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COUNCIL POLICY Grants to Address Sexual Exploitation of Youth

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RESOLUTION: R946/12/10/22 REPLACING: R375/10/04/26; R1039/08/11/24; R441/02/11/25; R07/00/01/10; R888/1998/11/09; R858/05/09/12 DATE OF LAST REVIEW: October 2012

A. DEFINITIONS IN THIS POLICY

Grant Committee: Consists of two (2) appointed members representing the City of Kelowna and additional members as determined by the Funding Agency.

Funding Agency: An agency contracted by an agreement with the City of Kelowna to administer the grants program.

As part of the City's commitment to assist the community in working to eliminate the sexual exploitation of youth, grants will be given to selected agencies on the basis of applications to be received by the Funding Agency and reviewed by the Grants Committee. The Committee's recommendations will be forwarded for endorsement by City Council.

- The money budgeted and available will be identified as part of the advertising process for these grants;
- Applications, deadlines, interviews and advertising for grants to address the sexual exploitation of youth will be simultaneous to the Community Social Development (CSD) grant process. The same application forms and advertisements will be used. Different terms of reference will be used.
- Further to the above, the time line specified under Council Policy 218 will also apply to these grants.
- The Grants Committee will conduct the review process at the same time as the CSD grants to provide recommendations to Council.
- Youth will be defined as under 19 years of age for the purpose of these grants.
- The funded programs and projects must deal specifically with the sexual exploitation of youth and not other programs for youth or similar programs for adults 19 or over.
- The same agency may be funded more than once.
- There is no rule as to the amount of the total budget that is eligible for the grant, only that there is sufficient
 money available and that the criteria are met.
- All applications will be reviewed based on need, accountability of the proposal and meeting the criteria established.
- The Funding Agency staff will administer this grant process in the same manner as the CSD grants.
- Proposals that offer services or programs that cross municipal boundaries will be considered however, grant funds may only be used for those portions of the program that are delivered within the boundaries of the City of Kelowna for the benefit of Kelowna residents.
- Grants may not be for the purpose of assisting industrial, commercial or business undertakings.
- Grants may not offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families.
- Grants may not be for activities of religious organizations that serve primarily their membership and/or for direct religious purposes.
- Both short-term and ongoing programs are eligible for assistance.
- Although an agency may receive more than one grant from one year to the next, a new application will be required each year.
- No specific amount of money can be promised on an annual basis to any agency.

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 No agency will be funded retroactively for projects and programs that occurred prior to Council's decision to award the grant.

B. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for this grant program are defined as follows:

<u>Registered Non-Profit Society</u> - which is registered and incorporated under the Societies Act.

<u>Community Organization</u> - such an organization must also be non-profit and must have established a set of working rules and regulations a banking account in the group's name and have been operating for two years or more.

REASON FOR POLICY

To create a defined process whereby agencies will be invited to submit applications for grants to address the sexual exploitation of youth.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 176, Local Government Act

PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Applications are submitted to the Funding Agency.