

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>2023 Community Grant and Family &amp; Community Services Grant Allocations</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council approve the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee recommendation to award the 2023 Community Grants in the amount of \$375,382 to the community groups identified in Attachment 1, with \$358,822 funded from Community Enhancement Reserve A-ASP Group and \$16,560 from 2023 operating budget.</li> <li>2. That Council approve the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to award the 2023 Community Grants in the amount of \$244,905 to the community groups identified in Attachment 2, with \$144,961.02 funded from Community Enhancement Reserve B-Recognized Community Groups, \$25,883.98 from Community Enhancement Reserve C-Reserves, and \$74,060 from 2023 operating budget.</li> <li>3. That Council approve the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to fund the 2023 Family &amp; Community Support Services Grants as identified in Attachment 3 in the amount of \$10,000 from the 2023 operating budget.</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council award the grants as recommended by the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee and the Community Services Advisory Board. These recommendations were debated and supported by both Council Committees during their respective meetings in March 2023.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<p><u>November 23 &amp; 24, 2022 Council Budget Meeting</u> Motion 443/22: That Council recommend approval of the Grant Funding for Not-For-Profit Organizations to be ongoing in the amount of \$48,330 from taxation.</p> <p><u>December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 481/21: That Council approve the 2023 Operating Budget as amended by motions passed on November 23 and 24, 2022, which represents a 3.9% tax rate increase.</p>

<p><b>Report</b></p>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline to apply for 2023 Sturgeon County Community Associations grants was February 6, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Between the three grant streams, 29 volunteer organizations submitted applications with \$630,287 in total funding requested.</li> <li>○ The Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee (CVSGAC) received \$16,560 in requests for Operating Funding and are recommending that Council approve \$16,560. The CVSGAC received \$358,822 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and is recommending that Council approve \$358,822. The total of both operating and capital funding recommendations is \$375,382.</li> <li>○ The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) received \$78,233 in requests for Operating Funding and is recommending that Council approve \$78,233. The CSAB received \$166,672 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and is recommending that Council approve \$166,672. The total of both operating a capital funding recommendation is \$244,905.</li> <li>○ As part of Budget 2023, Council approved an increase of 15% to the maximum operating grant available; with Recognized Community Associations able to apply for up to \$4,600 (up from \$4,000) and Recognized Seniors Associations able to apply for up to \$1,380 (up from \$1,200).</li> <li>○ The CSAB also received \$10,000 in requests for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding and approved \$10,000 (Attachment 3).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant funding provided to community groups will be promoted through the County's website and social media.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, section 248 - Expenditure of Money</li> <li>• Bylaw 1517/20 – Council Committees Bylaw</li> <li>• Bylaw 1400/18 – Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw</li> <li>• Community Grant Policy</li> <li>• Family and Community Support Services Grant Policy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p><b>Collaborative Governance</b> – Citizens are engaged (through committees) as active participants in municipal governance, representing the broader community.</p> <p><b>Thriving Communities</b> – The Community Grant and FCSS Grant Programs demonstrate the County's commitment to actively supporting and working in collaboration with voluntary organizations in the region.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If Council supports the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Committee recommendations, this will require \$114,682 to be funded from Reserves.</li> <li>• If Council supports the Community Services Advisory Board recommendations, this will require \$48,775 to be funded from Reserves.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	The proposed allocations reflect the recommendations of the CVSGAC and CSAB. As such, no alternatives are provided at this time.
<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>It is important to support meaningful involvement of Council committees. The committees have been delegated the authority through bylaw and policy to review the grant applications and make their recommendations to Council.</p>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issue cheques to the community associations (Family and Community Support Services, April 2023).</li> <li>2. Prepare reserve transfers for financial reporting (Family and Community Support Services, April 2023).</li> <li>3. Complete any funding agreements as required with community organizations (Family and Community Support Services, April 2023).</li> </ol>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attachment 1 – Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee Community Organization Grants Recommendations</li> <li>2. Attachment 2 - Community Services Advisory Board Community Organization Grants Recommendations</li> <li>3. Attachment 3 - Community Services Advisory Board Family &amp; Community Support Services Grants Recommendations</li> <li>4. Attachment 4 - Community Grant Policy</li> <li>5. Attachment 5 – Family and Community Support Services Grant Policy</li> </ol>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Tim Osborne, Manager, Family &amp; Community Support Services</p> <p>Christine Wells, Director, Community Services</p> <p>Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services &amp; Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

**Guiding Principles:** Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>