

Grant Committee Report & Application Summaries

March 2023

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Spring 2023

A total of 20 grant applications were received requesting \$507,535.75 and CFPD had allocated \$164,000 for this Grant Cycle. The Grants Committee met on March 29, 2023 to review & discuss the applications. All application documents were made available to the committee on a Grant Portal on our website for secure access.

The following report from the grants committee includes the details on all applications evaluated as well as the 9 projects the committee is recommending for funding totaling \$163,700.00.

Organization Name	Project Description	Sector	Requested \$	Recommended \$
Portage Regional Library	Breath of Fresh Air	Social Services	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Portage Collegiate Institute	PCI Basketball Courts	Physical Fitness and Health	\$43,435.50	\$ 35,000.00
55+ Manitoba Games	Manitoba 55+ Games	Physical Fitness and Health;	\$5,000.00	
Oakville Silver Threads Seniors Inc	Replacement of Dinnerware	Social Services	\$5,800.00	\$ 5,800.00
Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment	Accessible stairlift for Visual Arts Studio Access	Arts and Cultural	\$5,000.00	
Katie Cares Inc.	Beanie Baby 2023	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$1,500.00	
Koko Platz Recreation Club	Koko Platz Recreation Club Re-Build	Physical Fitness and Health;	\$100,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Portage Ukrainian Nursery School	Cleaning the Air at Nursery School	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$4,146.25	\$ 4,200.00
Eagle's Wings Flight School	EWFS Aircraft Build	Education	\$10,000.00	
Oakville Community Club Inc	Community Centre / Daycare Replacement	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$100,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
St. Marks Community Club	St. Marks Building Renovation	Other Activities or Facilities of a Charitable Nature	\$7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Portage ARC Industries	Hot Dog Cart	Social Services	\$11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
Portage Curling Club	Hack Replacement	Physical Fitness and Health;	\$3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Portage Regional Recreation Aauthority	Security Camera Overhaul	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$30,000.00	
Family Resource Centre	Organization Updates	Social Services	\$7,120.00	
Swimmingly Inc.	Portage la Prairie Summer Lessons	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$1,600.00	
Portage la Prairie School Division	ECVS/EAMS Walking Path for Accessibility	Child Welfare, Youth Development, Family Well-being	\$138,560.40	
Portage la Prairie Bear Clan	wiidoookodaadiwin (help others) Bear Necessities Program	Social Services	\$18,072.00	
Herman Prior Centre	Electrical Upgrades	Social Services	\$8,601.60	
Youth for Christ	Indigenour Custom T-shirt Design	Arts and Cultural	\$5,000.00	
			\$507,535.75	\$ 163,700.00

Name of organization: Portage la Prairie Regional Library

Background of Organization:

We are funded largely through municipal and provincial sources; however this amount has not kept pace with inflation. For residents of municipalities that fund us, there is no membership fee. For residents of other municipalities, there is an annual membership fee. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the space free of charge, a membership is not required.

Project Description:

This project involves purchasing several Aranet4 Wireless Indoor Air Quality Home Sensors to allow patrons to test their home's air quality, notably for Carbon Dioxide levels. We intend to loan the sensors as library equipment, much how we loan our popular Radon detectors Once purchased, the sensors will be added to the system and be circulating within a month.

After the initial investment, we will fund replacement brochures out of our marketing budget. Lost or damaged sensors will be replaced (if necessary) using fees collected from patrons.

Amount requested: \$1,500.00

Amount recommended: \$1,500.00

Comments:

The committee felt this was a good project and supports the new lending practices of the library.

Name of organization: Portage Collegiate Institute

Background of Organization:

Portage Collegiate Institute is the high school in Portage la Prairie and encompasses students from the city of Portage, the RM of Portage and close by First Nations Communities. The basketball courts (which used to be a tennis court) is used at no charge by students during the day and by community members after school hours, all for no charge.

