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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	October 16, 2006
FROM:	General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR	FILE:	1850-20
SUBJECT:	Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society - Homelessness Awareness Week		

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve a grant for \$500, in order to support the Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society in their efforts to provide warm hats and socks to homeless people.

## DISCUSSION

The Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society, an aboriginal men's support house, is hosting a local homelessness awareness event on October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. This event is being organized in conjunction with Homelessness Awareness Week, which has been coordinated by the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness. The Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society's event will focus on connecting homeless people with health and social services providers in the community. During this local event, the Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society would like to distribute warm hats and socks, and have asked the City for \$500 in financial support this event and their efforts.

The City Grants Evaluation Committee has reviewed this request and finds that it meets the late grant criteria, as the Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society was not aware of this event at the 2006 Grant Application submission deadline (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005).

The City Grants Evaluation Committee recommends that the City provide a grant of \$500 to the Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society in support of their homelessness awareness event.

## CONCLUSION

The Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society is hosting a local homelessness awareness event on October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. The event will focus on connecting homeless people with health and social services providers in the community. The City Grants Evaluation Committee has recommended that the City provide a grant of \$500 to the Cwenengitel Aboriginal Society, which will allow them to distribute warm hats and socks to homeless people during their homelessness awareness event. Assuming that Council accepts the Grants Evaluation Committee's recommendation, the balance of the un-allocated funds will be as follows:

Special Recognition	\$ 2,500
Property Tax	2,000
One-time Grants	1,100
	\$ 5,600

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