### Briefing – to Members of Council

**Council Meeting Date:** January 7, 2020

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<td>Most of this presentation is public, but Council will need to go into closed session in accordance with section 27(1)(a) of the <em>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</em> (FOIP) so that Administration can update Council on a legal matter.</td>
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| **Attachment(s)** | 1. Summary of Applications  
2. Applications |
| **Issue** | 4 applications for Community Development Grant Funding for 2020 have been submitted by 4 different organizations, totaling $204,604.  
- Council is responsible for approving applications which exceed $10,000. These applications were submitted as part of the October 31, 2019 grant intake.  
- A total of $150,000 has been budgeted for these requests. This means that if all requests were funded outright, the County budget would need to increase by $54,604.  
- The submitted applications are attached.  
- Council may have additional questions regarding specific elements of the project (budget, scope, etc.) which are not apparent or self-evident in the application.  
- Administration will be able to either follow up with these organizations to retrieve this information and provide it to Council, or, direct these organizations to appear before Council to elaborate. |
| **Background** | Annually, local community organizations submit grant funding requests for projects they plan to undertake in the coming year.  
- This grant program allows organizations to apply for operational, program, or project-based funding for activities which are of a social service nature. |
The policy identifies evaluation criteria. The weighting and significance of each evaluation criteria is not specified. Furthermore, the policy states that the total available funding available for requests may also factor into funding decisions:

The criteria are as follows:

1. Project Need within Lac La Biche County;
2. The anticipated effectiveness of the activities;
3. The amount of funding available to this organization from other sources, and the effort made to leverage these sources;
4. The amount of reserve funding;
5. The accountability of the organization;
6. The organizations own contribution to the request;
7. Whether the activities are normally a provincial or federal responsibility;
8. Compliance with reporting; and
9. Alignment with Council priorities.

**Strategic Alignment**

- **Social Wellness**: The Community Development Grant Funding will be used to maintain or enhance social services provided to residents of Lac La Biche County.

**Follow-up**

- Administration is seeking direction from Council regarding how to proceed with the review and approval of these applications.
- Administration is seeking Council's direction on when they would like to hold delegations to have these organizations present their requests.
- Council may wish to invite some or all of the organizations.

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