

Edmonton Heritage Council - Community Investment Program - Operational Grants and Project Grants

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That the recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1 of the September 10, 2013, Edmonton Heritage Council report CR_569, be approved.

Report Summary

Operational Grants totalling \$53,864.84 is recommended in funding to support five facilities. Project Grants totalling \$69,810.00 is recommended in funding to support five applicants.

Report

Operational Grants:

Applications for Operational Grants were accepted at the Edmonton Heritage Council up to 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2013.

Eight applications were received. Three were not eligible, leaving five for review. As this was our first year running of these grant programs, all were new applicants this year.

Applications were analyzed by Edmonton Heritage Council staff to verify the applicants' eligibility and eligible expenses. In all cases, more

information or clarity was sought from the applicants.

A Peer Jury was appointed in accordance with Edmonton Heritage Council board policies.

A mathematical formula was applied to generate grant recommendations based on the applicant's eligible expenses and eligible space.

The Peer Jury considered the applications and made funding recommendations to the Edmonton Heritage Council Board of Directors.

The Edmonton Heritage Council Board approved the recommendations on August 27, 2013.

Because this is our first year, as a result of the formula, all applicants will see fluctuations in grant amounts from year to year that do not reflect an assessment of merit.

Some applicants will also have changes in funding that represent real changes in eligible expenses or eligible space, such as fluctuating staff costs.

This report recommends funding of all five eligible applicants at the maximum possible based on 25% of eligible expense limits.

There is one deadline annually for this program; the next is September 15, 2013.

Project Grants:

Applications for Project Grants were accepted at the Edmonton Heritage Council up to 4:30 p.m. on June 14, 2013.

Thirteen applications were received. Three were not eligible, leaving ten for review. As this was our first year running this grants program, all were new applicants this year.

Applications were analyzed by Edmonton Heritage Council staff to verify the applicants' eligibility and eligible expenses. In many cases, more information or clarity was sought from the applicants.

A Peer Jury was appointed in accordance with Edmonton Heritage Council board policies.

The Peer Jury considered the applications and made funding recommendations to the Edmonton Heritage Council Board of Directors.

The Edmonton Heritage Council Board approved the recommendations on August 27, 2013.

There is one deadline annually for this program, the next is September 30, 2013.

Justification of Recommendation

The recommendations are made in accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F.

Attachments

1. Operational Grants – Program Summary
2. Project Grants – Program Summary

Background Information Available on Request from the Department

1. Full Program Guidelines