

Council Priority Funding Extension – Winder Inclusive Communities Services**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on a request related to extending the time for expending Council Priority Funding.

Recommendation

1. THAT, despite the provisions of section 12 of Policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures, an expenditure of \$6,852.00 from Council Priority Funds as approved by Council motion on December 10, 2019 be approved for use by the Winder Inclusive Communities Service for their 2021 Inclusive Virtual Events and Community Scavenger Hunt.
2. THAT, despite the provisions of section 12 of Policy GOV-001-032, the Chief Commissioner be authorized to grant one-year extensions for the expenditure of previously approved Council Priority Funds up to a maximum of \$20,000 until the end of 2021, provided that the Chief Commissioner determines that the delay in the expenditure of the Council Priority Fund was a reasonable consequence of responding to the public health measures related to COVID-19.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents
Governance Requirement

Report

The Winder Inclusive Communities Services (WICS) group was approved for Council Priority Funding at the end of 2019 to hold inclusive events in 2020. Due to public health restrictions related to the pandemic, their event plans had to be placed on hold. Because of this delay and because there is a policy requirement that Council Priority Funds be used within one calendar year, WICS has requested permission to use the funding approved on December 10, 2019 for a scavenger hunt event in 2021 (see enclosure 1 for WICS request).

If Council is willing to provide an extension, then Council may wish to pass an exception to the policy as noted recommendation 1 above.

Additionally, Council may also wish to provide more discretion to the Chief Commissioner to address similar requests for extensions on the expenditure of Council Priority Funds. Recommendation 2 would allow the Chief Commissioner to authorize one-year extensions to Council Priority Fund recipients for the remainder of this year if the recipient makes such a request to address a COVID-related delay.

Council and Committee History

December 10, 2019	Council approved THAT an expenditure of \$6,852.00 from Council Priority Funds as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Rod Frank \$ 1,900.00• Councillor Robert Parks \$ 500.00• Councillor Dave Anderson \$ 500.00• Councillor Brian Botterill \$ 202.00• Councillor Bill Tonita \$ 500.00
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- Councillor Linton Delainey \$ 750.00
- Councillor Glen Lawrence \$ 500.00
- Councillor Katie Berghofer \$ 2,000.00

for the purpose of providing funds to Winder Inclusive Communities Service for costs associated with four inclusive events to be held throughout 2020, be approved.

Other Impacts

Policy: Council Priority Fund Expenditures Policy – GOV-001-032

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: LLS and OEO

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosure

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WICS Request for Extension of Expenditure of Council Priority Funds