



REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Richmond City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, Chair  
General Purposes Committee  
**RE:** **CASINO FUNDING**

**DATE:** April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
**FILE:** 1085-01

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The General Purposes Committee, at its meeting held on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (1) *That 'one time' grant expenditures from the Casino Funds be approved in the amount of \$322,100 for Community Groups (identified in Attachment 1 in the report dated April 10,2001 from the Manager of Customer Services), and the cheques disbursed.*
- (2) *That expenditures from the Casino Funds be approved in the amount of \$559,500 for City Initiatives (identified in Attachment 1 in the report dated April 10,2001 from the Manager of Customer Services), and the cheques disbursed, subject to referrals to the Community Safety Committee of \$230,000 and later allocations by Council of \$100,000.*

Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, Chair  
General Purposes Committee

Attach.

VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended the following:

That the following expenditures from the Casino Funds be approved:

- (1) \$322,100 for Community Groups (identified in Attachment 1 in the report dated April 10,2001 from the Manager of Customer Services), and the cheques disbursed, provided that the \$180,000 for the Richmond Alcohol and Drug Action Team for the Youth Outreach Prevention Workers be disbursed equally in 2001 and 2002; and
- (2) \$559,500 for City Initiatives (identified in Attachment 1 in the report dated April 10,2001 from the Manager of Customer Services), subject to referrals to the Community Safety Committee of \$230,000 and later allocations by Council of \$100,000.

STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

In 2000 City Council approved the Casino Funding Guidelines (Policy 3706). In the guidelines it states that applications for funds can be made by Council or as a result of applications from the Richmond Community.

The Committee has reviewed the applications and the following recommendations are being presented for Council consideration.

ANALYSIS

In mid November a notice was placed in the City Notice Board to all Richmond based community groups that may wish to receive Casino Funding.

There were a total of twenty-six community applications. Some organizations applied more than once, while others made only one application.

The City also presented eight applications for review. One application of \$57,500 was carried over from 2000, which is applied to youth positions in City run facilities.

The total amount requested far exceeded the amount available for distribution. As all requests were deemed valuable to the community at large some did not fit the criteria. Organizations were denied funding if they did not fit the criteria.

**Summary Review**

The attached summary sheets provide an overview of the applications and amounts requested and proposed.

An overall review finds:

Total number of applications	34
Requests Denied	17
Requests Granted( some carried over)	17
Total monies requested	\$1,342,631.00
Total monies proposed	\$881,600.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The attached summary sheets show that the total casino funding proposed for 2001 is \$881,600. The Casino funding account has the appropriate funding level to meet the proposed recommendations.

## CONCLUSION

Richmond City Council has received funding from gambling revenues and in 2001 wished to devote a portion of those funds to new community-based programs. The funding is a way for the City to provide assistance to organizations providing required services to a variety of individuals in Richmond and who have met the criteria as stated.

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Anne Stevens  
Manager, Customer Services

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Canadian Vocal and Performing Arts Society	Funding for <b>two concerts.</b>	5,000.00	NONE	This program does not meet the criteria
Kwantlen College	Pilot Program to <b>assist parenting youth ( 18-24)</b> to overcome barriers to education and employment.	8,000.00	NONE	Kwantlen College is doing a joint venture with MCF, Min of Social Development and Economic Security and Task Force on Pregnant and Parenting Youth. It was felt that this program should continue to fall under the Ministries and does not fit the criteria.
McNeely Student Council	Funding to purchase groceries for the <b>Breakfast Club at the school.</b>	2,000.00	NONE	Did not meet the criteria of a new program.
Minoru Seniors Society	Hire a <b>part-time senior's wellness co-ordinator</b> to facilitate partnerships among interested organizations providing services to seniors.	46,000.00	20,000.00	This is a three part request. The amount suggested would be used for wellness clinics in other community centres who have Senior's Co-ordinators.
RADAT	Develop a <b>self-help manual for Problem Gamblers</b> with an insert for affected family members. Produced in two languages English and Chinese.	9,400.00	None	MCF provides money for prevention and promotion and it was felt this would be a duplication.

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
RADAT	Produce three sets of <b>educational pamphlets - Set 1</b> - signs and symptoms of problem gambling, <b>Set 2</b> - ways to live with problem gambling for the affected family members; <b>Set 3 youth gambling problems.</b>	4,500.00	None	MCF provides money for prevention and promotion and it was felt this would be a duplication
RADAT	<b>Youth Outreach Prevention Workers.</b> Presently there is no funding. The program would target high schools and elementary schools providing prevention education and resource information to school administration, children and parents.	185,740.00	180,000.00	This program would provide education to young children about the harms of drugs and alcohol. It was felt that this program with the dollars proposed would move into more elementary schools and run for 2 years.
RADAT	Youth Out Reach Program - Establish a <b>'youth friendly 'centre</b> where youth can drop-in. The program would include individual counselling, alcohol and drug education, psycho -educational groups, informal support, recreational programs and social skills	218,850.00	NONE	Duplication with the proposed outreach programs in the community centres.

