



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Anne Stevens
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Re: 2004 Grants Program

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Staff Recommendation

That City Council approve \$17,000 grant for Richmond Youth Services Society.

That City Council approve \$10,000 grant to be disbursed to the Steveston Society for the Steveston Float, after a full review of needs is completed.

That City Council approve \$10,000 grant to be disbursed to the Richmond Nature Park Society for the park interpretative signage.

That Council approve \$10,000 grant to be disbursed to the Minoru Seniors Society for the Seniors Wellness Coordinator.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the General Purposes Committee on March 4, 2004 staff were directed to review the grants of the following agencies and address the following questions of committee:

1. Richmond Youth Services current activities and duplication of services.
2. The Steveston float in relation to the 125th Anniversary.
3. RADAT on the services to the community and the cost associated with the services.
4. Richmond Nature Park and purpose of the fund and the nature of their surplus.
5. Senior's Wellness Coordinator referred by the Parks and Recreation Dept.

This report will deal with the above.

Finding of Facts

1. Richmond Youth Services

During the reorganization of the provincial government, Richmond Youth Services funding was cut. The agency downsized and reorganized their organization eliminating 34 positions. The agency also sold their building with the hopes of building a new complex. Should they not build a new building \$300,000 of the capital must be returned to the Province. The remaining \$500,000 would be used to offset operating costs over the next few years until they can stabilize their funding. Should they be unsuccessful they would have to close their doors.

Youth Services provides the following services for youth.

Services	Provided to
First Nations Counselling	City of Richmond Youth workers referrals
Asian Youth worker	City of Richmond Youth workers referrals
3 School based staff	Work with RCMP and School System
Employment services and skills training	City of Richmond Youth workers clients

With the funds requested, youth services would extend the hours of the youth centre to seven days a week until 9 P.M. and throughout the summer.

This service is used by all youth in the City and with the skill bank provided by Youth Services the diverse needs of youth can be met.

Staff recommends the grant of \$17,000 to ensure the services to all youth are met.

2. Steveston float in relation to the 125th Anniversary.

The funds requested by Steveston Society would go towards the float. Staff have met with the Society and it is unclear as to what is required to get the float up and operating. There are needs for the chassis and the engine along with the decorations of the float. Fleet operations staff have met with the Society and are willing to assist to determine the scope of work for the float.

To purchase a new truck would be approximately \$40,000. There are other avenues, which need to be explored prior to funding a new truck. Staff are recommending that the City set aside \$10,000 for the Steveston float from the grants program. This money would be disbursed after a detailed breakdown of the needs and the costs are established by the Society and city staff.

The float, once up and operating, could be used in the Steveston Salmon festival with the 125th Anniversary as theme. The float also would be used over the years to represent Richmond at other parades in BC and Washington.

3. RADAT - Services to the community and the cost associated with the services.

RADAT offers the following programs:

- Adult Outpatient Counselling
- Youth Outreach Counselling
- School Based Prevention Program
- Daytox and Educational Programs

MCFD; Mental Health; City of Richmond; Schools in Richmond; Touchstone and other agencies in Richmond refer many of their clients. RADAT's client bases are residents of Richmond of which they served 504 residents.

Attached is a document, (Attachment 1) which gives in detail the programs and the population, served.

4. Richmond Nature Park - purpose of the funds and the nature of their surplus.

The Richmond Nature Park has requested \$25,000 for interpretative signs. The cost of the project is broken down into design, printing and installation. The signage is necessary to provide

information about park environment, flora and fauna, programs and services and orientation to Richmond. The signage will also emphasis the trails and other natural areas in the Park and within the City of Richmond

City staff can assist the Society with the design, saving approximately \$6000.

The actual surplus for the Society is \$42,000. What was not accounted for in the application was the deficit refinancing to offset their loss for this year and the limited edition artwork that has not produce the revenue anticipated.

City staff feel that a \$10,000 grant plus the design work of \$6000 would be sufficient while the Society would be responsible for the remaining costs of approximately \$10,000.

5.Senior's Wellness Coordinator – The Seniors Wellness coordinator acts as a resource to community groups and facilitates networking amongst seniors along with educational programs for seniors.

