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Date: February 17, 2026

To: **Committee of the Whole**

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Subject: Limited Duration Operating Grant Proposed Recommendations Summary 2026

Attachment(s):

1. Council Policy Multiyear Funding Grants
2. Limited Duration Operating Grant 2026 Presentation
3. Summary Report 2026 Limited Duration Operating Grant Applications

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDS that Council approve the 2026–2027 Limited Duration Operating Grant funding allocations, in the amount of \$131,576 as outlined in the report dated February 17, 2026, from the Director of Civic Facilities and Events, titled “Limited Duration Operating Grant Proposed Recommendations Summary 2026”.

Purpose:

This report, along with the attached Summary Report, provides the Committee of the Whole with an overview of the applications received during the 2026 annual intake of the Limited Duration Operating Grant. It also presents proposed funding allocations for the Committee’s consideration and recommendation to Council.

Background:

In January 2025, Council approved the introduction of a Limited Duration Operating Grant (LDOG) to provide operational funding to not-for-profit organizations. In alignment with the Council Policy on Multiyear Funding, new operational and/or multiyear funding requests are reviewed through the LDOG process.

Following the 2025 pilot year, administration identified several challenges and opportunities to improve program effectiveness, alignment, and administrative efficiency. Based on these findings and with approval from Council, the LDOG criteria and delivery approach were refined for 2026 as follows:

- Council identified two priority focus areas to ensure alignment with community priorities
 - A safe, healthy and clean community
 - equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility
- Eligibility is limited to organizations that:
 - have an operating budget of less than \$250,000 (supporting smaller not-for-profits to build local capacity ensures a more equitable and diverse delivery of community services, strengthening overall community resilience)
 - directly impact over 100 residents annually through programs or services
 - offer programming and services on a daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonal basis

- demonstrate partnership with at least one other organization on an ongoing basis
 - Do NOT have a low-cost or subsidized lease agreement with the City of Prince George
 - Do NOT have a Standing Grant Agreement
- A Letter of Intent (LOI) stage was introduced to improve efficiency around initial screening.
 - A preference to fund the full amount requested with an anticipated 5-8 applicants funded

A more detailed analysis of Year 2 of the Limited Duration Operating Grant (LDOG) pilot will be included in the annual review of the Community Grants Program later this fall. However, a key consideration relevant to the review of the 2026 LDOG applications was the variability in the consistency and quality of financial documentation submitted, which made it challenging to conduct assessments in a consistent manner. In response to this challenge, staff refined the assessment approach to ensure fairness in adjudication. Looking ahead to the 2027 intake, administration will seek Council direction on options to further refine and streamline this grant stream, with the objective of maintaining an equitable and transparent application process while reducing administrative complexity for both applicants and staff.

Discussion:

Limited Duration Operating Grant Application Review 2026

The City received a total of 26 applications. Of these:

- 4 applications did not meet grant criteria and eligibility requirements at the Letter of Intent (LOI) stage.
- 2 applicants did not proceed to submit a full application following invitation after LOI approval.

This resulted in 20 full applications being assessed. An external review team was convened to assess the 2026 Operating Grant applications. The adjudication process followed the MyPG framework. An interagency working group—comprised of two City staff members and three representatives from the funders' collaboration—reviewed applications for eligibility and alignment with the grant criteria using the LDOG scoring matrix. Applications were evaluated based on:

- Alignment of organizational mandates and operations with the prioritized grant criteria
- Overview of programs and services, including target audience, participant numbers, and community impact
- Nature and relevance of community partnerships
- Rationale for requesting operating funding, including revenue trends, changes in service demand, and diversity of funding sources

The 2026 Limited Duration Operating Grant was oversubscribed by \$1,510,383.25, with funding requests far exceeding the available budget. Of the twenty applications reviewed, fifteen organizations were recommended for funding; five applications were not recommended for funding but remain eligible to apply for other City grant streams, including the myPG Community Grant and Quick Response Micro Grant.

The proposed funding allocations are presented to the Committee of the Whole. Under the multiyear policy (Limited Duration Operating Grant stream), funding allocations are provided for a two-year term to all successful applicants.

Limited Duration Operating Grant 2026 Funding Proposed Allocations

The following organizations are being proposed for funding in 2026 and 2027.

Applicant Name	Amount requested	Amount Proposed Year 1 (2026)	Amount Proposed Year 2 (2027 city grants budget)
1. Carefree Society	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2. Everyone At The Table PG	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
3. Learning Differences Centre (Society) of BC	\$15,404.75	\$15,404.75	\$15,404.75
4. New Beginnings Men's Shed	\$13,100	\$8,000	\$8,000
5. Northern Adapted Sports Association	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
6. Northern Women's Centre	\$15,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
7. Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
8. Prince George Portuguese Cultural Society	\$7,000	\$2,200	\$2,200
9. Spruce Capital Senior Citizens Rec Society	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
10. Northern Bear Awareness Society	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700
11. Eco Living Community	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
12. Northern FanCon Society	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
13. Prince George Cantata Singers	\$6,500	\$2,271.25	\$2,271.25
14. Method Dance Society	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
15. Spruce City Wildlife Association	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$231,705	\$131,576	\$131,576

Strategic Priorities:

The Community Grants Program, including the limited duration operating grant stream, aligns with the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan's priority of social health and well-being by ensuring effective and efficient delivery of diverse community programs, activities and services.

Summary and conclusion:

This report summarizes the applications received for the 2026 intake of the Limited Duration Operating Grant. Administration recommends that the Committee of the Whole bring forward a recommendation to Council to approve the 2026–2027 Limited Duration Operating Grant funding allocations, as detailed in the table above, in the total amount of \$131,576 to fifteen organizations under this funding stream. The recommended allocations provide the same annual funding amount to each approved organization in both 2026 and 2027, consistent with the two-year term of this grant stream.

Respectfully submitted:

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Meeting date: 2026/03/03