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
RCSAC	<b>Poverty Report follow -up</b> - Funding would be used to hire a co-ordinator to carry out developmental work based on identified issues and initiatives.	32,875.00	10,000.00	Tripartite with City, Health ,United Way. City's portion would be \$10,000.
Richmond Chinese Community Society	<b>Safer Neighbourhoods Programme.</b> Establish a community-driven Programme to build safer community for all residents of Richmond. Raise public awareness in Community Policing and Crime and Prevention issues and initiatives ,to enhance community support for the RCMP in delivering existing community policing initiatives, to actively involve partners from other Richmond based community and governmental agencies.	65,000.00	7,000.00	A portion of this project was accepted which was to produce flyers for the community to raise awareness in community policing and policing issues.The remainder of the project was deferred as aspects of the project maybe reviewed by the Community Safety committee and that needed to be resolved first.
Richmond Committee on Disability	<b>Addiction programme for People with Disabilities.</b> This program would cover alcoholism, drug abuse, smoking gambling addiction.This is unique as it serves people with disabilities.	25,000.00	25,000.00	This program meets the criteria and will work with various agencies to ensure the needs are met.
Richmond Community Associations	<b>Class 4 Drivers Licence</b> - Richmond Community Associations have applied for a grant which would train instructors in their Class 4 drivers licences.	6,000.00	None	Did not meet the criteria.

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Richmond Connections	<b>Senior Peer Counselling program</b> - training for peer counsellors, 18 weeks.	15,500.00	None	This program does exist and would not qualify as New
Richmond Connections	<b>Recognition Event</b> -Three part request- Volunteer Recognition Event, PT International Year of Volunteers Co-ordinator, City Wide Volunteer Training Day.	35,000.00	10,000.00	It was felt that this is a new program which will assist community groups to understand their role with volunteers in the community. Volunteers would include seniors and youth. This funding is specifically for the TRAINING DAY only.
Richmond Curling Club	<b>New sports(curling) program</b> for students and competition between secondary schools (Inter School League) Start up costs for the program.	8,560.00	NONE	This is not a new program and would better fit with the RSB as they presently have classes at the Curling Rink.
Richmond Gymnastics Association	<b>Purchase equipment for the boy's and men's gymnastics.</b>	20,000.00	None	This is not essentially a new program but rather an opportunity to buy new equipment for the present programs.
Richmond Youth Services	Youth Conflict Management Program-Creating Allies. Focus of this project is the empowerment of children and youth through knowledge and understanding. The program will teach young people how to <b>manage conflict</b> .	31,793.00	None	This program needs to be in collaboration with the School Board to ensure there is little duplication with the Counsellors who are presently in the schools dealing with conflict management.

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Steveston Community Society	<b>New Float</b> -The funding requested is for a <b>new float</b> that will replace the old float.	70,800.00	None	Does not fit criteria
Steveston Community Society	<b>Late night Activities for Youth</b> -extent gym and pool times through out the year.	34,480.00	None	This is being addressed in a request from the Recreation Dept and Steveston is slated to be one of the target areas.
Thompson Community Assoc. & City Centre Community Association	<b>Skateboard Park</b> - Funding for lighting of the park.	53,600.00	53,600.00	Would assist Youth in ensuring they have a safe place to skate at night.
Touchstone Family Assoc.	<b>Program to Assist Asian Families</b> - To run educational Asian Family support groups for Mandarin and Cantonese speaking individuals, therapeutic play for the children of the group participants and individual/family mentoring for group participants.	65,880.17	None	Specific to one population and possibly should be addressed by SUCCESS or similar agencies.
Touchstone Family Association	<b>Eating Disorder Program</b> -The funding would be used to hire a <b>program co-ordinator</b> who will develop and run a program specifically for youth.	33,053.17	None	This is a serious problem in our schools and Health Dept is looking into funding this program.
World Harvest Church	<b>Youth Video on Bullying.</b> The youth would produce the video,be trained on the technical side and create the music for the video.	17,000.00	None	Presently there are a number of programs already in the schools and this would be a duplication.

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APPLICANT-Community Groups	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Thompson Community Association	<b>She's Got Game 4 on 4 Basketball Tournament</b>	2,890.00	2,000.00	The funds are to cover the cost of the Referees for \$2000
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	<b>Low Vision Clinic</b> -the funding would enable 2 Vision Rehab Nurses, to conduct a Low Vision Clinic. The clinic would be for counselling and rehab services to Richmond Clients.	13,000.00	13,000.00	Clinic to help seniors in the community.
Senior's Advisory Council	<b>Display Space at Conference.</b> The funds would be used to rent display space at the 17th Congress of the International Association of Gerontology to be held in Vancouver July 2001. The display would show case Richmond and the initiatives being pursued to respond to senior's issues and concerns in the community.	1,500.00	1,500.00	Show case Richmond and the initiatives being pursued to respond to senior's issues and concerns in the community.
<b>Community Group Total</b>		<b>1,011,421.34</b>	<b>322,100.00</b>	

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APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED AMOUNT	COMMENTS
<b>City of Richmond Initiatives</b>				
Workshop with Richmond Based Non-profit groups	Financial Sustainability	2,000.00	2,000.00	Staff report dealing with the financial sustainability and fundraising issue of the non-profit groups in Richmond.
Miscellaneous	City Initiated Initiatives		100,000.00	City Initiatives introduced through Council
Community Safety	Community Safety Initiatives		230,000.00	A couple of initiatives were put forward which were related to Community Safety. The Casino committee felt it was important to ensure some funds were put aside to cover community safety initiatives referred by committee such as Crime and Drug Task Force(\$180,000) and RCCS etc.
Poverty Program	Follow -up to the poverty report.	30,000.00		Under RCSAC for \$10,000
Child Care Development Board	Childcare Reserve Fund	125,000.00	50,000.00	
Youth Outreach Program	Youth Outreach program in the community to deal with late night activities .	100,000.00	100,000.00	A portion of the funds will go to the Steveston outreach program.
Youth Program	Youth Co-ordinators	57,500.00	57,500.00	Council referral in 2000.
Auxiliary Police	Auxiliary Police- Start up	20,000.00	20,000.00	Referred from Council 2001
<b>City Total</b>		<b>334,500.00</b>	<b>559,500.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>1,345,921.34</b>	<b>881,600.00</b>	

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