The senior's wellness coordinator is a position at Minoru Centre, which has been jointly funded by the City and Minoru Seniors for the past 3 years. It was recommended to add this funding to the additional level-operating budget as an ongoing expense but it did not get approved due to operating budget constraints.

Staff are recommending a grant of \$10,000 for 2004, as these services are becoming more important as the population of Richmond begins to age.

Financial Impact

The total amount suggested is \$47,000. There are sufficient funds in the 2004 Grants Budget to meet these recommendations. With these expenses, the grants budget would have approximately \$28,000 remaining.

Conclusion

The above report deals with the questions of Council referred from the 2004 grants report of March 15,2004. Should council wish too accept these recommendations the funds could be dispersed to the groups, closing off the 2004 Grants program.



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RADAT's programs. We offer the following programs and services:

1. Adult outpatient counseling. This service is available free to people who live in Richmond. The age range is 20 years to the elderly. There is no fee for the service. We currently have four full time counselors for this program and one three quarter time.
2. Youth Outreach Counseling. This is a service provided to children and youth who require assistance with substance use/abuse issues. The service is provided here at RADAT and in other locations throughout the community (schools, community centres, coffee shops). This service is handled by four half time positions.
3. School Based Prevention Program. This program operates in the elementary and secondary schools within Richmond. We provide a 10-session program for the elementary schools and a shorter version for high schools. In addition to the classroom program the Prevention and Youth Outreach staff provide the following services: counseling, referral, groups for teens, groups for parents of substance using teens, workshops for parents on substance use and parenting children who use substances, consultation to school administrators on policy and practices re substance use in the schools, and information for teachers and school counselors on substances. The Prevention and outreach staff are also providing resources and assistance for staff at Community Centres on how to work with substance using teens.

Presentations are also made to church and community organizations wanting to learn more about youth and substance misuse.

4. Daytox. Starting on March 29, 2004 RADAT will, in collaboration with Gilwest Clinic operate Richmond's first Daytox program. This will replace our Withdrawal Management-Home Detox program. We expect to have 20 – 25 participants enrolled in the program within the first two months of the start date. Here is a little info on the program:

The Richmond Daytox Program has been designed to assist those individuals who require support while withdrawing from drugs and/or alcohol. The program aims to provide support to clients in the early stages of their recovery and is not appropriate for those individuals who have a history of medical complications associated with severe withdrawal symptoms or who may require a residential detox or treatment centre. Each client will be assessed for their readiness to enter the Daytox Program or be referred to an appropriate detox or treatment centre. Clients deemed appropriate for the Daytox Program will want to work diligently at changing their present behaviors and/or lifestyle.

Although the Richmond Daytox Program is new to RADAT and Richmond, it is an aftercare and recovery process that has been used successfully within Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's Addiction Services since October 2001.

Potential clients may access the Daytox Program via direct self-referral or by referral through Medical Practitioners, Family Members, Friends, Police/Probation Officer, Employers, Crisis Line Counsellors, Ministry of Children and Family, Clergy or any other counselor, individual, or organization.

5. Education Series. The Adult Counseling Staff of RADAT conduct a six session education program designed to provide substance users, family members, professionals and other members of the community with information about addictions; how it works; the damage it causes physically, emotionally, economically and socially. The sessions are held every Wednesday night at RADAT from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We currently draw about 25 people on average to the sessions.
6. Gambling Program (Clinical and Prevention). RADAT is the agency contracted by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to provide Problem Gambling services in Richmond. We currently have one counselor who provides both the prevention and clinical services. We work closely with SUCCESS in delivering these services to Richmond's Chinese community. We are also beginning to provide information on gambling to children and youth through our school based prevention program.
7. Chinese and Indo-Canadian Communities. RADAT is currently conducting a needs assessment in the Chinese community to determine the nature and extent of substance use/misuse issues within this population and what role our organization should play in helping the community to address the issues.

We are collaborating with organizations in the Indo-Canadian community to develop a program to work with their youth on issues of substance abuse, violence and intercultural tensions.

