



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 9/3/2020

From: Stuart Schillinger, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Use of Co-sponsorship funds to assist non-profit organizations in Brisbane.

Community Goal/Result

Community Building

Purpose

Provide funding to non-profit organizations in Brisbane since fund raising is more difficult due to COVID19 restrictions.

Recommendation

Direct staff to set aside \$10,000 from Co-sponsorship budget and create a process for non-profits to submit requests for funding due to an inability to have their usual fundraisers.

Background

Non-profits in town have traditionally held fundraisers at Mission Blue, which we cannot accommodate due to the restrictions from COVID19 and the Health Department. The City recognizes this may be causing some of these organizations a certain level of financial difficulty.

The City is also restricted in our ability to hold some of our traditional events due to health department restrictions on gatherings.

Discussion

Allowing non-profits to request temporary funding from the City may allow them to continue the good community work that they do. \$10,000 will probably not offset all of the fundraising that the non-profits are able to do throughout the year but it may allow a base level of services to be continued to be provided them.

Staff would recommend the process for applying for funding to be simple. Basically, the non-profit would show it is a Brisbane based non-profit, that it had to cancel its fund raiser due to a COVID19 issue, and the amount of money it usually collects for that fund raiser. The City would take applications for a period of one month. At that time it could total up the requests for funding and provide a proportionate amount to each organization.

Use of Co-sponsorship funds to assist non-profit organizations in Brisbane.

The funding would come from the co-sponsorship budget. The City Council allocated \$25,000 for FY 2020/21. Since some events may still be held staff would recommend only allocating a portion at this time. If no events are co-sponsored this year a second round of funding could be provided.

Fiscal Impact

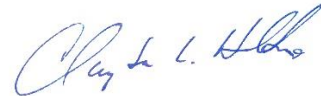
There is no impact on the current budget since the City has money allocated in the Co-sponsorship budget that will not be used for co-sponsorships this year.

Measure of Success

Non-profits are able to offset a portion of their losses due to COVID19 with City funds.

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