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FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Finance Committee**

DATE: **April 2, 2015**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Applications**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee approve the following grant recommendations; for Council's consideration:

1. Approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to Global Clergy Association of Canada in support of their "Pre-Parliament" event, and
2. Approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to the Seniors Come Share Society to assist with the printing of the Seniors Resource Directory.

BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2015, the Finance Committee approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2015. Since that time, the City has received two late grant applications. Global Clergy Association of Canada is seeking financial support for their "Pre-Parliament" event to be held in Surrey in August and the Seniors Come Share Society is seeking financial support to assist with the printing of their Senior Resource Directory. This report addresses those requests.

DISCUSSION

Global Clergy Association of Canada

The Global Clergy Association of Canada (GCAC) is an interfaith clergy group with a mission to create an environment of interfaith respect and harmony among faith traditions by promoting religious freedom and social justice. GCAC works collaboratively with other community groups to host a number of interfaith dialogues including their annual "United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Celebration", that was held in February at the City Centre Library.

In October, the "Parliament of the World's Religions" will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah; an event that attracts over 10,000 participants from 80 countries and 50 religious and spiritual traditions, who gather to "cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions in order to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world. GCAC plans to hold a pre-parliament event in August, at a prominent Surrey venue. This event will offer a taste of the "Parliament" experience through a day-long event to highlight and celebrate the interfaith work being done in Surrey and build relationships and trust between people with different worldviews.

GCAC anticipates that 150 to 200 people will attend the pre-parliament event with a total cost of \$4,000. GCAC has requested a \$1,000 contribution from the City to help offset the cost of their event.

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 \$1,000 to the Global Clergy Association of Canada, in support of their pre-parliament event that is expected to be held in August at a Surrey location.

Senior Come Share Society

The Senior Come Share Society (the Society) is a non-profit group that is committed to helping seniors maintain their independence. The Society provides access to information about resources in the community and within government bodies, to both seniors and their caregivers.

The Society has developed a “Seniors Resource Directory” which provides valuable information regarding services, community support and basic information about who to call when they have a problem. This directory has been distributed throughout the City at Senior Forums, Doctor’s Offices and other community outlets. In 2014, with the help of the City, over 10,000 copies of this directory were printed and distributed.

The Senior Come Share Society would like the City to partner with them once again, to print and distribute another 5,000 copies of the Seniors Resource Directory. The Society estimates that the cost of this reproduction will be approximately \$28,300 and they plan to contribute \$6,600. The Society is looking for \$21,700 in financial support to move this project forward.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and have determined that the requested grant meets the grant evaluation criteria. However the scope of support requested exceeds the capacity of this program. The Grant Evaluation Committee would therefore recommend that Council approve a grant of \$2,000 to the Senior Come Share Society, contingent on their ability to raise the remaining funds.

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>\$ 7,425</u>
Total Remaining in Grants Budget	<u>\$ 13,175</u>

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