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Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council

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FROM: General Manager,

Finance, Technology &

HR

SUBJECT: Late Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Not approve the late grant application from Crescent Beach Community Services, and
- 2. Consider a contribution from the Council Initiative Fund.

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2004, Council approved the 2005 City grant allocations as recommended in Corporate Report F007. Contained within these recommendations was a one-time grant to Crescent Beach Community Services (CBCS) for \$1,000 towards the purchase of mattresses and bunk bed materials at Camp Alexandra. CBCS is now requesting that Council consider a further late grant application to address building maintenance issues at Camp Alexandra.

DISCUSSION

Crescent Beach Community Services (CBCS) has requested Council consider an urgent need that has arisen since the 2005 City grant application deadline. Due to the loss of revenue from a major contributor, CBCS has had to reallocate funds that were originally designated for building improvements to meet operational needs to allow them to continue providing programs at Camp Alexandra this summer.

Building improvements are anticipated to cost \$2,500, of which \$500 will be generated through in-kind contributions. CBCS is looking for the City to contribute the remaining \$2,000 towards this project.

While the grant application is for building improvements, the need for this grant has arisen because of a shortfall in operational needs, which are not supported by the City Grant Policy. In addition, the requirement for immediate funding is not critical to the survival of the organization.

The Grants Evaluation Committee recommends

that this late grant application not be considered.

CONCLUSION

Council approved the 2005 City Grant allocations on November 15, 2004, which included a \$1,000 grant for bunk beds at Camp Alexandra. CBCS is now requesting that Council consider a further late grant application to address building maintenance issues at Camp Alexandra. The Grant Evaluation Committee has reviewed this request and recommends that this request not be considered, as it does not meet late grant application criteria. Assuming that Council accepts the Grant Evaluation Committee recommendation, the balance of the un-allocated funds will be as follows:

Special Recognition	\$ 2,500	
Property Tax		1,350
High School Dry Grads	900	
One-time Grants		<u>3,500</u>
		\$ 8,250

The current balance of the Council Initiative Fund is \$528,000.

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