

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council: June 18, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Ward 3 Community Resilience Grants – Spring 2025 Allocation**

WHEREAS, Ward 3 receives non-property tax revenue arising from license agreements for cellular tower located at Hamilton Stadium at an annual amount of approximately \$76,000 and are required to be spent within the ward;

WHEREAS, these funds are funded at the discretion of the Ward 3 Councillor in a manner that conforms to the criteria outlined in Appendix “A” to Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives (FCS18014(a)) under the section entitled “Scenario 3: Grants” and ultimately require Council approval;

WHEREAS, over the past 6 and a half years, direct investments through these funds have been used to invigorate public spaces, ensure access to programming for equity-deserving residents, beautify parks, increase food access, and provide support for cultural, arts, recreational and educational needs that have enhanced community well-being and improved community resilience in neighbourhoods across Ward 3;

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Ward 3 Office implemented a new yearly grants process to allocate these funds twice annually, with the first 2025 intake having closed earlier this spring;

WHEREAS, providing a more structured opportunity for residents to apply to these funds and be scored in a manner that is rigorous and document is important for ensuring equity in their distribution and maintaining trust and confidence in the fund distribution;

WHEREAS, all successful spring 2025 applicants agree to provide reports on the fund use to the Ward 3 Office by the end of the calendar year and will be documented by my office on our website;

WHEREAS, these funds are earmarked to build resilience and community in Ward 3, and allow financial support to residents and small groups who may otherwise lack resourcing; and

WHEREAS, streamlining and promoting this small grant program has allowed more resident-led groups to know about and apply for this funding opportunity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to the Eva Rothwell Centre for costs associated to staff training and continuing education be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (b) That a grant to the Barton Village BIA for costs associated to providing potable water at their annual outdoor festival be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,525.50;
- (c) That a grant to Tune in Foundation for costs associated with the launch and execution of the Future Kings Summit be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (d) That a grant to the Barton Village BIA as the fiscal sponsor for Pinch for costs associated to the Sherman Ave Street Party be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,000;
- (e) That a grant to STAC Hamilton for costs associated with transportation for Ward 3 residents to attend programming in their new location out of the ward be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (f) That a grant to Open Heart Arts Theatre for costs associated with story gathering arts project in the Keith Neighbourhood in Ward 3 be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (g) That a grant to Afro Canadian Caribbean Association for costs associated with programming and food at their seniors meetings be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (h) That a grant to L'Arche Hamilton for costs associated to providing day programming in Ward 3 be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (i) That a grant to 541 Eatery and Exchange as the fiscal sponsor for Tapestry Theatre Collective for costs associated with arts-based research around the meaning of home be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;

- (j) That a grant to Excel in Style for costs associated with programming to connect, mentor and educate Black and racialized youth in textured hair care, styling, and well-being supports be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (k) That a grant to gritLIT Literary Festival as the fiscal sponsor for Better Days Book Club for costs associated with space rental and subsidized books for BIPOC participants of the book club that will examine and discuss social issues and build community in Ward 3 be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,150;
- (l) That a grant to The Children's Garden Project Canada for costs associated with the development of a multifunctional garden bed that will serve as a children's book, seed, and toy library at Gage Park in Ward 3 be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (m) That a grant to St. Ann Catholic Elementary School Council for costs associated with bringing vibrancy, equity, greening, and community resilience to their paved schoolyard be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (n) That a grant to Micah House Refugee Reception Services for costs associated with invigoration of communal space and collaboration with local muralist be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,352;
- (o) That a grant to Rooney's Cafe Inc for costs associated with monthly artist talks be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$500;
- (p) That a grant to Imagine in the Park for costs associated with SEAT rental for their children's festival at Gage Park in Ward 3 be funded from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609603 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$400; and
- (q) 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.