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July 23, 2009

File: 4230-17-08-04

Sheila Scholes
Municipal Clerk
District of West Vancouver
750 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

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Dear Ms. Scholes:

Re: 2009 Children and Youth Initiative Fund – Youth Initiated Projects and Events – Kids Help Phone

The City Council at its regular meeting of Monday, July 20, 2009 unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

“PURSUANT to the report of the Community Development Worker, Community Development, dated July 15, 2009, entitled “2009 Children and Youth Initiative Fund – Youth Initiated Projects and Events – Kids Help Phone”:

THAT Kids Help Phone be granted \$500 from the Children and youth Initiatives Fund”;

AND THAT a copy of Council's resolution be forwarded to the District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and the School District No. 44 (North Vancouver).”

Yours truly,

Sandra E. Dowey
City Clerk

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cc R. White, Director, Community Development
I. Gordon, Director of Finance
L. McCarthy, Community Development Worker, Community Development



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The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REPORT

To: Mayor Darrell Mussatto and Members of Council

From: Lisa E. McCarthy, Community Development Worker, Community Development

SUBJECT: 2009 CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVE FUND - YOUTH INITIATED PROJECTS AND EVENTS – KIDS HELP PHONE

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Date: July 15, 2009

The following is a suggested recommendation only. Please refer to Council Minutes for adopted resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

PURSUANT to the report of the Community Development Worker dated July 15, 2009, entitled "2009 Children and Youth Fund – Youth Initiated Projects and Events – Kids Help Phone":

THAT Kids Help Phone be granted \$500 from the Children and Youth Initiatives Fund";

AND THAT a copy of Council's resolution be forwarded to District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and the North Vancouver School District.

ATTACHMENT

- 1) Summary of Kids Help Phone grant application to the City of North Vancouver's Children and Youth Initiatives Fund - Youth Initiated Projects and Events.

BACKGROUND:

Student Ambassador for Kids Help Phone, Lauren Wierenga, is requesting \$500 to assist with Kids Help Phone. In part the request is due to a significant increase in calls over the past year. Kids Help Phone has experienced a 150% increase in calls from North Vancouver. Citing the reason for the increase is the recent economic downturn. Kids Help Phone has received over 6000 calls in 2008 from youth in North Vancouver. Seventy percent of the calls are considered to be "manageable" requests for teen-related information, while 30% are considered to be acute and representing youth in dire crisis.

Kids Help Phone does not receive any core provincial or federal funding and have turned to municipalities for assistance. Argyle Secondary in Lynn Valley recently made a generous donation through fund raising efforts of the students.

The Children and Youth Initiatives Grant is not actually intended to provide an organization with "core" funding but given the unusual circumstances of the economy, staff recommends that \$500 be granted to Kids Help Phone. Staff from Kids Help Phone have also offered to present to the North Shore Youth Services Coalition about the increase in calls and the nature of concerns being reported.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed activity complies with the Children and Youth Initiatives Fund - Youth Initiated Projects and Events category. Under this grant category the request must be youth initiated– this request meets that condition. The grant request also fulfills a social and educational mandate for youth and provides an important point of intervention and referral to local youth services.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that \$500 be granted to Kids Help Phone.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMENTS:

The Children and Youth Initiative Fund provides opportunities to enhance the lives of children and youth and increase the well being of families. The fund focuses on partnerships, inclusion, diversity and youth engagement. Each application strives to ensure the community is a healthy and inclusive environment for our children and families.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Youth Initiated Projects and Events Fund has a balance of \$2,000. A \$500 grant from the Fund will leave a balance of \$1,500 for other youth initiated projects in 2009.

This report has concurrence from the Finance Department and provisions for the funds are included in a separate Information Report to Council titled, *2009 Status of Council Contingency and Grants Accounts*.

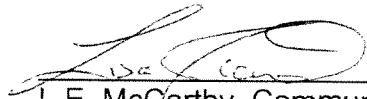
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no inter-departmental implications.

CORPORATE PLAN AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

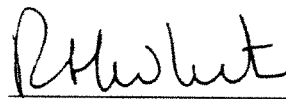
The recommendation in this report support the City's Social Plan (3.2) which aims "To support an environment... which supports the growth and development of youth to be successful, independent and valued citizens."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

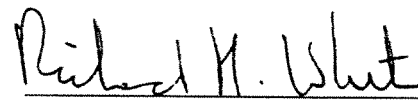


L.E. McCarthy, Community Development
Worker, Community Development

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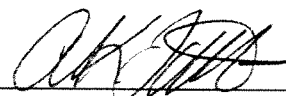


G.C. Penway, Deputy Director
Community Development



R.H. White, Director
Community Development

REVIEWED BY:



A.K. Tollstam,
City Manager

Attachments

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Children and Youth Initiatives Fund 2009 Youth Initiated Projects and Events

Applicant	Purpose	Amount	Recommended
Lauren Wierenga Student Ambassador C/O Kids Help Phone 1100 – 1200 West 73 rd Avenue Vancouver BC V6P 6G5	To provide funding to the Kids Help Phone due to a dramatic increase in phone calls (150%) from North Vancouver.	\$500	\$500

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