Project Description:

The outdoor basketball court that is being used is in bad shape and the youth and people in the community are getting hurt with minor injuries due to the breaks in the concrete and the grass. Any given day, the court has students on it and in the evenings, when you drive by, you either see that the youth have gone back or that there are members of the community shooting hoops. It is a place for students to go so they don't wander around on their lunch hours/spares getting into trouble. It is a great opportunity for them to burn energy while also feeling safe hanging out with their friends. The basketball courts will also help all members in our communities strive towards their optimal health. Regular exercise and outdoor activity provide all of the following: Social skills/sense of belonging and well-being, self-esteem, self-discipline/time management Prevention of negative risk-taking behaviours, decreased depression/anxiety, heart disease and more Improved energy, pain tolerance, nervous system and work capacity to name a few. The court area used to be a tennis court and has a grass/dirt strip down the middle preventing players from playing a full-court game. The size of the space we have is 100 x 110 feet which will provide us with two full size courts with a space in between them and a buffer behind the nets for safety. The whole community of Portage la Prairie will benefit from this project. The court is open to the public and does not cost anyone to use.

Amount requested: \$43,435.50

Amount recommended: \$35,000.00

Comments:

The committee felt this was a great project and because the Parent Advisory Council is actively fundraising the recommended this amount.

Name of organization: Manitoba 55+ Games

Background of Organization:

The Manitoba 55+ Games is an event coming to Portage la Prairie June 20-22, 2023. The event has a host committee that has been put together to cover all aspects of hosting the games. The Games is an opportunity to have 1200+ participants come and participate in events in our community. Along with those participants will be a large number of spectators. The funds to run these Games will come from Grants and local business sponsorship. These Games will showcase the community of Portage la Prairie and all it has to offer. Along with the 18 event categories there will be a variety night and banquet evening which will showcase local entertainment.

Project Description:

This is a one time event. It provides an opportunity for community members and other Manitobans to participate in the Games. This event will provide volunteer opportunities for community members and will act as a great community building event.

Amount requested: \$ 5000.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

As per CFPD Granting policy, we do not fund operational costs.

Name of organization: Oakville Silver Threads Seniors Inc.

Background of Organization:

Our organization was established in 1987 to provide a place and services for seniors in Oakville and District. With community fundraising we were able to build our current building that was totally paid for. Presently we are not subsidized financially from any outside source. Our center provides regular noon meals three times per week (eat in or take out). A facility for functions such as family gatherings, wedding and baby showers, birthday parties, cards, crafting, interfacing with all students at Oakville School for different activities, foot care services regular vaccinations, etc. Membership fee is \$20.00 per member. Our sit-down dining capacity is about 60 people. Although our official name signifies Seniors, we have recently opened membership to everyone in the community

Project Description:

Our organization was formed about 1987 to provide a facility for service for seniors for Oakville and District. Initially our membership was about 40, this increased over time to about 80 around 2005 and since then it has returned to about 40 due to deaths, covid and other reasons. We provide a meal service three times a week. This service is currently self-sustaining. Our sit-down dinner capacity is about 60. The Center is also used for birthdays, wedding and baby showers, cards, footcare, vaccinations, family gatherings, crafting, interfacing with students from all grades from Oakville School, and rental to any outside groups etc. Rental is our primary source of income. This pays most of our regular expenses such as heat, light, telephone, insurance, cleaning etc. Over the past few years rental income has not sustained the expenses. Increasing rental rates does not appear to be a good option as it may reduce usage instead of increasing revenue. We have tried several things to try and increase usage thru membership such as family night, once a month

breakfasts, free invitational meals (to provide information on the Center). This has had mixed results. It appears at this time to increase revenue is thru additional rentals other sources of income we are considering are 50/50 draws, cash calendar, chase the aces etc.

Amount requested: \$5800.00

Amount recommended: \$5,800.00

Comments:

The committee felt that this organization is very important to the community and provides services and supports local community.

