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COUNCIL DATE: **APRIL 27, 2015**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **April 15, 2015**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **1850-01**
General Manager, Finance & Technology XC: **0290-20/Y**

SUBJECT: **Service Above Self Surrey Youth (SASSY) Awards 2015**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and the Finance & Technology Department, recommend that the Finance Committee approve the following recommendation; for Council's consideration:

1. Approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 from the Council Initiatives Fund to support the upcoming 2015 Service Above Self Surrey Youth (SASSY) Awards as generally described in this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide background information about the Sassy Awards initiative and to seek approval for funding from the Council Initiatives Fund in the amount of \$7,500 to support the upcoming 2015 SASSY Awards.

BACKGROUND

The City of Surrey partnered with the Semiahmoo Rotary Club, Surrey School District - Ideas36, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, White Rock Rotary Club and Central City Rotary Club to host the 4th annual SASSY Awards on November 21, 2014. The Awards were held at the Surrey Arts Centre, they honour youth who are living in Surrey or White Rock and are making a difference in our community by demonstrating the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self". Youth (aged 16-21) were recognized for their achievement in 6 categories and all nominees were acknowledged at the event for their hard work and dedication to their community.

To continue the efforts to support and recognize Surrey's amazing young people, the 5th annual SASSY Awards will be held this year at the Surrey Arts Centre on May 8, 2015.

DISCUSSION

At the 2015 SASSY Awards, seven awards will be presented to youth in the categories of:

- Overcoming Adversity;
- Environmental Leadership;

- Sportsmanship;
- Performing and Visual Arts;
- Community Service;
- Youth Leadership; and
- International Service.

Each award recipient receives a \$1,000 bursary, as well as \$500 to donate to a registered charity of their choice and a stylized SASSY Award trophy. All award nominees will have a chance to win the trip of a lifetime courtesy of White Rock Travel and G Adventures.

Proceeds from the SASSY Awards go toward youth related projects by local Interact and Rotary Clubs, furthering the theme of “Youth helping Youth”.

The SASSY Award partners and Corporate Sponsorship contributions cover the cost of promoting the Awards and producing the Award event and bursaries. The request for funding can be found in **Appendix I**.

Status of Council Initiative Fund

Appendix II attached to this report provides the status of the Council Initiatives Fund on the assumption that the recommendation of this report will be approved by Council.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The implementation of the recommendations of this report will assist in achieving the objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter; more particularly the following action items:

- *SC5: Plan for the Social Well Being of Surrey Residents;*
- *SC15: Promote Literacy, Education and Training;*

CONCLUSION

The SASSY Awards will be an inspiring evening celebrating youth achievement in our community. It is focused on encouraging youth and the business community to be more engaged in recognizing young people in Surrey for their achievements.

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Appendix I- Status of the Council Initiatives Fund



**2015 FINANCIAL PLAN
COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

Description	Amount	Allocation to date
Carried Forward from Prior Year	0	
2015 Approved Budget	<u>250,000</u>	
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 3 of 5)		40,000
2015 Façade Enhancement Program		25,000
Surrey Poet Laureate (Year 1 of 3)		10,000
2015 Sponsor Appreciation Event		10,000
SANSU Addictions Education Series		2,400
Surrey Knights Swim Club		3,000
2015 CBHA Western Challenge Cup		3,500
2015 BC Hockey Pee Wee Championship		2,000
Elleven Management SX Cup 2015		4,000
Surrey Steps Up: Youth Engagement Campaign		10,000
Policing Costs for Community Events		55,000
Evolution of Communities Forum		10,000
SASSY Awards 2015 (Proposed)		7,500
Allocations for 2015		<u>\$ 182,400</u>