

Request for Decision

Title	2025 Community Grant Allocations
Proposed Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council approve the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to award 2025 Community Grants in the amount of \$186,132 to the community groups identified in Attachment 1, with funding as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$78,460 from 2025 Operating Budget – Grants to Organizations b. \$107,672 from Community Enhancement Reserve Component B. 2. That Council approve the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee recommendation to award the 2025 Community Operating Grants in the amount of \$17,890 to the community groups identified in Attachment 2, with funding as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$17,890 from 2025 Operating Budget – Grants to Organizations. 3. That Council approve Administration’s recommendation to award the 2025 Community Enhancement Capital Grants in the amount of \$229,515 to the community groups identified in Attachment 2, with funding as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$229,515 from Community Enhancement Reserve Component A. 4. That Council recommend that Community Enhancement Capital grants totaling \$381,520 (West Sturgeon People Aging in Place) be referred to the Major Grant Process for further review and consideration. 5. That Council approve the Community Services Advisory Board recommendation to award 2025 FCSS Grants in the amount of \$10,000 to the community groups identified in Attachment 3, with funding from 2025 Operating Budget – Eligible Grants.
Administrative Recommendation	<p>Administration recommends that Council award the grants as recommended by the Community Services Advisory Board.</p> <p>Administration recommends that Council approve the grants as recommended by the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee with the exception of the major capital request of \$416,304 from West Sturgeon Agricultural Society, which was withdrawn by the applicant subsequent to the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee meeting.</p>

Previous Council / Committee Direction	<u>November 19, 2024 Council Budget Meeting</u> Motion 364/24: That Council approve the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets as amended by motions passed at the November 19, 2024 Budget Meeting.												
Report	<u>Background Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The deadline to apply for a 2025 Sturgeon County Community Association grant was February 7, 2025. Recognized senior organizations could apply for an operating grant and recognized community associations could apply for both an operating and capital grant.• The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) received \$78,460 in requests for Operating Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests.• The CSAB received \$107,672 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests.• The Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee (SGAC) received \$17,890 in requests for Operating Funding and is recommending that Council approve all requests.• The SGAC received \$1,027,338 in requests for Capital Enhancement Funding and recommended funding of \$645,818, with the request of \$381,520 (West Sturgeon People Aging in Place) to be referred to the Major Grant Process for further review and consideration. <table><tr><td></td><td>Capital Request</td><td>SGAC Recommendation</td></tr><tr><td>Villeneuve Athletic Association</td><td>Furnace, etc - \$32,923</td><td>Approve</td></tr><tr><td>West Sturgeon Agricultural Society</td><td>Ice Resurfacer - \$109,343 Arena Grounds - \$87,249 Roof - \$416,304</td><td>Ice Resurfacer – Approve Arena Grounds – Approve Roof - Approve</td></tr><tr><td>West Sturgeon People Aging in Place</td><td>Solar Panels - \$381,520</td><td>Refer to Major Grants Process</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsequent to the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee meeting, the West Sturgeon Agricultural Society asked Administration to withdraw their request for roof repairs (\$416,304) to allow them additional time to assess the project. They anticipate bringing a similar request forward at a future date.• In Budget 2025, Council approved an increase of 4% to the maximum operating grant available, with Recognized Community Associations able to apply for up to \$4,970 (increased from \$4,780) and Recognized Seniors Associations able to apply for up to \$1,490 (increased from \$1,435).		Capital Request	SGAC Recommendation	Villeneuve Athletic Association	Furnace, etc - \$32,923	Approve	West Sturgeon Agricultural Society	Ice Resurfacer - \$109,343 Arena Grounds - \$87,249 Roof - \$416,304	Ice Resurfacer – Approve Arena Grounds – Approve Roof - Approve	West Sturgeon People Aging in Place	Solar Panels - \$381,520	Refer to Major Grants Process
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSAB also received \$20,000 in requests for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding and recommended \$10,000 as identified in Attachment 3. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant funding provided to community groups is promoted through the County's website and social media. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, 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>Administration will ensure that the grants are appropriately expended and that reporting is provided in accordance with funding agreements.</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 Community Services Advisory Board and the Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee (taking into consideration the withdrawal of the roof repairs for WSAS). 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"> Issue cheques to the community associations (Family and Community Services, Q2 2025). Prepare reserve transfers for financial reporting (Family and Community Services, Q2 2025). Complete any funding agreements as required with community organizations (Family and Community Services, Q2 2025).

Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 1: Community Services Advisory Board Grants Recommendations 2. Attachment 2: Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee Grants Recommendations 3. Attachment 3: FCSS Grant Recommendations
Report Reviewed by:	<p>Tim Osborne, Manager, Family and Community Services</p> <p>Sabrina Duquette, Manager, Corporate Finance and Treasury</p> <p>Chris Wells, Director, Community and Protective Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Chief Administrative Officer</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"/>