Name of organization: Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment

Background of Organization:

PFAE is an inclusive Centre of excellence for both the performing & visual arts in our community. We are an exciting and vibrant hub that focuses on the arts, dedicated to teaching, sharing and celebrating expression through programs, performances and exhibitions. Our performances and programming are chosen to reflect our unique and valuable position as the sole Centre for the arts in our region. PFAE strives to bring a wide variety of performance and arts education to our audience. To ensure we providing accessible and diverse opportunities to the public, while maintaining affordable fees to eliminate as many socioeconomic barriers as possible. We are funded by 3 levels of government , as well as various other grants and funders, in addition to our organizations income through ticket sales, class registration and rentals. We have a membership, and our memberships range from \$30-\$80 depending on the type which ranges from adult, artist, group and family.

Project Description:

PFAE is planning to install an accessible stairlift for those with mobility issues to access the basement of our building, where the visual arts and pottery studios are situated. We have received a partial grant from Enabling Accessibility Manitoba for this project. Anyone with a disability, injury of movement issue requiring assistance going down stairs will benefit from this improvement. As statistics show that roughly 25% of our population lives with a physical disability. The timeline for this project is to begin at the end of April, with work finishing up late August in time for our new sessions of classes to begin. PFAE feels with our budget, and support on building maintenance from our partners in the City of Portage la Prairie, we can confidently continue regular upkeep to ensure the longevity of this project.

Amount requested: \$5000.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

Several grants have been provided to this organization and the committee felt that because they have money in unrestricted funds, they can utilize that.

Name of organization: Katie Cares

Background of Organization:

Katie Cares provides beanie babies to children, Ipads to children who are sick or terminal, a home away from home directly east of the Boundary Trails Hospital. The home provides day guests a place to wait during the day or for overnight guests to sleep and relax.

Project Description:

Beanie babies are given to children in medical care, immunization. These can be stressful, and difficult times for the child as well as for the care giver. The beanie baby allows for the child to feel supported. The beanies are friendly little friends that children can hold and feel cared for. Medical staff say that these have become an important part of support for children. Tears are wiped away and smiles appear.

Amount requested: \$1500.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

As per CFPD Granting policy, we do not fund operational costs.

Name of organization: Koko Platz Recreation Club

Background of Organization:

The Koko Platz Recreation Club aims to provide recreation activities at low cost or no cost to all ages of people in Portage la Prairie and surrounding areas. We strive to provide a safe, inclusive and accessible environment for people to enjoy recreational and community activities. While the club is located in the Koko Platz neighborhood, the playground, rink and rental hall serves the needs of all of Portage la Prairie and surrounding area. KPRC has existed in the community for decades and now we are at the forefront of a new chapter for our club and community. After a devastating fire destroyed our clubhouse we have decided it is time to do a complete rebuild. We are working towards fundraising to completely replace the rink and make improvements to the clubhouse that will not be covered through insurance. KPRC was funded through club memberships and hall rentals in the past; we are now getting our funding for rebuilding through grants, donations and fundraising events. We are planning to rebuild with a great rental space that will help us with financial sustainability in the future. We will also have memberships available for purchase for those who wish to use the ice rink on a regular basis.

Project Description:

A fire completely destroyed the clubhouse in the spring of 2021. The rink surface was in a state of disrepair so it was decided that we would totally replace the rink, rebuild the clubhouse through insurance and make improvements we felt were needed and work to improve the accessibility of the site and leave room for future stages. This new and improved space will serve all of Portage la Prairie and surrounding areas as it is the only community club left in Portage la Prairie. We are currently working to fundraise over \$500 000 to rebuild the ice rink and make it into a 4 season space as well as make improvements to the grounds of the site (parking lot, trailhead, playground, improved security). Once we have approximately \$400 000 we will be able to put out a tender to get the rink build started. Ideally we would like to break ground in the Summer/Fall of 2023 but 2024 would be more realistic depending on funding. We would like to have the clubhouse and rink completed by 2025. Due to the nature of putting out tenders, having multi year funding would allow us to move forward with a quicker timeline. By showing we have financial commitments for two years, we can put out a tender and know that we have guaranteed funding the next year. It would allow us to have more financial sustainability through the building process.

Amount requested: 100,000.00

Amount recommended: \$60,000.00

Comments:

Because many city residents use this facility, and because they have done such a great job of fundraising, the committee felt it is important to support.

