

Council Priority Funds – Application

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PRIORITY FUND INFORMATION – Completed by ApplicantOrganization Name Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol (SCCOPS)Address c/o RCMP - 911 Bison Way

Street and number

Subdivision if rural

City or town Sherwood ParkProvince ABPostal code T8H 1S9Contact person R.G. (Bob) NewsteadTelephone 780-467-4996Email address (optional) newbobjoy@shaw.caProject Type ☒ Event ☐ Project ☐ ExpenseAmount Requested \$ 9000

Brief description of request

SCCOPS will be hosting the Alberta Citizens On Patrol (ACOPA) annual general meeting and workshop, Oct. 28 - 30, 2022 at the SC Community Centre. Approximately 200 attendees are anticipated to participate in this province-wide event, including delegates from Saskatchewan and, hopefully, other provincial COP organizations operating under the Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association (CCOPA) banner.

ACOPA, and delegate registration fees, will defray a significant portion of the meeting, facility, training, and some food services charges however, Alberta Gaming Liquor and Casino/Cannabis (AGLC) regulations prohibit the expenditure of ACOPA-derived casino funds on food/beverage services. Accordingly, SCCOPS is appealing to SC Council for financial support to offset the cost of the AGM/workshop Saturday evening (Oct. 29) banquet. This function will be catered by a SC service provider at an anticipated cost of \$45 per attendee inclusive of service fees and taxes.

R.G. Newstead

Print name


Signature

May 24, 2022

Date

Please remember to attach a proposed budget and request letter to this request.Number of attached pages 1**Collection and use of personal information**

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Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol Society
Council Priority Funds Application
May 24, 2022

The Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol Society (SCCOPS) was chartered under the Societies Act of Alberta in 2005 and continues as one of the largest, and possibly the most active of the 70 or more similar COP groups operating under the Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association (ACOPA) banner. Our ongoing active membership hovers in the range of 40 to 50 volunteers who willingly give of their time and energy to serve as “extra eyes and ears” in support of the RCMP and Enforcement Services here in Strathcona County. Our members regularly patrol throughout the urban and rural neighbourhoods of the county to “detect and deter criminal activity”.

During any given year our membership will also assist with a wide array of community events when called upon for assistance and participation. Over the years these have included the County's Canada Day and New Years Eve events, the Josephburg Christmas train, the Highland Games, the Terry Fox Run, the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair, the RCMP bike rodeo, a special Halloween patrol, and Agri Days at Ardrossan and Josephburg. Annually COP volunteers accumulate thousands of hours and kilometres while serving throughout the county, in support of our ongoing activities and program administration.

Additionally, we operate a Speed Watch program wherein we monitor vehicles passing a speed indicator/driver feedback sign as well as recording a variety of additional infractions, ranging from rolling stops to distracted driving behaviour. Our Impaired Driving Simulation Demonstration project further contributes to community safety and well-being by informing drivers about the influence of differing levels of alcohol impairment on motor vehicle operations, using pedal carts and a testing circuit.

The Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association has been twice thwarted, during the Covid pandemic over the past two years, in its attempts to convene their AGM in Strathcona County. With what we hope is a return to some sense of normalcy, SCCOPS has been approached by ACOPA to host the 2022 AGM and workshop. As noted in the attached application document, we are anticipating approximately 200 COP delegates to attend this event – including a number of COP representatives from Saskatchewan and other provinces where COP groups are operating under the Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association (CCOPA) banner.

The anticipated budget for this event follows:

-Facilities rental (Community Centre Agora and meeting rooms).....est.	\$1500
-Food and beverage services by a SC caterer (\$100 p/p).....est.	\$20,000
-Training consultant.....est.	\$1500
-Miscellaneous expenses.....est.	\$1000
Total.....est.	\$24,000

Anticipated income from delegate registration fees (\$75 p/p) Total.....est. \$15000

Based on the foregoing budgetary estimates, and in order to keep the delegate registration fee at a traditionally nominal amount of \$75 per person, we anticipate a shortfall of \$9000. Should our application for \$9000 in Council Priority Funds (to offset the estimated cost of the Saturday evening banquet) be successful, SCCOPS (and ACOPA) would be most grateful – and will fully acknowledge such support. The only alternative available to the event organizers will be to increase the delegate registration fee to \$120 per attendee. This could prove to be a financial hardship for the many fiscally challenged COP groups, and/or individual volunteer delegates, attending from communities throughout Alberta and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

R.G. (Bob) Newstead
On behalf of Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol