

CITY OF HAMILTON
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Audit, Finance and Administration: April 16, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. TADESON

Ward 2 Community Grants – 2026 (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, the Ward 2 Community Grants program closed for 2026 on March 6, 2026 with a total of 70 applications;

WHEREAS, the 2026 Ward 2 Community Grants program will be open for one application acceptance period, rather than running quarterly application periods;

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

WHEREAS, the following \$101,400 in 53 individual grants represents the fulfillment of the 2026 Ward 2 Community Grants program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with contracting consultants to assist with Human Resources policy and material development to 15789800 CANADA FOUNDATION (ABRAR Trauma and Mental Health Services) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (b) That interior ads about the Tenant Support Program placed on HSR buses with Ward 2 based routes to ACORN Canada (Association of Community

Organizations for Reform Now) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;

- (c) That costs associated with The Choreographic Incubator, a four-week professional development program in Ward 2, to Aeris Körper Contemporary Dance be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (d) That costs associated with MusicSparks, a program providing free open air music sessions for kids in Ward 2 parks, to Arts For All be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (e) That costs associated with spring cleanups, neighbourhood events, and monthly meetings to Beasley Neighbourhood Association be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,800;
- (f) That the expansion of Adventure Canada Club and Exploring Our Roots programming into Ward 2 schools to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton (serving Grand Erie) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (g) That costs associated with CAP's Drive programs, transporting Ward 2 residents to cancer-related appointments and delivering essential supports, to Cancer Assistance Program be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (h) That costs associated with the Central Park Fall Fair to Central Neighbourhood Association be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (i) That website domain and maintenance, online advertising, and promotional materials for Music@Central to Central Presbyterian Church be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;

- (j) That lighting installations at the 2026 Hess Winter Village to Charity of Hope be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (k) That food items for Golden Hearts Food Pantry to CityHousing Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,225;
- (l) That weekly arts-based programming and music lessons at Residential Care Facilities in Ward 2 to Community Connection & Recreation Network of Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (m) That neighbourhood outreach, communications, and 2026 event planning to Corktown Neighbourhood Association be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,750;
- (n) That cycling and bicycle safety lessons for Dr. Davey students to Dr. J.E. Davey Elementary School be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (o) That costs associated with a community-based Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment Workshop Series at the Downtown Mosque to Eternal Sparks Foundation be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (p) That costs associated with providing free Rainbow Baby Prenatal Classes for families in Ward 2 who are expecting after pregnancy or infant loss to Family Rootz Alliance be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (q) That online advertising to increase participation and support for the FAB 5k Challenge and its program sites in Ward 2 to Fit Active Beautiful Foundation be

funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;

- (r) That stage production, sound, and lighting at their Hamilton Italian Heritage event to Fratellanza Racalmutese Italian Club be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (s) That promotion and artists' compensation for A Night of Community at the Art Gallery of Hamilton to Freedom of Speech Entertainment be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (t) That accessibility devices for virtual gatherings and hybrid meetings to Hamilton Arts Council be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,100;
- (u) That promotional materials for the Queer Justice Project to Hamilton Community Legal Clinic be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,100;
- (v) That artist compensation for Indigenous dancers participating in Made in Hamilton to Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Society be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (w) That costs associated with the Monthly Budget Friendly Cooking Program to Hamilton Family Health Team be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (x) That artist fees for a concert series at the Farmers Market and Hamilton Public Library to Hamilton Farmers Market be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;

- (y) That costs associated with the launch of Indigenous Programming Day on Fringe Boulevard to Hamilton Festival Theatre Company be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (z) That costs associated with road closures for the Boxing Day Road Race to Hamilton Harriers be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,200;
- (aa) That transportation and snacks for youth involved in the Winter & Spring 2026 semesters of the Shai Gligeous-Alexander/HMC Musical Futures Production Program to Hamilton Music Collective be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ab) That artist fees for Tiny Tots, a free drop-in music series for children aged 0-4, to Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ac) That bed frames for the Mark Preece House to Hospital Family Houses of Ontario be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (ad) That descriptive audio equipment and subscription to software that improves accessibility for visually impaired community members to James North Baptist Church be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (ae) That artist honorariums and sound and staging equipment for Cuts & Chords, an event that combines live local music with free haircut services for youth and vulnerable residents, to Living Rock Ministries be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (af) That costs associated with activating King William Street as an accessible, community-driven arts marketplace to event organizer Margaret Qin be funded

from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,000;

- (ag) That costs associated with conducting research into heat impacts on Residential Care Facilities in Ward 2 to McMaster University's School of Earth, Environment & Society be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,575;
- (ah) That costs associated with PATCH: Hamilton Quilt Show at Corktown Park to project lead Michael Gracie be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,400;
- (ai) That costs associated with a six-week Ward 2 based creative arts workshop series for immigrants, children of immigrants, newcomers, and refugees to Open Heart Arts Theatre be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (aj) That proteins like tuna and beans for weekly meal provision at Gore Park Outreach to Port Nelson United Church be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (ak) That the cost of program space in downtown Hamilton to Practical Philosophy be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (al) That costs associated with launching "Sowing Roots," a program to address food security among African newcomers, to Rafiki Hamilton Centre be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,000;
- (am) That reproduction fees to acquire archival footage and materials related to sex work history in Canada to Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP) Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;

- (an) That consulting fees for developing an updated organizational strategic plan to Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,850;
- (ao) That event costs associated with Strangewaves: Strange Day at the Bay to Shush Inc. be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ap) That rental fees for Hamilton Elite Soccer and STAC Basketball programming in Ward 2 to STAC Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (aq) That Volunteer Recognition Program supplies to support volunteer coaches and scorekeepers during the 2026 softball season at Eastwood Park to Steel City Inclusive Softball Association (SCISA) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (ar) That permits, insurance, sound amplification, food, and artist fees for the fourth annual Catharine Street North Block Party to event organizer Stevan Garic be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,900;
- (as) That costs associated with their Collective Healing project to Substance Overdose Prevention and Education Network (SOPEN) be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,300;
- (at) That costs associated with activating City parking lots during Supercrawl to Supercrawl Productions be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;

- (au) That costs associated with a Pride family picnic in Eastwood Park to The All Out Collective be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (av) That insurance, City park permit, and a sound system rental at the 33rd Annual Beasley Sk8 Jam to The Hamilton Skateboard Assembly be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (aw) That costs associated with People's Café, a free and accessible weekly gathering for community members, to Trinity Lutheran Church be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ax) That race subsidies, equipment, snacks and refreshments, and outreach materials for Hamilton Bayfront Ultra Black Run Club to Ultra Black Wellness Society be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ay) That costs associated with volunteer management software and improvements to Welcome Inn Community Centre of Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (az) That stroller wagons to safely transport children in Wesley's childcare program at Dr. Davey School to Wesley Urban Ministries be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ba) That costs associated with Celebrating Pride, spectrum's Rainbow Reading Party & Rainbow Picnic to YWCA Hamilton be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (bb) 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

- (bc) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.