

2016 DTES Capital Grant Program Allocation

Council Presentation

June 15, 2016



Background – DTES Plan

Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan:

- Approved March 2014
- Long term vision -
“the neighbourhood will be made up of mixed-income communities with a range of affordable housing options (including social housing) for all residents, local serving commerce, social services and cultural activities where all feel welcome, valued and at home”



Background

DTES Capital Grant Program:

- Capital grants are to be used to broaden implementation efforts to achieve the vision.

Previous approvals:

- 2014 - \$955,814
- 2015 - \$466,222



Criteria

1. Matching Grant - building, equipment, strategic opportunities;
2. Eligible organizations:
 - Non-profit societies,
 - Business Improvement Associations
 - Community Service Co-ops
 - Charities
 - Faith-based organizations
3. Located in the DTES and serves the local residents;
4. Align with Social Impact Objectives;
5. Helps implement a quick start/ short term project;
6. Enhances Community Economic Development, improves Community Assets, and enriches the neighbourhood.



2016 Applications

Applications submitted -

24 recommended and 4 not recommended at this time.

Funding Area	Objectives	Number of Grants	% of Grants	Total Funding
Community Economic Development	A vibrant and inclusive economy through Community Economic Development	13	54%	\$172,800
Community Asset Management	Retention and improvement of valuable assets identified in the DTES Plan and SIA	10	42%	\$374,700
Neighbourhood Improvements	Improvements to the neighbourhood places and spaces for community wellbeing, safety and walkability	1	4%	\$9,100
Total		24	100%	\$556,600

Recommendation

Recommendation:

That Council APPROVE the grant allocation of \$556,600 to Downtown Eastside (DTES) non-profit organizations to strategically advance the social, economic and environmental objectives of the recently approved DTES Plan.



Questions/Discussion

