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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **April 26, 2012**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance & Technology**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Applications for 2012 – Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant of \$275 to Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society for payment of registration fees in relation to the North America Interfaith Network Conference that will be held in July 2012.

BACKGROUND

On January 16, 2012, the Finance Committee approved the City's 2012 Grants. Since that time, staff has received a late grant application from Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS). This report describes that application and an evaluation of the application against the City's Grant criteria.

DISCUSSION

The "Policy on City Grants" (D26) provides that late grant applications will only be considered in instances where the requirement for grant funding was not reasonably foreseeable prior to September 30th of the immediately preceding year (i.e., the deadline date by which grant requests are to be submitted to the City for the following year) and if the requirement for funding is critical to the survival of the organization or the event.

Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) has submitted a grant request to support its participation at the annual North America Interfaith Network (NAIN) Conference that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from July 15th to 18th. David Dalley, the program coordinator for the Surrey Neighbouring Faiths Program lead by PICS, has been selected to present the "Children First" workshop at this Conference. With the Conference theme being "Establishing Interfaith Friendly Cities", attendance at this Conference will allow PICS to showcase the work that has been done in Surrey and to gather relevant information to bring back to Surrey to build capacity for further interfaith work in our community. PICS has estimated that the total cost to attend the Conference is \$1,575, which includes \$1,300 for transportation and accommodations and \$275 for conference registration.

Staff has evaluated this application against the City’s “One Time” Grants policy and has determined that a grant of \$275 can be supported since the opportunity to participate in this Conference arose after the deadline for 2012 grant applications; however the travel and accommodations component of the request is not eligible for a grant.

Remaining Funding in the 2012 Grants Budget:

Based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report, the remaining balances in the City Grants Budget are:

Special Recognition Funds	\$ 2,500
Property Taxes	3,579
High School Dry Grads	1,200
One-time Grants	<u>7,250</u>
	<u>\$14,529</u>

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