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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **April 23, 2015**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **100 Year Journey - Open Dialogue with South Asian Pioneers**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance and Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee approve the following grant recommendation; for Council's consideration to Mehfil Magazine, in the amount of \$1,500 to off-set the facility rental fees for the Open Dialogue with South Asian Pioneers event, to be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## **INTENT**

On January 12, 2015, the Finance Committee approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2015. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from Mehfil Magazine, seeking financial support for the up-coming Open Dialogue with South Asian Pioneers event. This report will address that request.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mehfil Magazine began capturing inspirational stories of South Asian pioneers in 1996, with the intension to compile these into a unique, commemorative publication. The result of these efforts is "The 100 Year Journey, a celebration of the past, present and future", which is a special commemorative magazine that honors the pilgrimage of those early Indian immigrants.

The first phase of this project was released in November 2014, as the special commemorative coffee table edition book that included pictures and stories of South Asian pioneers. This commemorative book has been received with great enthusiasm, including being approved by several school districts for help in teaching the contributions that have been made by the South Asian pioneers. The second phase will be releasing a digital version of this publication on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Open Dialogue with South Asian pioneers event, which will be held at City Hall. Mehfil Magazine is requesting that the City provide a grant to help off-set the facility rental fees to support this 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 \$1,500 to Mehfil Magazine for the Open Dialogue with South Asian Pioneers event.

***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>\$ 5,925</u>
Total Remaining in Grants Budget	<u>\$ 11,675</u>

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