

**STAFF REPORT:**



**REPORT TO:** Finance and Administration Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday September 11, 2012  
**REPORT NO.:** CEDC.12.9  
**SUBJECT:** 2013 Grants and Donations Program  
**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Kidd

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CEDC.12.9 "2013 grants and donations program"; and

THAT Council continue its grants and donations program budget in the amount of \$30,000 for 2013; and

FURTHER THAT Council grant budget preapproval for the 2013 grants and donations program.

**B. Background**

Staff is requesting Council consider and provide direction to staff on the following matters, in order, relating to the Town's grants and donations program:

- Grants and donations program budget for 2013
- Grants and donations program budget preapproval for 2013

For Council's consideration, the grants and donations program budget was \$30,000 in each of 2011 and 2012.

In 2012, requests for financial support through the grants and donations program totalled \$61,468.

It is expected that the 2012 budget will be fully allocated by the end of the calendar year.

In 2012, Council preapproved the budget for the grants and donations program. The rationale for this was to enable Council to make decisions earlier in the calendar year, therefore affording applicants more time to plan their events and activities for the forthcoming year.

Should Council decide to preapprove a budget for the 2013 grants and donations program, the community would be invited to make application to the 2013 program in the Fall of 2012, with a deadline for submissions on or around October 31, 2012.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

6.6 Implement processes for continuous improvement.

**D. Environmental Impacts**

None.

**E. Financial Impact**

The financial impact is contingent upon direction of Council. Any grants and donations program budget, as recommended by Committee and approved by Council would be considered as part of the 2013 proposed operating budget and paid for through taxation.

**F. In Consultation With**

**G. Attached**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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