

Request for Decision

Title	2024 Community Grant Allocations
Proposed Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council approve Casa Vista Country Club #3 as a Recognized Community Association. 2. That Council approve the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to award 2024 Community Grants in the amount of \$279,904 to the community groups identified in Attachment 1, with funding as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$72,053 from 2024 Operating Budget – Grants to Organizations b. \$151,856 from Community Enhancement Reserve (\$104,939 from Component B and \$46,917 from Component C) c. \$55,995 from Sturgeon Industrial Community Fund Reserve (\$23,196 from Component A, \$11,598 from Component B and \$21,201 from Component C). 3. That Council approve the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee recommendation to award the 2024 Community Grants in the amount of \$232,912 to the community groups identified in Attachment 2, with funding as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$17,210 from 2024 Operating Budget – Grants to Organizations b. \$215,702 from Community Enhancement Reserve (\$209,878 from Component A, \$5,824 from Component C).
Administrative Recommendation	<p>Administration recommends that Council approve Casa Vista Country Club #3 as a Recognized Community Association.</p> <p>Administration further recommends that Council award the grants as recommended by the Community Services Advisory Board and the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee. These recommendations were debated and supported by both Council Committees during their respective meetings in March and April of 2024.</p>
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion 451/23: That Council approve the 2024 Operating Budget as amended by motions passed on November 22 and 23, 2023.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible for Community Grant funding, a group must be identified as a “Recognized Community Association” by Sturgeon County. Prior to

2015, Sturgeon County listed Casa Vista Country Club #2 as a Recognized Community Association. The Association lost its Society status with the Province in 2015. On October 23, 2016, the Casa Vista Country Club #3 was officially approved as a Society by the Province and remains in good standing.

- Definition of Recognized Community Association from Council Policy – Exemption of Development Application fees for Recognized Community Associations is “an independent, registered and volunteer not-for-profit organization operating facilities and amenities within the corporate boundary of Sturgeon County, with a mandate to provide programming and services to the general public and accordingly, recognized by Sturgeon County Community Services. Such an organization is registered in terms of the *Societies Act* RSA 2000, s-14 and in good standing.”
- The deadline to apply for a 2024 Sturgeon County Community Association grant was February 5, 2024. Recognized senior organizations could apply for an operating grant and recognized community associations could apply for both an operating and capital grant.
 - Between the two grant streams, 26 volunteer organizations submitted applications and \$512,816 in funding was requested.
 - The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) received \$72,053 in requests for Operating Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests. The CSAB received \$207,851 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests.
 - The Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee (SGAC) received \$17,210 in requests for Operating Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests. The SGAC received \$215,702 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests.
 - In Budget 2024, Council approved an increase of 4% to the maximum operating grant available, with Recognized Community Associations able to apply for up to \$4,780 (increased from \$4,600) and Recognized Seniors Associations able to apply for up to \$1,435 (increased from \$1,380).

External Communication

- Grant funding provided to community groups is promoted through the County’s website and social media.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- *Municipal Government Act*, section 248 - Expenditure of Money
- Bylaw 1517/20 – Council Committees Bylaw
- Bylaw 1400/18 – Community Aggregate Payment Levy Bylaw
- Community Grant Policy

Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Collaborative Governance – Citizens are engaged (through committees) as active participants in municipal governance, representing the broader community.</p> <p>Thriving Communities – 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> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>All required funding to support the recommendations is available through budgeted dollars, CAP levy collection, and existing reserves.</p>
Alternatives Considered	<p>The proposed allocations reflect the recommendations of the CSAB and SGAC. As such, no alternatives are provided.</p>
Implications of Alternatives	<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 recommendations to Council.</p>
Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue cheques to the community associations (Family and Community Support Services, Q2 2024). 2. Prepare reserve transfers for financial reporting (Family and Community Support Services, Q2 2024). 3. Complete any funding agreements as required with community organizations (Family and Community Support Services, Q2 2024).
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 1: Community Services Advisory Board Community Organization Grants Recommendations 2. Attachment 2: Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee Community Organization Grants Recommendations 3. Community Grant Policy
Report Reviewed by:	<p>Tim Osborne, Manager, Family & Community Support Services</p> <p>Chris Wells, Director, Community Services</p> <p>Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & 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
Planned Growth			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern broadband and digital capabilities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thriving Communities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>