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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 19, 2016**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – VISHWA**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council approve a grant of \$500 to VISHWA (Varad Ashram Inter-Cultural Service Humanitarian World Association) in support of their United Nations International Yoga Day Festival, to be held on June 19, 2016 at Holland Park.

## BACKGROUND

On November 30, 2015, Council approved the City's "One Time" Grants for 2016. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from VISHWA. The association is seeking financial support for their upcoming United Nations International Yoga Day Festival.

## DISCUSSION

VISHWA is a non-profit organization inspired by Dr. Swami Satya Prakash. VISHWA has hosted several community events in Surrey that promote health awareness including yoga and music meditation. The event organizers anticipate more than 500 attendees for the United Nations International Day of Yoga Festival to be held on June 19, 2016 at Holland Park. The event aims to celebrate this day of yoga as a day for unity and realization of peace and harmony with one's self and one's community. VISHWA has requested a \$2,500 grant to offset costs associated with hosting the 2016 International Day of Yoga Festival.

The Grants Evaluation Committee evaluated this request and determined that a grant of \$500 would be reasonable and is consistent with the grants provided for similar events. It is further recommended that this funding be provided from the unallocated One-time grants funding.

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Through the array of grants provided to community groups, the City is able to support the socio-cultural infrastructure and service needs of the community (SC16).

**Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2016 Grants Budget:**

Should Council approve the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendation, Appendix "I" outlines the remaining balances for the 2016 City Grants Budget.

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Appendix "I" – Unallocated City Grants



**2016 FINANCIAL PLAN  
CITY GRANTS**

Description	Amount	Allocation to Date	Remaining
<b>Grants for Property Taxes</b>			
Opening Balance			\$ 5,000
Masonic Building Assoc. of North Surrey	2,200		
Newton Neighbourhood Community Dog Park	9,800		
Transfer from unallocated one-time grants	(7,000)		
<b>Allocation for 2016</b>		<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grants for Dry Grads</b>			
Opening Balance			4,500
Allocated via Corporate Report 2015-F028	1,500		
<b>Allocation for 2016</b>		<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Grants for Special Recognition</b>			
Opening Balance			5,000
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society	5,000		
<b>Allocation for 2016</b>		<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grants for One-time</b>			
Opening Balance			66,850
Allocated via Corporate Report 2015-F028	53,600		
HOPE Symposium	1,500		
Transfer to property tax grants	7,000		
Spinal Cord Injury BC	1,000		
West Coast Kings Field Hockey Society	2,500		
VISHWA (Proposed)	500		
<b>Allocation for 2016</b>		<b>\$ 66,100</b>	<b>750</b>