

STAFF REPORT: Administration



**REPORT TO: Finance and Administration
Committee**

MEETING DATE: April 22, 2008

REPORT NO.: CEDC.08.08

**SUBJECT: Applications for Grants and
Donations**

**PREPARED BY: Lisa Kidd, Communications and
Economic Development
Coordinator**

A. Recommendations

That Council receive Staff Report CEDC.08.08 'Applications for Grants and Donations' for information purposes; and

THAT Council authorize funding of The Elephants Thoughts Science Camp, The Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Dinner and The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce Jazz in the Park Rain Day Space Needs, totalling \$3,750.00, to be paid through the Grants and Donations contingency allowance.

B. Background

The Town of The Blue Mountains has implemented a 'Grants and Donations Program' for community groups and organizations to make application for financial support for events and activities.

The new program aims to reduce duplication and streamline the process for subsidies and donations.

Attachment 1 provides (i) a list of the applications received, (ii) whether or not they meet the criteria and guidelines outlined in the application and (iii) the amount of the request.

The Royal Canadian Legion is seeking the use of the Beaver Valley Community Centre Small Hall for their annual Remembrance Day Dinner, honouring Veterans. The cost to rent the Small Hall with kitchen facilities is \$150.00.

The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce is seeking the use of the Large Hall at the Beaver Valley Community Centre for Rain Days for the Jazz by the Bay Festival. The cost to rent the Large Hall for all potential Rain Days is \$3,200.00.

Please note that Council adopted a recommendation on March 26, 2008 to fund The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$11,000 for funding promotion along with operating the Information Centre, Kiosk and portable washroom.

Elephant Thoughts Science Camp is seeking \$400.00 in support of a week-long Science Camp for local children. Of special note, any profit from the Camp is used to provide children without financial means an opportunity to participate in future camps.

The total amount of requests contained herein is \$3750.00.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Strategic Action 3.5 Continue to support cultural groups and community events.

D. Budget Impact

The Grants and Donations program is part of the 2008 Communications and Economic Development Budget. Council approved \$90,000 for the Program. Contingent upon support of these recommendations, the Grants and Donations Budget will have \$3,191.25 remaining in the contingency allowance.

E. Attached

Attachment 1- Grants and Donations: Qualification and Request Summary

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Attachment 1-Qualification and Request Summary

Application Date	April 7, 2008
Applicant	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 281
Donation/Grant Request	\$150.00
Purpose	Use of Small Hall at Community Centre for Remembrance Day Dinner

Service or Business	From the time of its formation in 1926, the Legion has focused its efforts on the fight to secure adequate pensions and other well-earned benefits for veterans and their dependants. Acting as an advocacy agency on veterans' behalf, the Legion deals directly with the Federal Government to ensure ex-military personnel and their dependants are treated fairly. The Royal Canadian Legion has also assumed a major responsibility for perpetuating the tradition of Remembrance in Canada. Each year the Legion organizes and runs the National Poppy and Remembrance Campaign to remind Canadians of the tremendous debt we owe to the 117,000 men and women who have given their lives in the defence of Canada during two world wars, the Korean War and other military missions around the world. Contributions made during the campaign are used to assist needy veterans, ex-service members and their families.
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Criteria for Application (must meet one of the following)

Seed (Start up) Funds	
Special Event or Program	Yes
Unique Need	
None of the Above	

Guidelines (must meet all of the following)

Not for Profit	Yes
Applicant Located in Community and/or Primarily Benefits Local Residents	Yes
Demonstrate Managerial Expertise, Organization Ability, Good Financial Management ¹	Yes
Supplied Accurate Financial Information	Yes

Special Consideration

New and Innovative Events and Programs ²	
Community Outreach and Education	Yes
Projected Audience	Veterans, Gen. Pop.
Compatibility with Town Priorities and Strategic Planning	3.5

Staff Recommendation

Eligible	Yes
Not Eligible	

¹ This is defined as an organization/applicant operating without debt.

² It is understood here, that new and innovative events and programs are a consideration of Council.

Application Date	April 8, 2008
Applicant	The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce
Donation/Grant Request	\$3,200
Purpose	Use of Large Hall at Beaver Valley Community for Jazz by the Bay Rain Days

Service or Business	The Chamber of Commerce supports the needs and interests of small local area business.
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Criteria for Application (must meet one of the following)

Seed (Start up) Funds	
Special Event or Program	Yes
Unique Need	
None of the Above	

Guidelines (must meet all of the following)

Not for Profit	Yes
Applicant Located in Community and/or Primarily Benefits Local Residents	Yes
Demonstrate Managerial Expertise, Organization Ability, Good Financial Management	Yes
Supplied Accurate Financial Information	Yes

Special Consideration

New and Innovative Events and Programs	
Community Outreach and Education	Yes
Projected Audience	General Population
Compatibility with Town Priorities and Strategic Planning	3.4 and 3.6

Staff Recommendation

Eligible	Yes
Not Eligible	

Application Date	April 8, 2008
Applicant	Elephant Thoughts
Donation/Grant Request	\$400
Purpose	Support for a week- long science camp for 25 local children, ages 6-12

Service or Business	Elephant Thoughts Global Development Initiatives is a registered Canadian charity, founded in 2002 by a group of teachers, principals and other professional educators. The mandate is to help promote high standards of education worldwide despite economic or geographic barriers while supporting initiatives which propagate cultural understanding and sharing among school aged children.
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Criteria for Application (must meet one of the following)

Seed (Start up) Funds	
Special Event or Program	Yes
Unique Need	
None of the Above	

Guidelines (must meet all of the following)

Not for Profit	Yes
Applicant Located in Community and/or Primarily Benefits Local Residents	Yes
Demonstrate Managerial Expertise, Organization Ability, Good Financial Management	Yes
Supplied Accurate Financial Information	Yes

Special Consideration

New and Innovative Events and Programs	
Community Outreach and Education	Yes
Projected Audience	Children
Compatibility with Town Priorities and Strategic Planning	3.5

Staff Recommendation

Eligible	Yes
Not Eligible	