

NO: R151

COUNCIL DATE: June 27, 2016

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 14, 2016**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Funding Request – West Coast Centre for Learning**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance and Technology Department recommends that Council approve the following:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve a funding request of \$2,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to the West Coast Centre for Learning in support of their Brain Booster Summer Camp.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to request that Mayor and Council support a funding request from the Council Initiatives fund to support the West Coast Centre for Learning's, Brain Booster Summer Camp.

BACKGROUND

The West Coast Centre for Learning is a multi-disciplinary education services facility consisting of accredited education professionals and brain training coaches. They provide support to individuals and their families, struggling with challenges in learning, memory and personal capacity development through services such as Cognitive Fitness Programs, Coaching, Psycho-Educational Assessments, parent consultation, parent support groups and professional workshops.

The summer brain booster camp is a half-day camp that includes a broad range of academic, recreational and social activities that are designed to improve memory and creative expression; confidence and social skill building; essential life skill development such as discipline, self-control, perseverance and patience and to engage in collaborative and self-directed learning.

DISCUSSION

The West Coast Centre for Learning is looking for funding to help support the brain protection component of the brain booster camp, which will educate and raise awareness among kids and their parents, regarding the importance of protecting the brain through trauma preventative measures and return to play protocols post injury. In this educational component of the program, they are looking for support that will allow them to provide bike helmets to each of the

participants. The bike helmets are expected to cost approximately \$50 each and they will require a total of 60 to support all of their participants.

Funding

Total funding requirements for this initiative are expected to be approximately \$3,000. The Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society have indicated that they are prepared to provide funding for 20 helmets and the West Coast Centre for Learning has asked the City to provide \$2,000 in funding for the remaining 40 helmets. Staff is recommending that Council support this request with a grant of \$2,000 from the Council Initiative fund. Appendix "I" attached to this report provides information on the balance of the Council Initiatives Fund on the assumption that Council will approve the recommendation of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The West Coast Centre for Learning supports the overall objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter as related to the themes of Inclusion, and Health and Wellness. Specifically, this grant will support the following desired outcomes:

- Inclusion DO2: Surrey is a caring and compassionate city that learns about and supports its residents of all backgrounds, demographics and life experiences;
- Inclusion DO6: Residents with physical or developmental disabilities are supported and able to participate fully in community life;
- Health & Wellness DO7: Residents enjoy a high level of physical, social and mental wellness.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a funding request of \$2,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund, supporting the West Coast Centre for Learning's Brain Booster Summer Camp.

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Attachment:
Appendix "I" – Status of the Council Initiatives Fund

Appendix "I"



2016 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	2,800		
2016 Proposed Budget	<u>250,000</u>		\$ 252,800
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 4 of 5)		40,000	
Surrey Poet Laureate (Year 2 of 3)		10,000	
SFU Surrey Campus Open House		15,000	
City of Surrey Busary		10,000	
Seeds Business Awards		4,000	
PICS Diversity City Sponsorship		5,000	
Bridal Week Vancouver		5,000	
100 Year Journey Gala Sponsorship		6,000	
Pride Festival		5,000	
Seniors Volunteer Project		75,000	
Ethar Trip to Cloverdale Rodeo		2,688	
Whalley Little League		2,000	
Refugee Welcome Event		6,850	
Sarah McLachlan School of Music		30,000	
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Surrey Hospital & Outpatient Centre Foundation - CAPSU (proposed)		15,000	
West Coast Centre for Learning - Brain Booster Camp (proposed)		2,000	
Darpan Achievement Awards (proposed)		5,000	
Phoenix Society Live Well Street Fair (proposed)		2,500	
10th Annual Red FM Charity Walk (Proposed)		5,000	
Allocations for 2016		\$ 231,038	\$ 21,800