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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 3, 2017**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance & Technology** FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Late Grant Application – Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council approve a grant of \$1,500 to the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society (“Society”) to support the provision of free transportation services to cancer patients.

## BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2016, Council approved the City’s “One Time” Grants for 2017. Since that time, the City has received a late grant application from the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society to support their volunteer driver program which provides free transportation services to cancer patients. This report will address that request.

## DISCUSSION

In February 2016, the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society re-launched a volunteer driver program for cancer patients in the Metro Vancouver area. In March 2016, Council approved a grant of \$5,000 to the Society to assist with the start-up costs associated with the re-launch of this program. The Society transports approximately 300 cancer patients for treatment, diagnosis and follow-up care each month. About one-third of those patients are from Surrey.

The Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society is seeking a grant of \$10,000 to assist them in providing volunteer driver services in 2017. The City of Surrey Community Grants Budget contains \$5,650 in unallocated funds for one-time grants.

The Grants Evaluation Committee has determined that the requested grant meets the evaluation criteria. The Committee recommends that Council approve a grant of \$1,500 from the unallocated One-time grant funding.

## **Statement of Remaining Funding in the 2017 Grants Budget:**

Should Council approve the Grants Evaluation Committee recommendation, Appendix “I” outlines the remaining balances for the 2017 City Grants Budget.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

Through the array of grants and sponsorships provided to community groups, the City is able to support the objectives of the Sustainability Charter. This request will specifically support the following Desired Outcomes:

- Health and Wellness DO2: Universally accessible physical and mental health care and support is available;
- SD1: Connect, facilitate and support people and organizations in innovative alliances for delivery of social, health and wellness programs.
- Inclusion DO22: There is a high rate of volunteerism among people of all ages and abilities;
- SD16: Enhance the opportunities available for residents to be meaningfully engaged in civic issues.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve from the remaining 2017 Grants Budget, a grant of \$1,500 to the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society from the unallocated One-time grant funding.

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Appendix "I" – Unallocated City Grants



**2017 FINANCIAL PLAN  
CITY GRANTS**

Description	Amount	Allocation to Date	Remaining
<b>Grants for Property Taxes</b>			
Opening Balance			\$ 5,000
<b>Allocation for 2017</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Grants for Dry Grads</b>			
Opening Balance			4,500
Allocated via Corporate Report 2016-F004	500		
<b>Allocation for 2017</b>		<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Grants for Special Recognition</b>			
Opening Balance			5,000
<b>Allocation for 2017</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Grants for One-time</b>			
Opening Balance			62,000
Allocated via Corporate Report 2016-F004	56,350		
<b>Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society (Proposed)</b>	1,500		
<b>Allocation for 2017</b>		<b>\$ 57,850</b>	<b>4,150</b>