



COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Rachel Szucs, Manager, Community Development

PREPARED BY: Elana Hansen, Volunteer Coordinator, Community Development

REPORT TITLE: Municipal Grant – Make-A-Wish Canada, Northern Alberta

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration has received and processed a municipal grant application from Make-A-Wish Canada, Northern Alberta for an Event Hosting Grant through the City's Municipal Grant Request program. As the request is for more than \$2,500, the request is being brought forward to Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves a one-time grant to Make-A-Wish Canada, Northern Alberta for an amount not to exceed \$2,954.70 to be funded from Council Community Grants to help offset facility rental expenses as per the rental agreement related to hosting the Make-A-Wish Grand Slam Slo Pitch Tournament in William F. Lede Park.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

Make-A-Wish Canada, Northern Alberta has applied for a hosting grant to offset event expenses associated with the Make-A-Wish Grand Slam Slo Pitch Tournament event.

This is the 2nd annual Make-A-Wish Grand Slam Slo Pitch Tournament but is the first time that the event is being hosted in Leduc, previously hosted in Devon, AB. The Tournament is a 2-day event that recruits 16 teams of 10-15 Players and unlimited spectators and supporters with the goal of raising \$105,000 by game day to support making a child's most heartfelt dream become a reality. The funds from this grant will be used to offset the overall cost of running such a large event and ensure that more funds overall will go towards granting wishes.

In Northern Alberta there are roughly 320 wishes waiting to be granted, 166 of which are from requesters located in the Greater Edmonton Area; and 7 located in Leduc. If the fundraising goal is successful, the tournament will be able to grant roughly 10 wishes through the Make-A-Wish program.

The grant, if approved, would be allocated to offset the cost of facility rentals only. The Grant Application Subcommittee has reviewed the application and recommends the grant be approved for the amount of \$2,954.70

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

Funds for this grant will be one-time funded from the Council Community Grants account.

ALTERNATIVES:

That Council awards a grant to Make-A-Wish Canada for an alternate amount, which will be one-time funded from Council Community Grants, to help offset facility rental expenses as per the rental agreement related to hosting the annual Make-A-Wish Grand Slam Slo Pitch Tournament in William F. Lede Park.