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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Director Social Planning  
SUBJECT: Social Responsibility Fund (SRF) - Additional Grants Allocations

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an additional six Social Responsibility Fund grants totalling \$102,335 for the following organizations:

- Britannia Community Services Centre Society: \$15,000
- Environmental Youth Alliance Society: \$25,000
- Gallery Gaget: \$18,000
- Prostitution, Alternatives, Counselling & Education Society (PACE): \$10,000
- Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre: \$18,500
- YWCA: \$15,835

Source of funding is the Edgewater Casino Social Responsibility Reserve.

## CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

## COUNCIL POLICY

On February 28, 2008 Council approved the criteria for the Social Responsibility Fund grants program with a budget of \$125,000 for 2008.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

## **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

This report complements the information contained in the Council Report RTS 7276, entitled "Social Responsibility Fund Grants Allocations" dated May 8, 2008 and presented to the Council Committee on City Services and Budgets on May 22, 2008. A copy of the report can be found at:

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20080522/documents/csb3.pdf>

The May 22, 2008 report included two set of recommendations for grants allocations (RECOMMENDATIONS A and B), and one set of grants allocations for Council's consideration (CONSIDERATION C).

At the Regular meeting of Council, following the CS&B meeting on May 22, 2008, Council approved the two recommendations (A and B) contained in the report. Staff were given instructions to report back to Council with more detailed information regarding the proposed grants listed in CONSIDERATION C of the original report. Furthermore, staff were given instructions to assess the need for \$20,000 for the Positive Ticketing Project, as proposed by the Kids Up Front Foundation, and to reference the approach taken in the municipality of Richmond where a ticketing project exists. The purpose of this report is to respond to Council's request to report back.

## **DISCUSSION**

As indicated in the original report, staff received 28 applications for funding from the grants stream of the Social Responsibility Fund, totalling \$613,107. The applications reflected a great level of interest on the part of community organizations, and the project proposals were related to the following population groups: youth, seniors, women, immigrant communities, the homeless and urban Aboriginals.

Following the review of the applications, staff were able to recommend funding for eight organizations, for a total of \$125,000 which was the original amount allocated to this funding stream. Those eight recommended applications best reflected the funding criteria previously approved by Council. Staff also identified seven applications that also met funding criteria and merit support if funding were available.

One of the projects originally listed for consideration was the Positive Ticketing Project applied for by the Kids Up Front Foundation. This application is not part of the recommended list of grants presented in this report, as staff will require time to consult with the applicant and project partners. Staff will report at a later date regarding the Positive Ticketing Project.

The remaining six projects are recommended for funding. The six recommended projects are listed below. Additional information is provided, supporting the rationale to approve the applications.

## SRF Additional Grants Allocations

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMEND
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Girls Club/Boys Club	Out-of-school program for vulnerable pre-teens in Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, and Grandview-Woodland. The project involves a summer program for 2 weeks of arts, writing, and sports summer day camp and a September to June Out of School program for planned activities (i.e. Active Adventure Passport, MoreSports activities, etc.), meeting after school at least one time per week.	\$15,000
Environmental Youth Alliance Society	Vancouver Community Agriculture Network	Continuation of community garden development in Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Mount Pleasant and Trout Lake area. Participants will develop the capacity to create and manage their own food-growing projects through community gardening. VCAN serves as a facilitator/mentor bringing neighbours together for community building. Skills-building workshops, group design sessions and on-site mentoring to begin for new planting projects in summer. Initiative also supported by VCH and other partners.	\$25,000
Gallery Gachet	Out of the Rain Street Artist Initiative	Street-level program targeting homeless artists in the DTES area that provides supportive framework for rehabilitation and the development of sustainable art careers. Participants are provided with materials, nourishment, counseling, studio space, a professional exhibition, career development and sales program, and a peer group and social networks with the art community. For 2008, the plan is to involve eight artists.	\$18,000
Prostitution, Alternatives, Counselling & Education Society (PACE)	BELLE (Beautiful, Experiential, Life Links to Empowerment)	The Belle project has been created by current and former sex workers and directly offers supports relevant to sex workers based on what they themselves determine are their needs and goals. Asset Mapping project for 40 vulnerable women, with the development of individual goals, including the provision of supports. Outcomes include completed Asset Maps, progress towards the individual's goals, a reduction in their isolation within the community, active participation by participants in promoting social change in the DTES, and completion of partnerships with other service providers.	\$10,000
Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre	Circle of Belonging	The Aboriginal Community Policing Centre has had reports of a high level of violence and conflict within the community. Using Medicine Wheel model to empower participants. Provide monthly workshops on	\$18,500

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		issues such as personal and community safety, food growing, and Aboriginal culture. Project also involves participation in Aboriginal ceremonies, community kitchens, and connection to UBC community garden.	
YWCA	Violence Outreach Summer Project	The Violence Outreach Summer Project aims to connect in new ways with more families living in the DTES and Strathcona over the summer months and give them the capacity to respond to violence in their lives. The project aim is to raise awareness on issues of abuse in DTES and encourage families to access support services at Crabtree Corner.	\$15,835
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$102,335</b>

Most of the projects described above, are to be implemented during the summer, therefore, there is a sense of urgency with the potential approval of these grants.

Pending Council approval, grants will be dispersed with a ten per cent hold back released to the organizations upon receipt of a closing financial statement and a final report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the grants recommendations contained in this report are approved, the remaining un-earmarked balance within the Social Responsibility Fund would be \$322,665.

For a detailed listing of allocations to date for the entire SRF refer to the previous report discussed by Council on May 22, 2008. A copy of the report can be found at:

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20080522/documents/csb3.pdf>

#### CONCLUSION

The proposed grants allocations will enable the SRF grants recipients to implement valuable projects in a timely manner. Staff will report back on one remaining potential grant recipient (Kids Up Front Foundation) once appropriate Council requested information is available.

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