8. Seniors. We have a community based research project underway to help RADAT determine the issues faced by seniors regarding substance use/misuse. The results of the study will help RADAT develop a strategy for working with seniors in Richmond.
9. November Addictions Awareness Month. Last year RADAT organized Richmond's first November Addictions Awareness Month, which will be held again this year. The event in 2004 will be done in collaboration with other community agencies, businesses, and organizations like ICBC and the BC Liquor Commission.
10. Clients are referred to RADAT from a variety of sources including: self referral, probation services, MCFD, Touchstone, Gilwest Clinic, Mental Health, City of

Richmond's Roving Leaders, Schools, AA, NA and a variety of other agencies and organizations.

11. Richmond Substance Abuse Task Force. RADAT has been actively involved with the Task Force over the past few years and Vince Battistelli currently serves as its Chairperson.
12. RADAT also collaborates with several other organizations and agencies in the community in seeking to address substance abuse and addiction issues. Among these are Touchstone, Gilwest Clinic, RCMP, Richmond School District, TASA (formerly VISAC), MCFD, Richmond Community Action Team, SUCCESS, and Richmond Health Services. We also provide meeting space for such organizations as AA, NA and GA.
13. All of RADAT's clients are from Richmond. Below are statistics for 2002-03 as our 2003-04 stats will not be available until August 2004.

Who We Served in 2002-2003

Youth and Adult Clients receiving counseling service:

	Female:		Male:		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adult	154	39.59	235	60.41	389	77.18
Youth	43	37.39	72	62.61	115	22.82
Totals:		197		307		504
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Dependent:	277	72.71	110	95.65	387	76.79
Co-dependent:	112	28.79	5	4.35	117	23.21

Age Profile

	#	%
Under 19 years:	115	22.82
20 – 29:	58	11.51
30 – 39:	87	17.26
40 – 49:	124	24.60
50 – 59:	71	14.09
60 +:	49	9.72
Total:	504	

Treatment	#	%
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Alcohol use:	207	41.07
Drug use:	182	36.11
Alcohol and drug use:	115	22.82

Prevention Activity:

Number of classroom presentations:	199
Number of students attending presentations:	4667
Number of Education groups:	43
Number of students attending groups:	520
Number of Group sessions for youth:	74
Number of participants:	641

14. RADAT is the primary provider of alcohol and drug counseling, outreach and prevention services in Richmond. We have been in operation for 28 years and we are an incorporated non-profit society. We make referrals to other services and programs in the community such as Touchstone, Turning Point, and Mental Health as well as to services in the lower mainland.

15. Operating Costs for RADAT for 2004-05 (includes staffing, program expenses, administrative expenses, equipment, rent, heat, light, insurance, etc.) \$1,327,383

Revenue for 2004-05: \$1,150,760

Shortfall: \$176,623

For fiscal year 2003-04 we expect to have a surplus of unspent funds of approximately \$150,000. These funds will be used to continue the employment of our Clinical Supervisor/Director, to fill a vacant Adult Counselor position, to employ a half-time clerk/secretary, and to operate our new Daytox program.

RADAT is primarily funded through Vancouver Coastal Health – Richmond Health Services (98% of our funds) with additional funding coming from a variety of other sources such as the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General, City of Richmond, Gaming Commission, Foundations, businesses and individual donations.

16. Role of RADAT in the Richmond Community. RADAT is the agency in Richmond that is available to the people in the community to assist them with alcohol, drug and gambling issues. We assist those who are directly involved with substance use issues or gambling and also assist their family members, friends, and employers. We are also actively involved in prevention; education

and awareness in the elementary and secondary schools and during this past year have been expanding these services to the community at large. Over the next two years we will be working actively with Richmond's ethnic communities and the seniors population to provide the services needed by them to address substance abuse issues.

All RADAT staff are trained alcohol and drug addiction counselors. This expertise not only enables us to work with substance addicted individuals and families, but it enables us to provide training and resources to agencies and organizations in the community so that they know what to do when they have clients who are substance affected.

As a contracted agency of Richmond Health Services we work closely with Jan Weaver, Director, Primary Health Care Network and Mental Health and Addictions and her colleagues in strategic planning related to addictions. We are also a member of the RHS Mental Health and Addictions Integration Council.

The Executive Director is a member of the Gilwest Advisory Committee and sits as a member of the RCSAC Steering Committee.