

Topic: Blueberry Community League – Sustainability Grant -Major Capital Request

Introduction:

As per Policy C-RP03, Blueberry Community Hall Association's request for \$33,815.00 under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital Project, for the replacement of the flooring and the light fixtures.

Background Information:

Blueberry Community League (BCL) is a very active community league hosting numerous events, weddings, reunions and tournaments and is home to a number of reoccurring programs including playschool, youth groups and exercises classes. BCL is committed to maintaining their facilities and planning for the future and have created a priority list for hall maintenance using the *2019 Facility Condition Assessment Report* (the report) as a guideline. BCL have identified two areas of focus for 2020; the replacement of the resilient flooring and lighting throughout the facility.

The resilient flooring (item # 34 in the report) was identified as being in fair condition and medium priority for replacement. The floor has exceeded its normal life expectancy and is causing ongoing costly maintenance and janitorial issues. Separating seams and a worn finish have led to staining and residue on the floor leaving the floor in a permanently dirty state affecting the halls ability to attract rentals. Replacing the flooring will improve the experience for those using the facility, increase rentals and reduce time spent on maintaining the floor.

As stated in the report, BCL has a few different types of lighting (item # 81-84 & 86), all at various stages of needing repair or replacement, all in fair to poor condition. Some of fixtures are obsolete and while others have extended past their life expectancy. By updating all the lighting in the hall, the hall will increase their energy efficiency and see a cost savings in their utilities, be safer for all users through better lighting and help to modernize the hall.

The total value of the entire project is estimated at \$67,631.00. The community league has \$33,815 of the funds secured to date. BCL will continue to apply for additional grants including CFEP prior to starting the work in 2020.

Analysis:

Administration has been involved with the project through the provision of information and referrals and other assistance as required. The Community Development Coordinator assigned to them has been kept apprised of their project and will continue to provide any assistance required until project completion.

Should Council approve the funding being requested, this project would be completed in 2020.

Alternatives:

1. Council could approve funding at a different value.
2. Council could choose to not approve funding for this initiative.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration is recommending approval of the funding request. Blueberry Community League is committed to actively seeking additional funding sources for this project. The project meets all requirements under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital and administration will continue to work with the community league until the project reaches completion.

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