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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Welland City Council**

FROM: **Amanda Degazio**
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DATE: **April 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **2026 Community Grants Recipients**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council of the successful applicants for the 2026 Community Grant Program. The applications listed below meet the required eligibility and evaluation criteria and have been reviewed through the program's established assessment process.

The Community Grant Program includes funding across three categories: Arts and Culture, Events, and Social Services.

All applicants are notified by staff of their application status by email as part of the standard program administration. Unsuccessful applicants are offered the opportunity to meet with staff to review and debrief their application.

The total funding envelope for the 2026 Community Grant Program is $369,200.00, of which $368,294.65 has been allocated to the recipients listed below. All funded applicants receive partial funding, based on the evaluated score of their application.

Should any applicant be unable to fulfill the requirements of their funding award for any reason, the approved funds will not be allocated and will remain available within the program.

If the remaining unallocated funds exceed $20,000 following this allocation, staff will promote a second intake of the 2026 Community Grant Program, with new applications considered for funding.

Successful Applicants and Allocations:

The following organizations and individuals have been selected to receive funding across the three funding streams.

1. **Socal Services Stream**
    - Total Allocation: $195,201.00

Applicant	Approved Funding
Open Arms Mission of Welland	$83,640.00
The Hope Centre	$41,650.00
Faith Welland Outreach	$19,720.00
Habitat for Humanity Niagara	$9,975.00
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara	$9,100.00
Hospice Niagara	$7,600.00
St. David's Anglican Church	$7,140.00
Women's Place of South Niagara Inc.	$6,800.00
Notre Dame College School	$3,876.00
Start Me Up Niagara	$2,100.00
Strong Heart Program	$1,800.00
Welland Neighbourhood Project	$1,800.00

2. **Events Stream**
    - Total Allocation: $134,381.15

Applicant	Approved Funding
Welland Rose Festival	$61,200.00
Rose City Music Group	$31,500.00
Cultural Niagara Corporation	$15,960.00
Welland Floatfest Festival	$7,650.00
Bridges Niagara	$6,051.15
South Niagara Canoe Club	$6,020.00
Triathlon Ontario	$6,000.00

3. **Arts and Culture Stream**
    - Total Allocation: $38,712.50

Applicant	Approved Funding
Femmes Du Feu Creations	$23,800.00
Art on Welland Bell Boxes	$9,520.00
Niagara Artists Centre	$2,992.50
Tomorrow's Voices Foundation	$2,400.00

Staff look forward to working with all successful applicants to support the implementation of their projects and initiatives.