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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **August 21, 2015**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – Sikh Youth Sports Society**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council:

1. reallocate the unallocated Dry Grad Balance of \$3,250, to the one-time grant allocation; and
2. approve a grant of \$2,000 to the Sikh Youth Sports Society, in support of their Youth Sport Festival that was held on September 5th and 6th, 2015 at Kabaddi Park.

BACKGROUND

On February 2, 2015, Council approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2015. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from the Sikh Youth Sports Society (the Society). The Society is seeking financial support for their annual Sikh Youth Sports Festival that was held at Kabaddi Park on September 5th and 6th, 2015. This report will address that request.

DISCUSSION

The Society hosted the Sikh Youth Sports Festival (the festival) on September 5th and 6th, 2015 at Kabaddi Park, which is located at 70th Avenue and 122nd Street. This event was designed to be an inspiration among youth, with a goal of benefitting the sporting community and developing youth engagement. The festival included wrestling, volleyball, kabaddi, weightlifting and a tug-a-war.

The Society anticipates that 5,000 people will attend this festival with a total cost of \$130,000. The Society has requested a \$20,000 contribution from the City to help offset the cost of field rentals, bleacher fees, security and equipment rentals.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has evaluated this request and while the requested amount exceeds the grant budget capacity, the committee has determined that the requested grant meets the grant evaluation criteria. The Grants Evaluation Committee recommends that Council approve a grant of \$2,000, which is consistent with the grants provided for similar events, to the Sikh Youth Sport Society, in order to help off-set the field rental costs for their Sikh Youth Sports Festival that was held on September 5th and 6th, 2015.

As the one-time grants budget has been mostly allocated for 2015, it is also recommended that the un-allocated dry grad budget of \$3,250 be reallocated to the one-time grant allocation.

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
One-time Grants	<u>\$ 2,175</u>
Total Remaining in Grants Budget	<u>\$ 4,675</u>

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