Name of organization: Portage Ukrainian Nursery School

Background of Organization:

Portage Ukrainian Nursery School has proudly served preschoolers and their families in our area for over 40 years and is an important part of our community. Each year 80-100 children and their families spend time together in our play-based, family-involved space. Our children are from the city and RM of Portage la Prairie and other surrounding communities. We have a diverse nursery school population, including many newcomer families and children with additional support needs. Parents chose our program because it is high quality, inclusive and accessible. Our program is open four days per week throughout the school year serving children between two and six years old who attend two or four half days weekly. We receive funding through parent fees, provincial grants (operating and inclusion support), fundraising and donations.

Project Description:

The health and wellness of our nursery school community members is of high importance to us. While navigating Covid protocols, we have become more aware of the environment housing our precious little ones and their families. We have no outdoor play area and our winter weather does not often lend itself to keeping windows open. We regularly maintain our HVAC system and have installed hepa-filter air purifiers in our playroom to try to minimize the spread of illness. Preschoolers have never been, nor should be, really good at social distancing so we looked for another way to reduce airborne bacteria, viruses, odors and allergens ensuring excellent indoor air quality. Our research led us to RGH REME-HALO Total Indoor Air Purification technology. It would be installed into our existing air conditioning/heating system air ducts. Families with health compromised children and family members are justifiably nervous about having their kids in group care and this is one way we can be together in a safer environment.

Amount requested: \$4146.25

Amount recommended: \$4,200.00

Comments:

The committee felt the health and wellbeing of the children using this facility is very important and therefore support this project.

Name of organization: Eagle's Wings Flight School

Background of Organization:

Eagle's Wings Flight School (EWFS) is a 100% volunteer run not for profit flight training school for at-risk Indigenous youth ages 14-19 years old. We currently provide a two-week summer learn-to-fly program annually for a class of six to nine students in Portage la Prairie. Our students attend 10 hours of aviation ground school, 10 hours of Cultural Connections sessions hosted by Dakota and Ojibway Child and Family Services, and receive 10 hours of flight instruction from highly qualified professional pilot instructors in an Advanced Ultralight airplane flying out of Southport Airport. The mission of our organization is to inspire youth to explore their innate gifts, build self-confidence, and develop practical life-skills through aviation training. We have seen this happen over the course of three consecutive summer programs and we're planning for our fourth in July 2023. We do not have any members outside of the board of directors. Our summer program costs are covered through a tuition fee paid by our partner Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services, and offset by the sponsorship and donations of generous organizations and individuals.

Project Description:

EWFS is desiring to expand our reach beyond our summer program to students who may not have been eligible or able to participate in our program to date. We will acquire an aircraft kit that we intend to build over the course of three school years working with local Indigenous high school students. Students will work with EWFS volunteers on a weekly basis to construct an airplane from plans and pieces with the intent of it flying as part of EWFS summer program in the future. We will recruit 4-5 students from local high schools and provide some introductory lessons on airplane structure and parts before getting to work. Students can earn co-op credits for their time spent building not to mention an introduction to the aviation mechanic field, a sector of the industry that is in dire need of labour for the foreseeable future. Students can opt out of our team as the semester changes over which leaves the potential for up to 10 participants in each year of operation. The cost outlined will cover all of the start up costs with the exception of the engine and airplane avionics. EWFS will look to raise the funds through another capital campaign and/or financing when we are ready to install these last pieces of the puzzle in 18-24 months. The build project is being hosted by Southport Aerospace in a leased, heated ambulance bay at a highly reduced rate which we'll cover through our annual operating costs (rent).

Amount requested: \$10,000.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

The committee feels this is a great initiative however it impacts very few youth. They still need to raise another \$32,000.00 for the engine before this plane can operate so no immediate impact.

Name of organization: Oakville Community Club Inc.

Background of Organization:

The Oakville Community Inc is the umbrella organization within our community that owns, operates, and ensures the long-term viability of the cultural and sports venues within the community for the general well-being of all community residents. These venues include the Community Hall, Arena, Curling Rink, and Morrisdon Sports Park. Each venue has a volunteer board that oversees its day-to-day operation and maintenance as well as setting user fees that cover those costs. Any community members can access these facilities through sporting user fees or rental fees. Our venues are not owned by municipal government and have no full time employees.

