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## Second COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Offered by City

The City of Parksville is offering a second intake for the COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program to support non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Deadline for applications is 4 pm, November 26.

This COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program is for registered non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services. Non-profit groups may be eligible for reimbursement of COVID related expenses incurred since March 2020. Please note, wages and utility costs are <u>not eligible</u>, as these costs have been offset by senior government programs. Examples of expenses include:

- Costs to obtain personal protective equipment
- Enhanced cleaning/ sanitization costs
- Costs to adapt programming or services during the COVID-19 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.

At the February 17, 2021, meeting, Council unanimously approved funding of \$280,000 for the COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program. The balance of funding which remains to be allocated is \$149,000 and Council approved a second intake on November 1, 2021.

According to the City's grant-in-aid policy, a select committee will review each application and make recommendations to Council as to whether grants should be approved. Submission details are outlined in the grant-in-aid policy. Applications may be submitted to the Administration Department, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville or by email administration@parksville.ca

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