Recommendation: THAT Council approve the Community Investment Grants allocation as recommended by the Community Investment Grants Evaluation Team

Date to be considered by Council: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Report Summary:

In accordance with Policy G.G.3.5 Community Investment Grants, the Community Investment Grants Evaluation Team has met to develop recommendations on the allocation of budgeted funds. The Team’s recommendations are attached.

Origin: 2020 Municipal Budget

Existing Policy: Policy G.G.3.5 Community Investment Grants

Background/Analysis: In accordance with Policy G.G.3.5, the Community Investment Grants Evaluation Team met to review applications and recommend funding allocations for 2020.

The total budget for Community Investment Grants for 2020 is $60,000. The Evaluation Team allocated $30,000 to youth sports programming. The remaining funds were allocated as per the attached spreadsheet.

Applications were assessed in terms of the need for the project, alignment with the Municipality’s Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, cost effective, financial viability, contribution to the quality of life and sustainability in the community, community involvement/response, cooperative cost-sharing projects, past demonstrated fiscal responsibility of the applicant, and the level of in-kind support from the Municipality (municipal staff support, loan of equipment, etc.).
Grants for the Kincardine Summer Music Festival, Kincardine Scottish Festival and Lighthouse Blues Festival are separate from the Community Investment Grants. They each have received $3000 through the Tourism budget.

**Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Considerations:** Continue to appreciate the role of the arts in economic development, tourism and community; preserve and promote the Municipality of Kincardine’s cultural heritage; promote active and healthy lifestyles for all ages.

**Financial Implications:** $60,000 was included in the 2020 Municipal Budget for Community Investment Grants.

**Attachments:** Recommended Allocation Spreadsheet