Project Description:

Oakville's existing community hall is nearing the end of its usable lifespan. Constructed in 1950 this building has long been a key part of the cultural fabric of our community. Unfortunately, the ravages of time have brought increasing costs of operations and maintenance along with declining structural integrity. Enhanced building codes for public buildings creates a significant problem and cost to renovating this building. Our project will see the replacement of this building with a new structure of similar size with 21st century insulation and green energy technology (geothermal). Located beside our existing ice facilities, the new structure will also house a new 40 space daycare centre. This is a much needed infrastructure item for the entire Portage plains area. Combining these two goals into one project offers some cost savings over having individual buildings. Together the dual purpose of this building aligns with our key part of our mission statement; "to promote and support cultural and sporting activities in community owned facilities". Construction is set to start in May 2023 with an estimated 8-to-10-month completion time. Going forward the Childcare Centre will be self-supporting through fees and annual operating grants from the province. The Community Centre will earn rent from the Childcare Centre as well as rental fees from events.

Amount requested: \$100,000.00

Amount recommended: \$35,000.00

Comments:

Because this facility is very well used by not only residents of Oakville but also surrounding area residents. They have also done a great job at raising funds for this project.

Name of organization: St. Marks Community Club Inc.

Background of Organization:

Care and upkeep of the St. Marks Community Hall. Care and upkeep of community properties buildings owned by the St. Marks Community Club. Hosting or sponsoring community events such as a family picnics, music festivals, or fundraising activities like teas, BBQ's, horseshoe tournaments or poker derbies, ticket sales etc. Assisting other community organizations with their events. To support the positive growth of cultural and social activities in the St. Marks Community.

Project Description:

This phase of the total project is to replace the foundation and rebuild the floor of the Community Hall. The building has been a community hall for 97 years. It was a barn before that the people got together to move it on to its current site. They lined the inside and installed wooden walls, hardwood floors and a stage. Electricity was added later as was the stucco. It has new windows, roof, ramp, stair and an outdoor biffy. We received three verbal quotes for the foundation Pete Wall - \$45,937.50, Tim Green \$52,000 and Dave McKee \$55,000. This is a new foundation with a crawl space and attachments for future indoor plumbing, lifting the building and from Tim Green and Dave McKee approximately 17,000 to brace and repair floor. We have had several quotes in the past to give us a ballpark figure of how much we need to raise to complete the floor and foundation part of the project. The consensus was approximately \$36,000. We hope to complete this in stages starting with bracing and repairing the floor which is hardwood. We use the hall sparingly right now because we feel a lot of activity is not good for it until we get it repaired. The residence in the community will benefit from the use of the hall for fund raisers, showers, funerals, and a general meeting place for our organizations. We have no place to meet except in our living rooms which is not always convenient for the homeowners. We also need a place for our young people to meet and hold events too.

Amount requested: \$7500.00

Amount recommended: \$7,500.00

Comments:

The committee felt that this is a great project because it is the only place in this community that offers a place for residents to meet, have events and practice their culture.

Name of organization: Portage ARC Industries

Background of Organization:

Portage ARC started as sheltered workshop on Island Park under the auspices of the Portage Branch of the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded. With the help of various social clubs, in 1977 construction began on our present location at 1675 Saskatchewan Ave West. Our mortgage was retired in 1981. We are at present 29 participants and consider ourselves a day program supporting intellectually and physically disabled adults in a community setting. We provide services based on the need of the program individuals, complete assessment of abilities, job training and opportunity for personal growth and development in a safe work environment. For intellectually disabled adults. We provide transportation to various community activities daily and also transportation to and from day program. The majority of our funding comes from the Manitoba Government Community Living disABILITY Services department. Funding is based on amount of participants we have so over years will fluctuate.

Project Description:

We are looking to start a hot dog cart on the cement pad beside our building. It is the perfect location and with all the new renovations being done to the avenue, we believe this would be a great opportunity with increased foot traffic. But the biggest opportunity is for the individuals we support to be entrepreneurs and run a small hot dog cart business.

