Briefing – to Members of Council

Council Meeting Date: January 7, 2020

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**Issue**
- Administration has received 15 applications for 2020 operating funding.
- Based on the grant policy, the applicant organizations are eligible for $822,170.97 combined.
- $709,000 is in the 2020 County budget for these requests. Therefore, the combined eligible funding exceeds the amount available in the budget.
- Attachment 1 “Funding Options” provides 2 different options, depending on whether the budget is kept the same or increased.
- The amount that each group requested in the application has also been identified in the attachment.

**Background**
- Administration’s recommendations are based on provisions of CM-71-021 Recreational/Cultural Operating Funding Program.
- Grant funding for each group is based on expenses identified in the organization’s previous year’s financial statements.
- The policy also states that funding will be subject to adjustment based on an organization’s expected revenues, reserves and whether the reserves are allocated. The policy does not contain specific provisions regarding how these considerations should be applied.
- Administration applies these considerations consistently with a formula. Overall, these considerations have little to no effect on the funding the organizations stand to receive.
Council may wish to provide funding in a manner different than Options 1 or 2 by considering the relevant financial information for each organization on a case-by-case basis.

Council may have additional questions regarding specific elements of the application 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.

**Strategic Alignment**

- Social Wellness: the operational funding will be used to maintain or enhance cultural and/or recreational activities in the County.

**Follow-up**

- Administration is seeking direction from Council regarding how to proceed with the review and approval of these applications.

- Administration suggests that the organizations be informed of the amount being recommended (if it is lower than what is requested) and provide each organization with an opportunity to present to Council if desired.

- Administration anticipates that in some instances, some organizations will feel the amount recommended by Administration is adequate, while other will like to take the opportunity to speak to Council in order to obtain funding more alike to the amount they have requested.

- Council may also wish to specifically invite a particular organization, if they have specific questions regarding their applications.

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