

# Report to Council



**Date:** February 14, 2022  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** 2021 Grant Summary  
**Department:** Partnerships Office

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated February 14, 2022, with respect to the 2021 Grant Summary.

## **Purpose:**

To provide Council a summary of the grant activity that occurred in 2021.

## **Background:**

The City of Kelowna actively pursues alternative revenue through grants. The City receives funds from external providers, including the Federal and Provincial governments, research institutions, and other organizations. These grants align with advancing Council and Corporate priorities, City master plans, the 10-Year Capital Plan, and ongoing community needs by leveraging City priority capital and operating projects.

## **Discussion:**

Grant applications and contract timelines vary depending on the funding provider; therefore, the City is in a constant cycle of planning, securing, and managing grants.

In 2021, a Grant Management Policy, Grants Procedure Manual, Grants Database, and Grants Dashboard were developed to create a robust Grant Management Program. Planning, securing, and managing grants requires a collaborative, one-team approach, therefore these tools and resources help to create a strong approach to grant management.

In 2021, the City was awarded 16 grants with a total value of \$20 million. This was in part due to the Federal and Provincial Government's COVID-19 safe restart plans which created numerous opportunities for municipalities to apply for funding for priority projects and services. Table 1 provides a 2021 grant summary and Appendix A includes a detailed overview of the 2021 grant activity.

**Table 1: 2021 Grant Summary**

Grant Status	Definition	Value of Grants
<b>16 Grants Awarded</b>	Refers to grants that were approved and awarded in 2021.	\$20 million
<b>30 Grant Contracts Managed</b>	Refers to the 16 grants that were awarded in 2021 as well as 14 multi-year grants that were managed in 2021.	\$55.9 million
<b>11 Grants Denied</b>	Refers to grant applications that were not approved by the funding provider in 2021.	\$10.8 million

A few significant grants awarded in 2021 are highlighted below:

1. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure - Environmental Quality Grant.** The Government of Canada and the Province of BC awarded \$9 million to the City for the Kelowna Septic System Elimination and Sewer Connection Project. This project includes eliminating over 600 aging septic fields from Central Rutland, Rio/Rialto, and a creek crossing for future servicing of the Hall Road connection area.
2. **Strengthening Communities' Services Program.** The Government of Canada and the Province of BC awarded \$3.2 million to the City for Kelowna's Outdoor Sheltering Strategy. This critical funding is providing additional supports and services to people sheltering outdoors. The grant will also be used to fund key community partners that are contributing to the implementation of the Outdoor Sheltering Strategy including PEOPLE Employment Services, Metro Community, Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, and the Canadian Mental Health Association.
3. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Grant.** The Government of Canada and the Province of BC awarded \$2.4 million to the City for the Rutland to Okanagan Rail Trail Active Transportation Corridor. This project will provide an all ages and abilities multi-use path connecting Rutland to the Rail Trail.

Grants are cyclical and competitive based. Therefore, there will be years where the City may receive significant grant funding, and other years where the City receives less grant funding. Grants are awarded based on several factors, including those that are in our control, such as submitting high quality applications and aligning with senior government priorities, as well as factors that are out of our control including subscription level of grant, geographic representation, and previous funding allocated. Grants are often oversubscribed, making securing grants an extremely competitive process.

**Conclusion:**

As a fiscally responsible municipality, external grant funding is an essential component of the City's alternative revenue generation to support and enhance City capital and operating projects. This funding leverages municipal resources and aids in furthering Council, corporate, and community priorities. The City will continue to actively pursue grant opportunities in 2022 for projects that align with Council priorities and the 10-Year Capital Plan, including high priority projects such as the Kelowna Community Campus.

Further, in 2022, the Grants & Special Projects Manager will be leading a Grant Strategy and will be collaborating with the Intergovernmental Relations Manager on a Senior Government Relationships and Priorities Framework. These projects will help inform and elevate the Grants Management Program as well as build key relationships with senior government.

**Internal Circulation:**

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**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

***Legal/Statutory Authority:***

***Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:***

***Existing Policy:***

***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:***

***External Agency/Public Comments:***

***Communications Comments:***

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