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The Central Okanagan Foundation ("COF") has administered three granting programs on behalf of the City of Kelowna since January 2005. These programs are: Community Social Development Grants; Grants to Address the Sexual Exploitation of Youth; and Emergency Grants.

The following is an update of the grants made during the past four years:

Community Social Developments Grants ("CSD")

- > \$256,451.36 was designated for 36 applicants;
- From this amount, \$9,300 is still outstanding to be paid out to the applicants approved for 2008 as we await the Letters of Agreement and final reports next year once the projects are completed;
- ➤ \$3,100 is outstanding to be paid for grants from 2007 as final reports have not yet been received from some of the applicants;
- A total of \$8,952 from the past four years was returned to the City for reasons being that either the remaining 10% was not claimed after notice was given numerous times or a project was terminated due to internal reasons of the applicant.

Grants to Address the Sexual Exploitation of Youth ("SEY")

- > \$88,000 was designated to 8 applicants;
- From this amount \$14,000 was returned to the City due to the cancellation of a project.

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> \$1,400 is still outstanding for the remaining 10% of a 2007 SEY grant to be paid once the final

report is received;

> \$15,430 is outstanding for grants approved in 2008 as we await receipt of the Letter of

Agreement from one applicant and the final reports from two once the projects are completed

next year.

Emergency Grants

> Two charities have applied for and received funding for an Emergency Grant in the amount of

\$10,000 in the past four years.

An advisory committee was formed in early 2005 as a separate granting committee to review applications

pertaining to City of Kelowna grants only. This committee was given the name City of Kelowna/Central

Okanagan Foundation Advisory Committee. Originally the committee was made up of two members who

are appointed each year from the City's Social Planning and Housing Committee, two COF Board

members and two community members who are directly involved in the City's not-for-profit sector. The

community members and Board members have not necessarily changed each year but only if they are

unable to fulfill their duties due to other obligations. Another change this year was that two members

were chosen from the City's Community and Women's Issues Committee instead of the Social Planning

and Housing Committee.

Over the last four years the committee has reviewed 88 applications. Having to create a short-list from the

applications each year required some very tough decision-making on their part. This was somewhat due

to the amount of funds available for CSD grants. In 2005 the amount requested for CSD grants was

\$261.798.50; in 2006 \$79,968.36; in 2007 \$212,127; and in 2008 \$194,646.24. With only \$57,800 to

grant out, many worthwhile projects and programs went without the funding of a City of Kelowna CSD

grant.

Another issue that was often cited as a reason by committee members for which it seemed impossible for

them to recommend a grant was the wording in the Terms of Reference for CSD grants. In the terms of

reference it states on page 2 that a proposed program must be a primary prevention program and may not

be used for programs that are secondary or tertiary. This wording is very strong and does not make room

for any allowances. The Terms of Reference also state that grants may not be used for secondary or

tertiary programs that are rehabilitative or crisis oriented in nature and also lists information and referral

services to be secondary or tertiary. Many applicants applied for funding for projects or programs that

would clearly be defined as secondary or tertiary in nature and even though these projects were seen by

the committee as being beneficial to our community, the committee's hands were tied with respect to

recommending these applicants for a grant because of the wording in the Terms of Reference.

It is and has been the goal of the City of Kelowna/Central Okanagan Foundation Advisory committee and

staff of the COF to administer these grants conscientiously and with a deep respect to adhere to the City's

objectives and guidelines as defined in their terms of references for the three granting programs as well as

the Official Community Plan. It is the desire of the COF to continue this relationship with the City of

Kelowna and our hope that this partnership has been viewed as successful by the City as it has been by

the COF.

Respectfully submitted:

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