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COUNCIL DATE: June 12, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **June 1, 2017**

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

FILE: **1850-20**

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that Council:

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 for Children with Learning Disabilities.

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 for Children with Learning Disabilities.

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 Brain Booster Summer Camps include half and full day camps that include a broad range of academic, recreational and social activities. These activities are designed to improve memory, 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 their Brain Booster Summer Camps for vulnerable children ages 6-12 years with learning disabilities. The camps will educate and reinforce the importance of what factors they can control to protect their brain's

development across the life-cycle, by understanding the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. The funds would be used to assist with the creation of Brain-Health Awareness Digital Story Boards, which will include a 5 minute Educational Drug Video, which will be developed in partnership with Health Tech Innovation partners at City One, the RCMP DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Co-ordinator, the Simon Fraser University (SFU) SCORE (Surrey Collaborative Outreach and Research Experience) Program, and the Neuroscience Research Lab at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Funding

Total funding requirements for this initiative are expected to be approximately \$21,000 with camper registration fees to cover approximately 60% of the cost. City One, RCMP, SFU, SMH, along with the Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society, have indicated support for this program. West Coast Centre for Learning has asked the City to provide \$2,000 for the remaining funding requirements. 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, to support the West Coast Centre for Learning's Brain Booster Summer Camp, for Children with Learning Disabilities.

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

APPENDIX "I"



2017 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date	Remaining
Carried Forward from Prior Year	8,000		
2017 Adopted Budget	<u>250,000</u>		\$ 258,000
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 5 of 5)		40,000	
Surrey Poet Laureate (Year 3 of 3)		10,000	
C ₂ U Expo		20,000	
Indo-Canadian Dental Association Gala		2,500	
100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge Battle		2,000	
The Debaters		350	
Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society		3,500	
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association		3,500	
Surrey Hospice Society (Proposed)		2,500	
100 Year Journey (Proposed)		6,000	
West Coast Centre for Learning (Proposed)		2,000	
Surrey Urban Aboriginal Strategy (Proposed)		25,000	
Pulling Together Canoe Journey (Proposed)		8,500	
Allocations for 2017		<u>\$ 125,850</u>	<u>\$ 132,200</u>