

NO: R155

COUNCIL DATE: September 25, 2023

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 25, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Council Initiatives Funding Request – Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve from the Council Initiatives Fund, a sponsorship contribution of \$5,000 in support of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards.

## INTENT

The City received a request from Darpan Magazine for a sponsorship contribution in support of their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Extraordinary Achievement Awards that will be held on October 13, 2023, in Surrey.

## DISCUSSION

Darpan Magazine will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Aria Convention Centre in Surrey. This event will bring together key stakeholders, influential community and business leaders, and dignitaries for an evening of networking and philanthropy while recognizing individuals or groups who have reflected their South Asian heritage in a remarkable way. The awards are community driven and presented to ten recipients in the categories of Artistic Visionary, Industry Marvel, Community Crusader, Corporate Engagement, Breaking Barriers, Advancing Philanthropy, Heritage Defender, Spirit of Sport, Young Wonder, and International Sensation. The evening will also consist of a keynote speaker, entertainment, an awards presentation, and dinner. Darpan Magazine is requesting that the City consider supporting this event through a sponsorship contribution of \$5,000.

## FUNDING

Staff have evaluated the current request to ensure it is compliant with the Council Utilization Fund Policy. On October 3, 2022, Council approved Corporate Report R174; 2022, authorizing a sponsorship of \$5,000 to Darpan Magazine for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards from the Council Initiatives Fund.

Staff are recommending that Council consider supporting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards through a sponsorship of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund. Appendix "I" attached to this report documents the balance in the Council Initiatives Fund based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve from the Council Initiatives Fund, a sponsorship contribution of \$5,000 in support of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards.

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Appendix "I": Council Initiatives Fund – Allocations for 2023

# Appendix "I"



## 2023 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	240,000		
<b>2023 Proposed Budget</b>	<u>260,000</u>		<b>\$ 500,000</b>
SFU Share the Vibe Community Mixer		5,000	
The Realistic Success Society		5,000	
Rotary District 5050		10,000	
KidSport BC Surrey Chapter		3,000	
Run Surrey Run		20,000	
Desi-Q Cultural Gala - Sher Vancouver		2,500	
U19 Ukranian Women's Junior Softball Team		5,000	
RCMP Musical Ride		6,000	
Gone Country, Here for the Cure		10,000	
Surrey Fiesta Extravaganza		10,000	
Anti-Racism Forum & Art Exhibition - PICS		10,000	
Homelessness Services Association of BC - Annual Conference		2,000	
Surrey Food Bank Society		15,000	
Semiahmoo Arts Society (Proposed)		10,000	
<b>Darpan Extraordinary Achievement Awards (Proposed)</b>		<b>5,000</b>	
<b>Allocations for 2023</b>		<u><b>\$ 118,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 381,500</b></u>