches and support staff.

Jewish Social Services of Hamilton, Inc.

Jewish Social Services of Hamilton, Inc. was started in 1929 and provides support for the Jewish community through language, finance, job search, and immigration assistance. The programs that are supported through the operating grant from the City of Hamilton are for older adults aged 55 and over. Hamilton Jewish Family Services provides an adult day program, social opportunities, counselling, and support for Holocaust survivors.

Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' & Girls' Club (operating as BGC Hamilton-Halton)

In the mid 1970's, City Council approved a lease for Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' & Girls' Club (operating as BGC Hamilton-Halton) to operate a community centre that includes a pool, gym, youth centre, and other program spaces out of the City-owned building at 45 Ellis Avenue. Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' & Girls' Club is committed to providing affordable, accessible, and reliable programming that focusses on engaging members in play, learning, and developing essential life skills.

Wesley Urban Ministries, Inc. (operating as Wesley)

Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. has been affiliated with the City of Hamilton on a variety of projects and programs, including the childcare centre at Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Centre, afterschool programming at Beasley Community Centre, and operating EarlyON Child & Family Centres at multiple City facilities. The grant from the City of Hamilton is to support the Queen Street Youth Centre, which provides access to social and recreational opportunities, employment and educational supports, and wellness and nutrition supports for youth between the ages of 13 and 18.

Sport Hamilton

Sport Hamilton was founded as the Hamilton Sport Council in 1986, incorporating as a non-profit organization in 2004. The organization has a mandate to "assist local sport organizations in a variety of ways such as coaching education volunteer training, (and) recognition events" and has received grant monies from the Recreation Division for over

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25 years for the execution of the Breakfast of Champions recognition event. Sport Hamilton has actively supported physical literacy in Hamilton and through a leadership role in the Ontario Physical Literacy Summit, the Hamilton Moves project, and programs such as Arcelor Mittal Dofasco Grassroots Soccer Pan Am Legacy Program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Grants, including the proposed annual operating grants to recipients are exempt from the requirements of By-law No. 20-205 as amended being a By-law to Adopt and Maintain a Procurement Policy for the City of Hamilton (save and except Policy #2 and Policy #13) in accordance with Schedule B-Exemptions.

Subject to the prohibition against providing assistance to any manufacturing business or other industrial or commercial enterprise through the granting of bonuses as set forth in section 106 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, a municipality is permitted to make grants, on such terms as council considers appropriate, to any person, group or body, for any purpose that council considers to be in the interests of the municipality in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Finance staff within the Financial Planning, Administration, and Policy Division of Corporate Services provided input on all financial aspects of Report HSC24023 and are supportive of the recommendations.

Legal Services were consulted and upon approval of the recommendations, Legal Services staff are prepared to draft the new Funding Agreements with each recipient.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City of Hamilton has strong relationships with each of the recipients included in this Report, and each is in good standing with the City. Entering into formal Funding Agreements with each recipient will standardize the requirements for receiving funding, commit the City of Hamilton to providing the grants (assuming approved funding through the City's annual operating budget process) and give each recipient stability for the five-year period.

In addition, entering into a Funding Agreement with each recipient will mitigate risk to the City by only entering into these Agreements with legal organizations, confirming current contact information of recipient representatives, requiring the maintenance of insurance by the recipients, requiring an indemnity in favour of the City, and by providing templates for financial and program reporting to the City to ensure funds are being used appropriately and responsibly. The City of Hamilton strives to "embed inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in all of its activities to identify and remove barriers and to support best practices in planning, budgeting, implementation and

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evaluation of its programs and services". The recommendation to enter into these Funding Agreements supports this initiative by enabling the recipients to continue providing programming that serves members of the community in a variety of demographics and areas of the City.

With respect to overarching support for formalizing these relationships, the Recreation Master Plan identifies that any contemplated partnership should provide benefits to the public that outweigh the risks and that make appropriate use of public and private funds. Relationships with outside groups may be considered when:

- The City does not have capacity or budget for direct program delivery or facility management.
- There is an established provider/partner already working with the City.
- The site fills or augments service gaps in communities in lieu of City services.
- There is a need to build capacity to engage communities.
- The potential service provider is the preferred/specialist for program delivery.

Each of the recipients identified in Report HSC24023 satisfy multiple considerations from the above list, further supporting the recommendation of entering into a Funding Agreement with each recipient.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The City of Hamilton could decline to provide grants to one or more of the recipients identified in Report HSC24023. This could negatively impact the ability of members of the local communities to access programs and opportunities that have historically been offered by the recipients.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None