City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:	General Purposes Committee	**Date:**	February 21, 2005
From:	Anne Stevens Manager, Customer Services	**File:**	
Re:	**Richmond Youth Service Agency Society 2004 Grant**		

Staff Recommendation

That Council disburse the remaining $8,500 to Richmond Youth Service Agency Society from the 2004 City Grant Program.

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REVIEWED BY TAG	YES ☑ DW	NO ☐	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES ☑	NO ☐

Staff Report

Origin

On January 17, 2005 Council referred staff to have further discussions with the Richmond Youth Service Agency (RYSA)Society regarding their 2004 grant and that statistical information be provided to Council with respect to the youth centre and the number of youth utilizing the centre and the nature of those at risk.

Findings Of Fact

In 2004 Richmond Youth Service Agency Society applied for a grant for the youth centre. The youth centre was located in the city owned building on Granville Avenue and then moved to 11220 Voyageur Way.

The focus of the youth centre is to build "life skills'. The purpose of the grant was to provide funding to assist in the operation, staffing and program management of the Youth Centre. A portion of the funding would go to hiring a Program Coordinator in an effort to expand the hours of operation of the Youth Centre and increase programs to Richmond Youth.

Richmond Youth Service Agency Society currently has four programs that it operates that are exclusively for "at risk" or "multi-barriered" youth - three are outreach programs including the **Station Stretch Program**; **Richmond School Program** and the **First Nations Program.** The fourth program, the **Skills Link Program** is an in-house program, which provides skills for youth trying to get into the workforce. All of these programs are funded through other means.

The fifth area, which requires funding, is the Youth Centre. The Youth Centre is a facility and not a program. The Youth Centre houses the administrative staff and program staff along with a drop in area for all youth. All programs and services provided through or at the Richmond Youth Centre intentionally "build assets" in **all** youth, not just "at risk" youth.

The table below shows the cost of each of the five program areas offered to youth by RYSA.

Program / Service	Total Program Cost	No. Of Clients / Youth Worker	Estimated Cost Per Client	Client / Participant Profile
Station Stretch Program	$55,000	20	$2,750	At risk students in grade 8, 9 and 10 dealing with issues of bullying, family conflict, grief and loss, substance abuse, etc
Richmond School Program	$75,000	10	$7,500	Elementary school-aged students from through the city dealing with sever emotional, psychological and/or behavioural issues
First Nations Program	$75,000	15	$5,000	Aboriginal students, typically between the ages of 8 and 16, and their families dealing with issues of family conflict, grief and loss, suicide, substance abuse, health, etc
Skills Link Program	$148, 500	12	$12,375	Youth between the ages of 15 and 30, which are multi barriered and at high risk of not finding and/or maintaining employment
Richmond Youth Centre	$147,000	559	$263	Richmond youth primarily between the ages of 12 and 18

The programs and services offered at the Richmond Youth Centre include but are not limited to, after school programs, drop in activities, special events, workshops, and clubs. A volunteer group called the Richmond Youth Centre Advisory Council governs the Richmond Youth Centre and they are responsible for working with RYSA staff to offer programs, services and special events that meet the needs of Richmond youth.

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