

REPORT

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor Johnstone, Members of Council **Date:** October 16, 2023
From: Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer **File:** 05.1035.10
Item #: 2023-649
Subject: Community Grant Program: 2023 Highlights

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive a summary of the 2023 Program Highlights for information.

PURPOSE

To inform Council about the 2023 grant program.

BACKGROUND

2023 Program Highlights

This report provides a summary of the grants awarded (Attachment 1) and, though the accompanying *Snapshots of Success (Attachment 2)*, serves to illustrate the impact of the grant program through the lens of the grant recipients.

DISCUSSION

A total of eighty one (81) grants were awarded in 2023 through two (2) grant intake cycles. Please see Attachment 1 for a full list of grant recipients.

The City awarded \$807,294 in cash awards and \$207,105 in City services.

The cash awards are actual money for the organization to spend. The city services are awards of venue rentals and critically for festivals road closures, police support, and garbage collection. City services are a critical part of making the City vibrant.

As part of their post-project reporting requirements, grant recipients were asked to submit a *Snapshot of Success*. The intent of a Snapshot is to articulate in a graphic way the impact of individual grants and as a collection in this report to articulate the breadth of the City’s granting program and illustrate how many people are impacted by it. All Snapshots of Success received by the city to date are included in Attachment 2.

New Westminster’s 2024 grant applications closed on October 4th. Staff have begun the process of ensuring all the applications meet the criteria and assisting the organizations in presenting their application in the best light. Considering current inflationary pressures, staff anticipate significant pressures on next year’s grants budget, the consequences of which will likely reduce the number of grants awarded.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications.

OPTIONS

Council is asked to consider the following options:

- 1. That Council receive a summary of the 2023 Program Highlights for information ;
- 2. That Council provide staff with other direction.

Staff recommend Options 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – List of 2023 Grant Recipients

Attachment 2 – 2023 Snapshots of Success

APPROVALS

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