

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Shane Bourke, City Manager	DATE: September 2, 2025
FROM: Patricia Bailey, Chief Strategy Officer	MEETING: Investment and Strategy Committee
REPORT WRITER: Chenoa Esau, Community Connections Manager	
SUBJECT: Grant Recommendations	

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee recommend Council approve funding allocations as presented in Appendix A.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL / COMMITTEE DIRECTIONS

From the Public & Protective Services Committee (formerly Community Services Committee) meeting held on October 27, 2020:
"Recommend Council approve the Community Advisory Committee make recommendations to Council on funds dispersed from the Pursuit of Excellence and Arts Development funds."

BACKGROUND

The Pursuit of Excellence fund is designed to provide assistance to athletes, coaches, and sport organizations in the region to achieve "excellence" in their chosen sport. The fund is a legacy of the 1995 Canada Winter Games that were hosted in Grande Prairie and includes a partnership with the Northwestern Alberta Foundation. The highest priority will be given to coach education, particularly where that education will take place locally through clinics and conferences. The second priority of the fund is to assist in the training and development of individual athletes, and the third priority is to provide assistance in developing volunteers and officials.

The Arts & Culture fund is designed to support and encourage the development of local artists and groups involved in the arts. The fund supports programs/projects which foster and promote the enjoyment of visual, literary, and performing arts by local artists, festivals and groups that contribute to the cultural fabric of the community (e.g., exhibitions, displays, preservation of art).

The Sport Hosting Grant is designed to support and encourage the hosting of local Sport Events in the community. Sport Tourism is widely recognized to have significant direct and indirect economic, social, and health benefits to the community. Eligible events include Local, Provincial, Western Canada, National, or International Sporting Events hosted by registered non-profit organizations.

ANALYSIS

Pursuit of Excellence Grants

One (1) application was received for Coach Development funding, one (1) application was received for Athlete Development funding, fourteen (14) applications were received for Athlete Travel funding, and three (3) applications were received for Clinic Hosting funding. All applicants recommended for funding met the grant criteria. Recommendations were based on the guidelines for each stream, including the maximum funding for coach and officials development of \$1,000 per year, athlete travel of \$1,000 per year and limits based on event location, and athlete development of \$500 per year.

Applicant	Stream	Request	Recommendation
Gordon Nish	Coach Development	\$900.00	\$900.00
Indy Dorscheid	Athlete Development & Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Lelahni Buller	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Ariana Buller	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Nathan Buller	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Lukian Ternavshchenko	Athlete Travel	\$500.00	\$500.00
Marcus Hinton	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Paola Elizabeth Stirling-Martinez	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Yasna Aedo Tapia	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Ashleigh Bartelds	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$720.00
Oliver Dawson	Athlete Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fay Boyd	Athlete Travel	\$750.00	\$250.00
GPMB 14U Girls	Athlete Travel (Team)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Piper Goldberg	Athlete Travel	\$250.00	\$250.00
Quinn Goldberg	Athlete Travel	\$250.00	\$250.00
GP Minor Baseball	Clinic Hosting	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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Grande Prairie Skating Club	Clinic Hosting	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Festival Funding Grant

No applications were received during this cycle. The remaining \$1,500 in this stream has been recommended for reallocation to the Sport Hosting Grant.

Sport Hosting Grant

Eight (8) applications were received for Sport Hosting Grant funding. Eight (8) of the applications met the grant criteria.

Applicant	Event(s)	Request	Recommendation
Peace Wapiti Public School Division	3A Boys Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Grande Prairie and District Catholic School Division	3A Girls Volleyball Highschool Provincial Championships	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Grande Prairie Minor Baseball	1. Montney Showcase	\$1,000.00	\$0
	2. 18U A Provincials	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
	3. 18U AA Provincials	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
GP Pirates Minor Fastball	U11 Softball Alberta Provincials	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
GP Filipino Basketball League	Inter-Town Basketball Tournament	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
GP Aquarians Swim Club	ASSA Region A Regional Meet	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Relationship to City Council's Areas of Focus / Strategic Priorities

Quality of Life

Environmental Impact

Recreation and culture operations should consider environmental impacts and build a culture of stewardship.

Economic Impact

Recreation and culture services support the growth of sport, culture, tourism, and event economies.

Social Impact

Recreation and culture services increase social interaction and cohesion for individuals and families, build community pride, and offer welcoming experiences to support inclusive communities.

Relevant Statutes / Master Plans / City Documents

[Recreation & Culture Strategy](#)

Risk

There are no risks identified.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Administration reviewed all applications for completeness. Internal stakeholders and the Community Advisory Committee provided feedback on all funding requests.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total amount of grant funding available through each funding stream is allocated as part of the 2025 Community Connections Budget. If the recommended grant allocations are approved the remaining funding available through each stream will be as follows:

Funding Stream	Remaining Funds Available for 2025
Arts & Culture – Festival Funding	\$0*
Pursuit of Excellence	\$10
Sport Hosting Grant	\$0

There is \$13,100.00 of pre-allocated funds remaining for the Pursuit of Excellence Scholarships that will be awarded following the October 1st intake deadline.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

Administration recommends Pursuit of Excellence funding in Appendix A for a total of \$13,190.00 and Sport Hosting Grant funding for a total of \$15,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – Grant Recommendations

Appendix 2 – Community Advisory Committee Funding Requests

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- Coach Development Funding to Gordon Nish in the amount of \$900.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Lelahni Buller in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Ariana Buller in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Nathan Buller in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Lukian Ternavshchenko in the amount of \$500.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Marcus Hinton in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Paola Elizabeth Stirling-Martinez in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Yasna Aedo Tapia in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Ashleigh Bartelds in the amount of \$720.00
- Athlete Development & Travel Funding to Indy Dorscheid in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Oliver Dawson in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Athlete Travel Funding (Team) to GBMPA 14U Girls in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Piper Goldberg in the amount of \$250.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Quinn Goldberg in the amount of \$250.00
- Athlete Travel Funding to Fay Boyd in the amount of \$250.00
- Clinic Hosting Funding to Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association in the amount of \$2,000.00
- Clinic Hosting Funding to Grande Prairie Skating Club in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to the Peace Wapiti Public School Division in the amount of \$3,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to Grande Prairie & District Catholic School Division in the amount of \$3,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association in the amount of \$2,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to Grande Prairie Pirates Minor Fastball Association in the amount of \$5,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to Grande Prairie Aquarians Swim Club in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Sport Hosting Grant Funding to Grande Prairie Filipino Basketball League in the amount of \$1,000.00