

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Finance and Administration
Committee

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2011

REPORT NO.: CEDC.11.22

SUBJECT: 2012 Grants and Donations Program
Budget Preapproval

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A. Recommendation

THAT Council receive Staff Report CEDC.11.22 "2012 Grants and Donations Budget Preapproval"; and

THAT Council does hereby grant preapproval in the 2012 municipal budget process for the Grants and Donations Program at a total budgeted amount of \$30,000.

B. Background

This Staff Report and recommendations contained in it are being presented to Committee at this time because based on the current estimated budget approval timeline, a review of the grants and donations applications by Council would not take place until March or April of 2012. This timing creates difficulty for some applicants with respect to budgeting and financial planning, particularly for those applicants planning events and initiatives scheduled to take place early in the 2012 year.

If budget preapproval is granted, it will allow the intake period for the program to occur now as well as provide an opportunity for the submitted applications to be reviewed by Council during the budget process.

The proposed budget of \$30,000 for 2012 is consistent with the approved 2011 budget.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

6.6 Implement processes for continuous improvement.

D. Environmental Impacts

None.

E. Financial Impact

The financial impact of the Grants and Donations Program is \$30,000 which will be considered as part of the 2012 proposed operating budget and paid for through taxation.

F. Attached

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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