

Topic: Wabamun Not For Profit 2021 Grant Request

Introduction:

The Not for Profit organizations that operate within the hamlet of Wabamun are requesting operating funding for 2021. Traditionally these requests would be captured through Parkland County's NFP grant process however this grant is part of the county budget cycle and the groups included in this request were not eligible to apply at the time.

Background Information:

The Village of Wabamun had a long-standing relationship with the community Not for Profit organizations supporting them both with financial and in-kind contribution. As a result of the amalgamation of the Village of Wabamun, a funding gap was created. Typically, Parkland County Not for Profits would apply for funding support through the Not for Profit Grant program. This program is tied directly to the county's budget cycle and therefore when groups apply, they are applying for the next budget year. In order to receive Parkland County funding through the NFP grant for 2021, organizations had to apply in 2020 and at that time, the organizations in this request were not eligible to apply for funding. This one time request will bridge the gap as these organizations transition to the application timelines for all eligible county grant programs. The total sum of the operating requests is \$14,687.03 in cash and up to \$1250.00 for the use of the sports park and hall at no charge.

Analysis:

The current budget includes \$7,000.00 line item for the Dragon Fly festival and \$4,400 for Grants to Non-Government Organizations. The remaining \$3,287.03 will be funded from the Wabamun General Municipal budget. A loss in revenue of up to \$600 for the Coal Diamond Sports Park and up to \$650.00 for the Jubilee Hall would be incurred. The Community Development Coordinator will continue to provide any assistance to organizations in understanding Parkland County programs and supports available to them.

Alternatives:

1. Council could choose to not approve the funding.
2. Council could choose to approve some of the funding.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration is recommending the grants be awarded to the Not for Profit Groups that operate in the Hamlet of Wabamun so that they can continue to provide their services to area residents.

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