

**2023 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUESTS - SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF COMMUNITY GRANTS EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

to Council May 8, 2023

		2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Requests	2023 Recommendations	2023 Summary Detail for Grant Requests
1	The Local Community Food Centre	7,000	7,000	10,000	8,500	Funding for maintenance and expansion of the Dufferin Community Garden including Indigenous Medicine Wheel Garden; urban farming experience; gardens upkeep.
2	Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund	350	350	500	500	Support of veterans and related community activities - medical, housing, emergency funds.
3	Kinsmen Club - Canada Day Celebration	9,000	8,000	10,000	8,000	Funding to support Canada Day Celebration fireworks.
4	Stratford Concert Band	2,000	2,000	5,000	2,000	Insurance \$1,727; Storage \$2,575; Music Purchases \$1,000; Conductor fees \$6,000.
5	Stratford Live Music & Food	4,000	4,000	7,000	deny	Funding for logistics such as tent and washroom rentals, electrical and security.
6	Kiwanis Festival for Performing Arts	1,500	1,500	6,000	3,000	Provide subsidies for provincial entry fees of Stratford participants (virtual and live formats) - staff to review feasibility of funding being transferred to Social Services.
7	Playmakers! Theatre School	1,000	1,000	5,000	1,000	Funding for a new initiative - purchase and store materials/equipment for workshops, professional fees for lantern designers.
8	Stratford & District Horticultural Society	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	Funding for maintenance and upgrade to public perennial gardens.
9	Stratford Lawn Bowling Club	10,000	10,000	11,000	10,000	Funding to help offset costs of green maintenance.
10	Stratford Symphony Orchestra	7,000	7,000	10,000	7,000	Funding for ongoing development of existing programs; expand community outreach and education; seek out new partners for collaborations.
11	Music & Opera Appreciation	800	800	800	800	Funding to assist with a special event concert - advertising; equipment transportation; musician and venue fees.

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12	INNERchamber	1,000	500	2,000	500	Funding for outreach program to allow lower cost tickets to students and arts workers.
13	Off the Wall (Stratford Artists Alliance)	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000	Funding for new managers to be trained on updated website and new course/workshop registration system.
14	United Way Perth-Huron	31,465	31,465	33,232	33,232	Funding to support various needs within Stratford including 20 locally operated supported partner programs and services; investigate and report on local social issues; Community Renewal Company; represents \$1 per Stratford resident; 11,000 Stratford residents assisted in 2022.
15	Stratford Arts & Culture Collective	2,000	2,000	8,150	3,000	Funding to assist with various costs such as programming, information technology, insurance, consulting supports, rent, marketing and accounting.
16	Stratford Winterfest	10,000	10,000	18,500	10,000	Funding to support their annual event in January 2024, such as entertainer fees, animals, ice sculptures, inflatables, Blacksmith, advertising and portable washroom rentals.
17	Hermione Presents - SpringWorks Festival	9,500	9,500	15,000	9,500	Funding to support various costs: \$4,000 for administration, bookkeeping and office needs, insurance; \$11,000 for venue and infrastructure costs, storage, equipment, artist fees, technical staff, marketing - to facilitate their summer PuppetWorks! festival.
18	Stratford Dog Park Association	2,200	2,200	1,400	1,400	Funding for liability insurance.
19	Feline Friends Network	4,500	4,500	5,000	4,500	Funding to support programs Trap/Neuter/Return; and Trap/Neuter/Adoption; low income assistance program; further reduction of cat overpopulation in Stratford.
20	Here For Now Theatre Company	4,000	4,000	15,000	5,000	Funding to support various costs: \$7,500 to cover 25% front of house, stage management and technician fees; \$7,500 to cover 10% of artist fees.
21	St. Marys Healthcare Foundation		6,000	6,000	6,000	\$30,000 multi-year funding approved in 2022 - reviewed annually and subject to budget - \$6,000 per yr/5 years - this represents Year 2 payment.

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22	Kiwanis Club Summer Concerts		1,500	2,000	1,500	Funding to support Summer Concerts in the Park series.
23	Hospice	175,000	162,500	162,500	162,500	Final year of City's \$1.5M commitment.
24	Civic Beautification & Environmental Awareness Committee	700	700	1,000	1,000	Multi-Year request - \$1,000 annual to offset insurance costs due to increase from \$2M to \$5M limit.
25	Gallery Stratford	52,600	53,547	65,000	58,000	Multi-Year (3 years) request for general operating costs - in previous years a cost of living increase has been applied annually - recommend one-time approval and staff will be investigating a more permanent agreement with the City for funding.
26	Stratford Summer Music	25,000	25,000	30,000	25,000	Funding to support costs of the Music Barge and the World in a Weekend free programming - costs such as musician and technician fees, equipment rental, licensing and royalty fees for the music.
27	Razzamajazz	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	Funding to support operating costs of the Razzamajazz music barge - payment of entertainers and skippers - recommend this grant be conditional on matching fundraising dollars.
28	Bedford Public School			15,000	deny	Funding to support a playground replacement at Bedford PS - surveying, equipment, granular material, staff time - building wheelchair pathways and improving drainage - City will provide millings for pathway (approx. \$3,000).
29	House of Blessing			15,000	15,000	Funding for diapers and formula from local grocery stores to give to low income families – funds will be forwarded to Social Services to administer.
30	Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony			1,000	1,000	Multi-year request for funds to support sound system and broadcast costs for annual Remembrance Day Ceremony - \$1,000 per year/5 years - recommend multi-year approval as requested.
31	Perth County Transition Home for Women			15,000	15,000	Funding to support the expansion of existing facility - adding 7,000 sq ft over 3 floors - this will increase residential capacity by 115%.

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32	Stratford Pride Community Centre			10,000	10,000	Funding to support expansion of communications and community outreach - new display booth for community events, advertising, upgrading social media channels.
33	Stratford Welcomes Refugees			5,000	5,000	Sponsorship of a refugee family to resettle in Stratford - to assist with basic needs.
				508,082	422,932	\$401,870 available in 2023 budget for one-time and multi-year grant awards, and contingency
	Contribution from reserve				-21,062	recommend using funding from G-R18-COMG to balance to available funds in 2023 budget; and recommend using reserves for any further 2023 requirements arising from appeals or after-budget requests.
					401,870	

For Information: Stratford General Hospital Request for Funding

- This request will be brought forward when the Hospice commitment is completed
- This is expected to be during the 2024 community grants cycle
- Request is for \$5M over 10 years for their capital improvements fundraising campaign