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**Subject:** 2017 Community Services and Other Social Grants - RTS 11897

**Attachments:** CS - Memo to Mayor Council - 2017 - Evaluation Process for Community Services Grants April 10.pdf

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services, regarding the "2017 Community Services and Other Social Grants" report which will be considered at Committee tomorrow.

The purpose of the memo is to apprise Mayor and Council of the process in which staff evaluates grant applications and the criteria used to recommend funding.

Highlights include the following:

- Staff received 184 applications and has recommended a total of 140 CS grants and 9 Social Responsibility grants to address City priorities and emerging pressures;
- Of those recommended for funding, 17 are recommended for increases and 6 are recommended for a reduction;
- 35 applications are recommended for funding, 31 of which are new applicants and 4 that have received funding in the past;
- Some of the recommendations not to fund have resulted in inquires/complaints which staff are responding to

This year a number of key City priorities are being responded to through the staff recommendations, including:

- Funding to support Aboriginal People increased by \$111,855;
- Funding to support people with serious Mental Health & Addictions has increased by \$68,740;
- Programs supporting Children and Youth at Risk have increased by \$51,100 ;
- Supports to Immigrants and Refugees increased by \$32,064, and;
- 2017 recommendations demonstrate an increase in funding to programs supporting Safety for Sex Workers by \$22,500

Please contact Gracen Chungath at [gracen.chungath@vancouver.ca](mailto:gracen.chungath@vancouver.ca) if you require further information.

Best  
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## MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and Council

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**FROM:** Gracen Chungath on behalf of  
Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services

**SUBJECT:** RTS 11897 - Community Services and Other Social Grants - 2017

On April 11, 2017 Council will receive for consideration report RTS 11897 regarding 2017 Community Services (CS) Grants recommendations. Some of the recommendations not to fund have resulted in inquires/complaints which staff are responding to. The purpose of this memo is to apprise Mayor and Council of the process in which staff evaluates grant applications and the criteria used to recommend funding.

### Overview:

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### Background:

The goal of the CS grants is to provide direct services and supports that address the causes of marginalization and build the capacity of the non-profit sector. The 2017 granting budget is \$5,367,635 and requests exceeded this amount by \$2,366,706, or 44%. Specifically requests to

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serve Aboriginal people increased by 36% from 2016 to 2017, and requests to serve people with mental illness increased by 38% in the same time period.

**Review Process:**

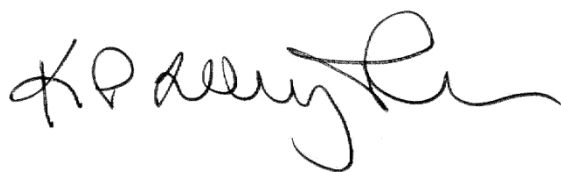
- Organizations submit applications that are checked for basic eligibility and then reviewed in detail by a staff review team;
- All applicants, including a senior member of their staff and a board member, are interviewed by a member of the review team;
- Follow up is conducted with applicants where additional information or clarification is required;
- All applications are reviewed by staff using criteria such as:
  - Alignment with Council priorities;
  - Program feasibility and impact;
  - Organizational capacity and financial stability;
  - Performance outcomes (if funded in previous year).
- If a grant is not recommended, staff provide rationale to the applicant and suggest other funding opportunities when applicable.

**Key City Priority Areas Receiving Funding Increases - 2017 Recommendations:**

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Please do not hesitate to contact Gracen Chungath, if you have any further questions.



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