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Subject: Social Policy Grants report - questions

Good morning Mayor and Council,

Please find below responses to questions received from Cllr Boyle about the Social Policy Grants Report.

Q: Is there any other place that the funding request from Women Transforming Cities could be allocated from? Or could you provide suggested language for Council to direct staff to meet with WTC to explore other avenues for funding this important work that aligns with many city priorities?

Already answered in separate email

Q: Why are the amounts for the Multi-year Vancouver School Food Funding Grants so much higher in 2023 and 2024 then they are in 2022 and 2025?

A: The funding term for School Food and SFS Grants is for 3 years. As grants will be provided for the latter half of 2025, we are providing:

- 50% annual funding for the latter half of 2022
- 100% for 2023
- 100% for 2024
- 50% for 2025 for a total of 3 years. Prior to this Council report In March 2022, Council approved a 6 month renewal (50% annual funding) to the previous group of approved recipients of School Food and SFS Grants – to provide more time to set up this current intake (which moved to a new online grant management system).

Q: What is the timeline on the VSB's 10 year vision and food framework? What of that work has been completed already, and when do we expect it to be done?

A: VSB's 10 year vision and food framework was very recently presented to and approved by the Board of Education on June 27 (and prior to when text for this Council report was written). It can be found on p.36 here https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/22_06Jun27_op_board_agenda%20Full%20Package.pdf.

Substantively, the report articulated:

1. A new vision for food in the VSB: "Every student has access to nourishing food at school; they develop the skills they need to choose, eat, grow, prepare, and share food through VSB School Food programs."
2. Nine Food Framework Principles that establishes food as a human right, and provides additional focus and guidance – eg. "Every student should graduate with food skills"
3. Three key areas for action: 1. Feeding Students at School; 2. School Food Growing Spaces; 3. Food Literacy and Culinary Education.

The report outlines immediate next steps on p. 57 for VSB staff to resource, scope and develop an operational plan. Social Policy staff regularly connect with VSB staff and will continue to explore opportunities for collaboration and mutual support.

Best,
Paul