

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Provided by City of Parksville**

In February, the City of Parksville announced a new grant-in-aid program, a one-time COVID relief funding initiative to support non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Council approved funding of \$280,000 for the COVID relief grant-in-aid program.

At the June 7 meeting, from the fifteen applications received, Council approved the following applications for COVID relief grant-in-aid. Council agreed a minimum of 50% of constituents should reside in Parksville to receive the full amount requested. A total of \$130,160.19 was allocated from the COVID relief fund.

Forward House Community Society	\$12	2,000.00
Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band Association	\$ 3	3,780.07
Oceanside Classical Concerts Society	\$ 3	3,026.12
Oceanside Community Arts Council	\$20	0,513.00
Oceanside Community Makerspace Society	\$ 2	2,743.00
Pacific Board Culture Society	\$ 5	5,000.00
Parksville & District Historical Society	\$ 3	3,648.00
Parksville Beach Festival Society	\$68	3,700.00
Parksville Curling Club	\$10	0,000.00
Parksville Quilt House Quilters Guild	\$	250.00
Qualicum Weavers and Spinner Guild Society	\$	500.00

This COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program was offered to registered non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services. Non-profit groups were eligible for reimbursement of COVID related expenses incurred since March 2020. Examples of eligible expenses included:

- Costs to obtain personal protective equipment and enhanced cleaning/sanitization costs.
- Costs to adapt programming or services during pandemic.
- COVID related losses in regular revenue due to the inability to hold annual and ongoing fundraising events.
- Barriers, installation or modifications to ensure physical distancing and COVID safety.

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