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| POLICY NO: | 315 | APPROVAL DATE: | April 21, 2014 |
| TITLE: | Community Group Funding | REVISION DATE: | October 5, 2020 |
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| DEPARTMENT: | Community Services | | |

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Grande Prairie (“City”) will provide core funding support to various community groups or agencies who provide programs and services that enhance and enrich the City and its residents. This is a partnership between the City and community groups or agencies to provide stability to services which make significant contributions to the community that align with Council’s Strategic Plan. To ensure continuity of services, this funding will be committed through multi-year agreements.

On an annual basis, the City will provide enhancement funding to community groups or agencies for programs or projects that contribute to the quality of life and enhance the livability of the community.

Within the first year of each term, Council will define the priorities for funding based on Council’s Strategic Plan, including allocation of core funding (within approved budget resources) for community groups or agencies. New applications from community groups or agencies requesting core funding will be accepted at this time.

The funding will be based on approved budget resources. In determining the allocation to various community groups or agencies, administration will make recommendations for Council consideration. Grant recipients must be prepared to enter into a Funding Agreement with the City if the application is approved and agree to provide the City with suitable recognition and a follow-up report on the program or project supported by the grant. It is expected that community groups or agencies will meet established criteria, provide supporting documentation, and show outcomes and results of the funding. In some cases, Provincial criteria must also be met. Event sponsorship will be considered separately from community groups or agencies grants, according to [Policy 112](#) (Corporate Sponsorship).

REASON FOR POLICY

To ensure the sustainability of programs and services that align with Council's Strategic Plan and to establish procedures and processes for community groups or agencies funding.

RELATED INFORMATION

Administration will establish procedures for application and recommendation for the following:

1. FCSS Funding;
2. Community Social Impact Funding;
3. Community Grants (Operating and Capital); and
4. Emergency Funding Grants.

All other funding provided by the City through established bylaws, policies, procedures, and programs shall also remain in effect.

DEFINITIONS

"Community Group or agency" has the meaning as a "non-profit organization" as defined in Section 241(f) of the Municipal Government Act.

RESPONSIBILITIES

City Council will review and approve any revisions to this Policy.

City Manager will review and approve any procedures related to this Policy.

City Administration will carry out the policy based on established procedures.