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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Finance Committee**

DATE: **March 18, 2015**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **2015 Late Grant Application – Eversafe Ranch**

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a grant of \$1,500 to Eversafe Ranch in support of their furniture program.

## BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2015, the Finance Committee approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2015. Eversafe Ranch had submitted an unsuccessful application as part of that process. Since that time, further communication has taken place between City staff and Eversafe Ranch representatives to identify a project that would be better suited for the Community Grant program.

## DISCUSSION

The Eversafe Ranch Society is a non-profit organization that relieves poverty by providing food, furniture and other basic amenities to persons of low income. Clients are directed to the Eversafe Ranch Society by referrals from organizations such as the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association (FRAFCA), Options Community Services, and Atira Women's Resource Society. Since 2008, Eversafe Ranch operates a furniture program that provides free furniture, linens and housewares to families who have fled abusive situations. Their operations are funded through private donations and through the proceeds generated by their thrift store in Cloverdale. Eversafe is looking for assistance to help off-set the cost of delivering their furniture program, which costs approximately \$25,000 per year to operate.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and have determined that the requested grant meets the grant evaluation criteria. It is therefore recommended that Council approve a grant of \$1,500 to the Eversafe Ranch, in support of their furniture program.

***Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2015 Grants Budget:***

Should Council approve the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendation, the following is a summary of remaining balances in the City Grants Budget:

Special Recognition	\$ 2,500
High School Dry Grads	\$ 3,250
One-time Grants	<u>\$ 10,425</u>
Total Remaining in Grants Budget	<u>\$ 16,175</u>

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