

To: Mayor and Council
From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025
Meeting Type: Regular Council Meeting

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Department: Corporate Services

Title: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Application-GIA2025-002 Lake Country Community Fridge
Description: Grant-in-Aid application for Lake Country Community Fridge

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Grant-in-Aid request from Lake Country Community Fridge in the amount of \$2,000 to assist with ongoing costs including food, structure needs and maintenance, be approved.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Council has an annual Grant-in-Aid budget (Grants to Community Organizations) of \$7,000. Funds are allocated to recipients with standing resolutions for annual grants and then on a first come, first serve basis. Annual recipients receive \$2,000 to 3,000 (depending on the Rotary Fundraiser amount) each year leaving \$4,000 to \$5,000 for distribution.

2025 ANNUAL RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT	RESOLUTION
GESS Dry Grad	\$500.00	07.05.235
Rotary Fundraiser Facility Rental (varies each year, maximum \$1500)	\$845.25	08.11.506
Oyama Fun Days	\$500.00	10.05.226
Lake Country Native Association (LCNA) Pow Wow	\$500.00	05.05.198
TOTAL USED	\$2,345.25	
AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$4,654.75	

In 2024 Council approved 2 Grant-in-Aid applications in addition to the annual grant recipients:

FILE NUMBER	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	RESOLUTION
GIA2024-002	Lake Country Community Fridge	\$2,000	2024-06-128
GIA2024-003	Lake Country Judo and Martial Arts Club	\$999	2024-06-128
TOTAL		\$2,999	

One (1) Grant-in-Aid application has been received for 2025 funds. The Lake Country Community Fridge is requesting \$2,000 to assist with ongoing costs associated with the project, the majority of which will be food and other necessities, but may also include other items the structure needs, such as mini heaters and maintenance.

FILE NUMBER	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
GIA2025-002	Lake Country Community Fridge	\$2,000
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$2,000

Grant-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 specifies that applications are intended to provide funding for a program, short-term undertaking with a completion date or an event with a start and finish date (and can be an annual event). When initially contemplated, such grants were generally intended for events such as the Lake Country car show or a community event such as Oyama Fun Days or the GESS Dry Grad. The policy requires programs or events to be within District boundaries, open to the general public and have free or nominal admission. Nonetheless, section 1.3 of the policy allows Council to approve applications that do not adhere to the policy but have merit in terms of community value and involvement.

The Lake Country Community Fridge is located within Lake Country and supports Lake Country residents.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS AND POLICY

Grant-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019 (Attached) establishes guidelines for grants provided by the District. Several of the key principles and eligibility requirements include:

- Council, at its discretion, may provide grants to groups or organizations that Council considers enhance or contribute to the projects, residents or facilities of Lake Country.
- Council may not provide any form of assistance to a business.
- Council may consider applications that do not adhere to this policy but have merit in terms of community value and involvement.
- Receipt of a grant does not guarantee funding in the future.
- applications for grants-in-aid over \$1,000 must be from a Registered Organization with proof of registration.

Section 8 of the *Community Charter*, Fundamental Powers sets out that a municipality has the right to provide assistance except to a business. Business is any undertaking, professional, personal, or other services for the purpose of gain or profit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

☐ None ☒ Budget Previously Approved ☒ Other (see below)

The \$7,000.00 Grant-in-Aid budget contains currently has \$4,654.75 available for distribution.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. THAT the Grant-in-Aid request from Lake Country Community Fridge in the amount of \$X,XXX.XX to assist with ongoing costs including food, structure needs and maintenance, be approved.

Respectfully Submitted.

Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Administration

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2025 Grant-in-Aid Application-GIA2025-002.docx
Attachments:	- Grant-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019.pdf - LC Community Fridge 2025 Grant-in-Aid-Application Redacted.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jul 3, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Task assigned to Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services was completed by workflow administrator Philippa Harding, Manager of Corporate Administration

Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services - Jun 23, 2025 - 2:38 PM

Trevor James, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration - Jun 24, 2025 - 9:39 AM

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer - Jul 3, 2025 - 7:11 AM

Makayla Ablitt, Legislative & FOI Coordinator - Jul 3, 2025 - 9:55 AM