

To: Mayor and Council
From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025
Meeting Type: Regular Council Meeting

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Department: Corporate Services

Title: Grant in Aid Application | GIA2025-003 | Team Canada Dance
Description: Grant-in-Aid application for Emma and Tessa Starling competing on Team Canada Dance

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Grant-in-Aid application from Andrea Szilagyi for a total of \$1000.00 to assist with travel, accommodation, meals, and fees for Emma and Tessa Starling to compete at a world championship dance event in Prague, Czechia in October 2026 be accepted.

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. This year Council has approved one Grant-in-Aid application to the Lake Country Community Fridge in the amount of \$2000.00.

2025 RECIPIENTS		AMOUNT	RESOLUTION
Annual	GESS Dry Grad	\$500.00	07.05.235
Annual	Rotary Fundraiser Facility Rental (varies each year, maximum \$1500)	\$845.25	08.11.506
Annual	Oyama Fun Days	\$500.00	10.05.226
Annual	Lake Country Native Association (LCNA) Pow Wow	\$500.00	05.05.198
GIA2025-002	Lake Country Community Fridge	\$2000.00	2025-07-157
		TOTAL USED	\$4,345.25
		AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$2,654.75

Andrea Szilagyi is requesting \$1000.00 total for Emma and Tessa Starling (\$500.00 each) who are competing at a world championship dance event in Prague, Czechia this coming October. Receipt of funds from the District would contribute towards travel, accommodation, meals, and fees.

In April 2025, Grant in Aid Policy 175 was updated to provide clarification on athletic and sporting event applications. The application meets the criteria that athletes that live within the District of Lake Country incurring travel related expenses while participating in high level sporting events and Dance sport is identified under the National Sports Organization of Canada in accordance with Section 4.3 of the policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The \$7,000.00 Grant-in-Aid budget currently has \$2,654.75 available for distribution. Approval of the request would leave \$1,654.75 available for the remainder of 2025.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. THAT the Grant-in-Aid request from Andrea Szilagyi for a total of \$1000.00 to assist with travel, accommodation, meals, and fees for Emma and Tessa Starling to compete at a world championship dance event in Prague, Czechia in October 2026 not be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted.

Makayla Ablitt, Manager of Corporate Administration

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	GIA2025-003 Team Canada Dance.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grant-in-Aid Policy 175, 2019.pdf- grant-aid-application_Tessa Starling_Team Canada_redacted_Redacted.pdf- grant-aid-application_Emma Starling_Team Canada_Redacted.pdf- TCD Dancer Sponsorship Letter.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Aug 14, 2025

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

Trevor James, CFO, Director of Finance & Administration - Aug 13, 2025 - 5:09 PM

Reyna Seabrook, Director of Corporate Services - Aug 14, 2025 - 11:50 AM

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer - Aug 14, 2025 - 11:51 AM