

Report to Council



Date: November 28, 2022
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2022 Building Safer Communities Fund
Department: Community Safety

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Community Safety Department dated November 28, 2022 with respect to the 2022 Building Safer Communities Fund;

AND THAT the 2022 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of funds allocated as \$202,095.61.

Purpose:

To amend the 2022 Financial Plan to include the receipt of funds for the Building Safer Communities Fund.

Background:

This spring, Public Safety Canada (PSC) announced the creation of the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF). Through this Government of Canada funding, a pre-determined amount is allocated to support municipalities and Indigenous governments selected based on reported crime statistics. The BSCF supports community-led projects that combat gun and gang violence while addressing knowledge gaps on the impacts of interventions in gun and gang violence.

For the 2022/2023 federal fiscal year, the City has been approved for \$202,095.61, based on the four-year funding allocations pre-determined by PSC. This Contribution Agreement between the Government of Canada and the City of Kelowna will expire on March 31, 2023. The next three years of funding is subject to an amendment to the current Contribution Agreement. The City of Kelowna will receive \$2,020,956.09 between fall 2022 and spring 2026, pending an approved amendment.

Discussion:

In partnership with the Central Okanagan Public Schools, the City of Kelowna will work with a consultant to undertake the following:

- a) conduct research and community consultation exercises to identify and address knowledge gaps at the community level around high-risk youth and gun and gang violence; and
- b) develop community-based prevention/intervention initiatives addressing risk factors associated with high-risk youth and gun and gang violence.

Conclusion:

In collaboration with key community organizations, the consultant will develop a Youth Gang Prevention and Reduction Strategy over the next few months. This Strategy will include specific actions to be implemented as part of the remaining three years of funding from the BCCF.

Internal Circulation:

Grants & Special Projects Manager
Financial Services
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Considerations applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The Financial Plan Amendment Policy (FIN-032) requires Council approval, through a Report to Council, for amendments greater than \$200,000 prior to Financial Plan amendments being made.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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