

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Engineering and Transportation Division

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Chris Thibert, P.Eng.
Director, Engineering

Date: January 7, 2022

Subject: 2021 One-Time Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)
Allocation

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The 2021 One Time Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) totaling \$6,198,165 be allocated to the projects identified in Appendix A.

Background

In early 2021, the Federal Government announced a one-time top-up to the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly the federal gas tax program) resulting in an additional \$6,198,165 funding to Chatham-Kent. The funds were welcomed as the Federal Government's commitment to supporting Municipal infrastructure priorities in the face of COVID-19. All funds are to be used in accordance with the Municipality's current agreement with the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for the transfer of these funds.

Comments

Administration populated a list of projects that met the qualifying factors for this one-time CCBF allocation and concluded on the projects identified in Appendix A. Other projects that were considered and ultimately eliminated either already had:

- Outstanding grant applications pending,
- Not in a position to proceed (either with design or construction) due to additional studies or investigation required,
- Already proposed through the Municipality's Capital Plan or already has funding allocated to it,
- Already receiving federal funding.

In accordance with the AMO Grant Transfer Agreement, projects proposed in Appendix A were required to satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

Recreational Infrastructure – Recreational facilities or networks

- Large facilities or complexes which support physical activity such as arenas, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts, or other facilities that have sport and/or physical activity as a primary rationale
- Community centers that offer programming to the community at large, including all segments of the population
- Networks or parks, fitness trails and bike paths

Disaster Mitigation – Infrastructure that reduces or eliminates long-term impacts and risks associated with natural disasters

- Construction, modification or reinforcement of structures that protect from, prevent or mitigate potential physical damage resulting from extreme natural events, and impacts or events related to climate change
- Modification, reinforcement or relocation of existing public infrastructure to mitigate the effects of and/or improve resiliency to extreme natural events and impacts or events related to climate change

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

- ☐ Economic Prosperity:
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- ☐ A Healthy and Safe Community: Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- ☐ People and Culture:
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability:
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

- ☒ Financial Sustainability:
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- ☒ Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

- ☐ Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- ☐ Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

The Finance, Budget, Information Technology & Transformation department was consulted on the preparation of this report.

Financial Implications

The one-time funds will help address the lack of funding and detour challenges associated with the Talbot Trail closure as well as support new recreational infrastructure at three different locations in Chatham-Kent.

Prepared by:

Chris Thibert, P.Eng.
Director, Engineering
Engineering and Transportation

Reviewed by:

Thomas Kelly, P.Eng., MBA
General Manager
Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Attachments: Appendix A – Proposed Projects for 2021 CCBF One-Time Allocation

(RTC:\Infrastructure & Engineering\I&ES\2022\4461 – 2021 Canada Community Building Fund Allocation)

2021 Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Proposed Allocations				Appendix A
Category Type	Category Description	Proposed Project	Additional Comments	CCBF Funding '000
Disaster mitigation	Infrastructure that reduces or eliminates long-term impacts and risks associated with natural disasters.	Erie Shore Drive/Talbot Trail/Rose Beach Line <u>EA Phase I - Detour Improvements - Talbot Trail</u>	\$7M is the estimated cost for Talbot Trail Concession 2 upgrade - \$2M coming from capital Overall projects Lake Erie Shoreline: Talbot Trail - \$146M Rose Beach Line - \$8M ESD - \$50M Overall Total = \$204M	\$5,000
Recreation Infrastructure	Recreational Infrastructure - i.e. recreational facilities or networks. (includes trails & bike paths)	CASO Trail Phase 5 - Construction of the CASO Trail between Victoria Road in Ridgetown to Macpherson Road. This completes the remaining 14kms moving east toward Elgin County	Cost is \$1,000,000	\$1,000
Recreation Infrastructure	Recreational Infrastructure - i.e. recreational facilities or networks. (includes trails & bike paths)	Wheatley Arena Arboretum Trail - Construction of 2.4m wide, 1.1km long crusherdust trail behind Wheatley Arena, along perimeter of property, connecting through a land use agreement at North end of Erie St. North.	Cost estimated at \$120K; full funding from CCBF recommended.	\$120
			Total	\$6,120