

Date: March 31, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council**

Name and title: Andy Beesley, Director Civic Facilities & Events

Subject: Unallocated funds from limited duration operating 2025 grant budget

Attachment(s):

Recommendation(s):

That Council AUTHORIZE administration to review the 13 eligible but declined applications from the limited-duration operating grant intake and select the recipient(s) best suited based on the prior evaluation, for the remaining \$10,000 from the 2025 grant budget, as outlined in the report dated March 31, 2025, from the Director of Civic Facilities & Events titled: "Unallocated funds from limited duration operating 2025 grant budget."

Purpose:

To present Council with an option for allocating the remaining funds from the 2025 limited-duration operating grant budget.

Background:

The 2025 approved budget for the limited duration operating grant is \$131,576. At the Committee of the Whole meeting March 5, 2025, the Committee passed a motion declining a proposed \$20,000 funding allocation to Exploration Place (\$10,000 respectively for 2025 and 2026). At the regular Council meeting March 24, Council approved 13 applications for limited duration operating grant funding totaling \$121,576. From the overall 2025 budget, \$10,000 in funding remains to be allocated.

Thirteen eligible applications were not proposed for grant funding during the initial grants review process. To invest the remaining \$10,000 for 2025, administration recommends the interdepartmental working group reconvenes to complete a second review of the 13 applications, all of which have already undergone a thorough evaluation process. The process will primarily involve revisiting the evaluation scores and rationale from the initial review to select the appropriate "next in line" applicant(s) for this funding. Limited-duration operating grant funding is allocated for a two-year term, so successful recipient(s) from the second review process will also be recommended for funding in 2026.

Financial implication:

The remaining \$10,000 of the \$131,576 grant budget will be allocated to an applicant(s) from the 2025 limited-duration operating grant intake. This same amount will be included in the 2026 limited-duration operating grant funding for the approved recipient(s).

Summary and conclusion:

Council is requested to authorize administration to review the 13 eligible but declined applications from the limited-duration operating grant intake and select the recipient(s) best suited based on the prior evaluation process. On approval from Council, the \$10,000 will be awarded and the creation of the related grant agreement(s) will proceed. Details regarding the selected recipient(s) will be provided to Council in a future report.

Respectfully submitted:

Andy Beesley, Director, Civic Facilities & Events

Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Sarah Brown, Supervisor, Civic Initiatives & Partnerships Division

Meeting Date: 2025/04/23