

NO: R175

COUNCIL DATE: October 3, 2022

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 29, 2022**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Fund Request – Mackie’s Place**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve funding in the amount of \$50,000 in support of Mackie’s Place contingent on Mackie’s Place securing additional project funding required to complete the renovations at the new Central Hub and Resource Centre.

INTENT

Mackie’s Place has forwarded a request to the City to provide a funding contribution of \$50,000 towards the purchase of culinary appliances and equipment for their new Central Hub and Resource Centre.

BACKGROUND

Mackie’s Place is a non-profit organization that aims to provide after-school programs for at risk youth. Mackie’s Place launched its after school hub in January 2017 to provide an employment-focused training platform for Surrey youth through drop-in and on-going programs. The hub is designed to encourage, engage, and equip at-risk youth through tutoring, skill building, mental health support, homemade meals, and leadership training.

As Mackie’s Place continues to expand and offer new programs, the youth social hub will be relocating to a new site by the end of this year. The new Central Hub and Resource Centre will be located at 13889 104 Avenue, in Surrey. The Centre requires extensive renovations and leasehold improvements to continue to provide a safe space and resources to at-risk youth in Surrey. It is estimated that renovations and leasehold improvements at the new site will cost approximately \$400,000.

DISCUSSION

Mackie's Place is requesting that the City consider a financial contribution of \$50,000 towards the purchase of culinary appliances and equipment at the new Central Hub and Resource Centre. The new equipment is needed to provide quality meals to at-risk youth and support culinary skills training. There are no costs to the youth and their families who engage with Mackie's Place, resources are shared freely, and youth are encouraged to engage through job skills development and employment opportunities. At the previous hub, over 300 youth participated in the programs offered by Mackie's Place on a weekly basis. Mackie's Place anticipates similar or higher participation at the new Central Hub and Resource Centre as there will be an increase to the drop-in hours and access to resources throughout the day.

To date, Mackie's Place has raised \$35,000 from private donors and several organizations have expressed interest in making donations towards the new Central Hub and Resource Centre.

FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the current request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Utilization Fund Policy. Staff recommend that Council support a funding allocation of \$50,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund contingent on Mackie's Place securing additional project funding required to complete the renovations at the new Central Hub and Resource Centre. Appendix "I" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

This initiative supports the overall objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this initiative relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Inclusion and Education & Culture. Specifically, it supports the following Desired Outcomes ("DO"):

- Diversity & Accessibility - DO2: Surrey is a caring and compassionate city that learns about and supports its residents of all backgrounds, demographics, and life experiences;
- Diversity & Accessibility - DO3: Residents have opportunities to build social connections with people from different backgrounds;
- Community Pride & Engagement - DO20: Surrey residents are proud of their community;
- Community Pride & Engagement - DO21: All residents have opportunities to be meaningfully engaged in civic issues to and to contribute to community life;
- Learning - DO1: Surrey has a culture of learning, with a broad range of diverse learning opportunities available and accessible to meet the needs of all residents; and
- Learning - DO2: Surrey children and youth have access to a high quality comprehensive and inclusive educational system, and opportunities that include experience in and out of school.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve funding in the amount of \$50,000 in support of Mackie's Place contingent on additional funds being secured by Mackie's Place to complete the renovations at the new Central Hub and Resource Centre.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives Fund – Allocation for 2022

Appendix "I"



2022 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
2022 Adopted Budget	260,000		\$ 500,000
The Vancouver Urbanarium Society		10,000	
Car Free Days Surrey Festival		25,000	
Canada India Networking Initiative		4,000	
The Beach House Theatre Society		8,500	
Darpan Extraordinary Awards (Proposed)		5,000	
Mackie's Place (Proposed)		50,000	
Drishti Awards Gala (Proposed)		5,000	
Allocations for 2022		\$ 107,500	\$ 392,500