

# Report to Council



**Date:** January 15, 2024  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Financial Amendments for Grants Awarded  
**Department:** Partnerships Office

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated January 15, 2024, with respect to the Financial Amendments for Grants Awarded;

AND THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of \$25,112,642 from the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund;

AND THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of \$1,818,860 from the Building Safer Communities Fund;

AND THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of \$342,005 from the Substance Use and Addictions Program;

AND THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of \$120,000 from the Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Financial Plan be amended to include an appropriation of \$120,000 from reserve funds R841 and R111 to provide the City's required contribution for the Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure grant.

**Purpose:**

**To amend the Financial Plan to include the receipt of grant funds.**

**Background:**

The City of Kelowna actively pursues alternative revenue through grants. The City receives funds from external providers, including the federal and provincial governments. These grants align with Council, corporate, and community priorities, and help leverage City priority capital and operating projects.

*Previous Council Resolution*

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Date</b>
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.	November 28, 2022
THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Active Living and Culture Division dated November 28, 2022 with respect to funding received under the Health Canada Substance Use and Addictions Program; AND THAT Council approve the amendment of the 2022 Financial Plan to include the receipt of funds allocated as \$662,433.00	November 28, 2022
THAT Council receive for information the report from the Active Living and Culture Department dated July 13, 2020 regarding funding received under the Health Canada Substance Use and Addictions Program for a PEOPLE Peer Navigators and Capacity Building Project; AND THAT COUNCIL approve the amendment of the 2020 Financial Plan to include \$691,000 for a three-year Health Canada grant program.	July 13, 2020

**Discussion:**

Amendments over \$200,000 require a Report to Council to amend the Financial Plan. This report includes grants awarded in 2023 that meet this criterion and were not previously reported to Council.

ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund

In 2023, the City of Kelowna was successful in three grants totaling \$25.1 million from the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. The ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund combines provincial investments and funding from the Government of Canada through the Canada-BC Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement 2021-2026.

This funding will add 273 childcare spaces to future community, recreation and wellness facilities in Kelowna. The childcare spaces will be located within three of the projects that are being delivered as part of plans for Building a Stronger Kelowna including 91 spaces at each of the new activity centres for all-ages planned for Glenmore and Mission, and 91 spaces at the redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC).

Building Safer Communities Fund

The Government of Canada, through Public Safety Canada, created the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) in which a pre-determined amount was 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.

The City of Kelowna was allocated \$2,020,956 from the Building Safer Communities Fund. In 2022, the City was approved for \$202,095 to undertake phase 1 planning for the grant. Through phase 1, the City, in partnership with Central Okanagan Public Schools (SD23) developed a Youth Gang Prevention and Reduction Strategy. The remaining funds of \$1,818,860 are being used towards implementing the strategy, which is being led by the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### Substance Use and Addictions Program

The Government of Canada, through Health Canada, leads the Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) which provides grants to address substance use and addiction and harm reduction efforts. The City of Kelowna was provided with additional funding of \$342,005 in 2023 to extend the two SUAP grants, including the PEOPLE Peer Navigator Program and the knknxtəwiḥ “We walk hand in hand” Indigenous Harm Reduction Program.

The PEOPLE Peer Navigator Program was created to support training, mentorship, and employment opportunities for people with lived and living experience. Through this program, Peer Navigators worked in the downtown Kelowna Library, Parkinson Recreation Centre, and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, to name a few. An additional \$250,000 was provided to extend the program to spring 2024.

The knknxtəwiḥ “We walk hand in hand” Indigenous Harm Reduction Program creates culturally-safe spaces for Indigenous people experiencing substance use or addiction challenges. The Indigenous Harm Reduction Team includes Indigenous nurses, peer outreach workers, Elders and Peer Navigators. An additional \$92,005 was provided to extend the program to spring 2024.

### Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program

The Government of Canada, through the Natural Resources Canada, leads the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) to provide funding for charging and refueling infrastructure across Canada. The City of Kelowna was awarded \$120,000 to support the installation of 24 EV charging stations, 12 at City Yards and 12 at Wastewater Treatment Facility respectively.

The ZEVIP grant provides up to 50% of the total project costs and therefore the City is required to contribute the additional project costs. The City’s contribution to the project comes from two reserves: R841 and R111.

### **Conclusion:**

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 aides in further Council, corporate and community goals.

### **Internal Circulation:**

Community Safety Department  
Finance  
Social Development  
Building Services  
Fleet Services  
Parks & Buildings Planning  
Active Living & Culture

### **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.

***Communications Comments:***

On March 15, 2023, a public announcement of the BSCF investments in our region was held in Kelowna. Parliamentary Secretary Pam Damoff participated on behalf of the Government of Canada.

The City of Kelowna hosted a public announcement on December 6, 2023, with respect to the \$25 million grants awarded from the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. This announcement was also shared through a News Release and social media channels.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

***Legal/Statutory Authority:***

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

***Existing Policy:***

***Consultation and Engagement:***

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