



Village of Chase Policy Manual

Title: ADM – 31 Grant-In-Aid Policy

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Special Notes / Cross Reference: This Policy is to be used in conjunction with all other applicable Bylaws and legislation

Policy: Council provides grants-in-aid to non-profit community groups who demonstrate a funding need for a service or program that will benefit the community and local area.

Policy Goal: To set out guidelines for allocating grants-in-aid.

Policy Objectives

1. Council will establish a budget for allocating grants-in-aid in a calendar year. The amount of the budget will be reviewed annually as part of the budget deliberation process.
2. The Chief Financial Officer will advertise annually in October the criteria for grant-in-aid with a deadline for submissions of November 30, to be considered for a grant in the following calendar year. Applicants are required to submit a description of their service/program, financial statements or other financial information from the current and previous year, and a listing of other funding sources. Applicants must demonstrate that the funds will be used for a program/service of benefit to the community or local area and that the group is unable to raise all of its required funds from other sources.
3. During budget deliberations, Council will review the grant-in-aid submissions and allocate funds at their discretion to the budget amount set. Council will make a final decision on the approved grants by February 28 each year, with notification given to all of the applicants immediately thereafter. Council will set aside a portion of the Grants- in-Aid budget for allocation to Extraordinary Requests during the year.
4. These grants are not intended to provide on-going support and all approvals shall be considered on a year-to-year basis. Continuing support should not be anticipated.
5. Grants-in-aid will not be considered for any business enterprise.



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Requirements for General Applications

Applications for grants-in-aid are to be made on the application form as provided by the Chief Financial Officer. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered by Council.

Applications MUST include:

- Mailing address and contact information for organization
- Prove the provision of a service to persons residing in Chase and the surrounding areas
- Confirm the organization is non-partisan, non-denominational and non-profit
- Provide annual financial statements or other financial information that shows revenue and expenses for the year prior and the current year
- The current annual operating budget for the organization
- A business plan showing how the organization intends to become less reliant on the Village's financial assistance over time
- A detailed budget for the event/program for which the grant in aid will be used
- Information regarding other sponsors of the program/service

Extraordinary Grants-in-Aid

As referred to in Section 3 above, Council will set aside a portion of the annual Grants-in-Aid budget for allocation for Extraordinary Requests (those requests that are outside of the annual application deadlines) during the year. Once the Extraordinary Grant-in-Aid account has been depleted, no further requests for grants-in-aid will be accepted in that calendar year.

Non-profit groups or organizations who have a new event or need for assistance via a grant in aid and can demonstrate valid reasons for not being able to have applied during the normal process, may apply to Council for consideration of an extraordinary grant.

Any non-profit group or organization is eligible for an extraordinary grant in aid on a one time only basis and future requests must be directed through annual grant in aid process.

Extraordinary Applications

Applications for extraordinary grants in aid must be submitted in the form of a letter to Council and include the following information in addition to the standard application:

- A detailed explanation/description for the requirement of the grant (is the event new?)
- An explanation of why the grant was not applied for in the normal grant-in-aid process (why was the deadline not met?)



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Other General Criteria for Grant Considerations

- Grants will not be made to other local governments
- Grants will not be utilized to fund functions that are funded through taxation
- Grants will not be made to industrial, commercial or business undertakings
- Grants will not be accepted to relieve a group specifically of the fees associated with the rental of the Community Hall or other Village facility – groups are encouraged to request grants-in-aid to assist in funding events/programs/services, not for targeted costs
- Award recipients in the amounts of \$500 or more will be required to submit a post event summary of how the grant-in-aid was utilized within 60 days of the event including revenues and expenses, attendance at event and a statement of value achieved by the event – failure to provide information to Council as to how a grant was utilized will affect the recipient's eligibility for a grant in the following year