Amount requested: \$11,500.00

Amount recommended: \$11,500.00

Comments:

The committee was reluctant as they felt this may not generate the income they expect but felt that their clients will benefit from learning employability skills as well as having something to look forward to.

Name of organization: Portage Curling Club**Background of Organization:**

The Portage Curling Club is a long-standing organization (since 1880) in the Portage la Prairie region and has been affiliated with the Manitoba Curling Association since 1889. We have been at our current location in the CanadInns complex since 1977. Our purpose is to provide curling for all ages in the Portage and surrounding areas. We have curlers from kindergarten age to 80+ years of age curling in a variety of leagues. We provide curling equipment (brooms and sliders) for use for our junior curlers and any rental curlers. We are funded mainly through membership fees, ice rentals and bonspiels. We have first class ice surface that is suitable for hosting larger events such as the U21 Junior Men and Women Provincial Championships (January, 2023).

Project Description:

Our current ice hacks are getting quite worn and need to be replaced. Ice hacks are the foot holds at each end of the curling sheet that curlers use to push off from when delivering the rocks. Replacement is needed as the hacks rubber foot holds are worn and coming loose at times. With our ice shed system, the hacks are installed when the ice is created for the curling season (September/October) and remain in place until the season is over (early April). The hacks are removed when the ice is removed and are re-used each year (current hacks in use are around 25 years old).

Amount requested: \$3200.00**Amount recommended: \$3,200.00****Comments:**

We have never funded them and because this venue is very well used the committee felt it was a great project to support.

Name of organization: Portage Regional Recreation Authority

Background of Organization:

Portage Regional Recreation Authority (PRRA) encourages Community wide participation by being a dynamic leader in recreation, sport and facility management. This includes the management of Stride Place, Splash Island Waterpark, Rotary Republic of Manitobah Park, Delta Beach Campground, Beaver Stadium, and scheduling of the BDO Centre for the Community. The PRRA is also responsible for the organization of many annual events, program and classes, including summer day camp, swimming lessons and lifeguard development, Canada Day celebrations, first aid and babysitters courses, public skates and aquafit. The PRRA does have a membership model for facilities like the fitness centre, gym and indoor pool, however these facilities are not limited to members only, and fees vary depending on the type of membership. The PRRA receives funding from both the City of Portage la Prairie, and the RM of Portage. We also apply for many provincial and federal grants, to aid us in offering our programming as affordably to patrons as we can. The PRRA offers programs and services for all ages, demographics and interests, and attract lots of families, seniors and youth from across the province to our City.

Project Description:

The PRRA has determined the need to overhaul our security camera system at Stride Place to protect our staff and patrons, and for incident follow-up. Some recent incidents in and around the facility have highlighted the importance of improving the quality of our cameras and increasing our coverage. The goal of the project is to improve security coverage and improve the safety of our patrons and staff. Our current system is at it's maximum number of cameras and have pool picture quality. The proposed project would include a completely new security camera system and increasing the number of cameras from 30 to 53. Step one of the project will require running fibre cable, and setting up new switches around the building. Step 2 will be the installation of all the new cameras and replacement of the old ones. The PRRA is prepared to be responsible for the on-going costs of maintaining the system. We hope to begin step 1 of the project in the fall of 2023, and finish step 2 by the end of January 2024.

Amount requested: \$30,000.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

Two quotes were not submitted, and they have over 1 million dollars in unrestricted funds.

Name of organization: Family Resource Centre

Background of Organization:

Vision: To be a support for all families in Portage la Prairie and surrounding area Mission: We do this by: -Providing a safe and welcoming place for all -Empowering families to enhance their wellness -Providing meaningful and educational programming -Bringing families together -Being a source of trusted information Our scope is large and flexible to allow us to meet the needs of families in our community. From pregnancy and breastfeeding, through child development and parenting we aim to be educators and a place of support for families as they navigate their parenting journey. We also provide opportunities to families in the area of wellness through nutrition, recreation, mental health and arts & culture programming and services. We are primarily funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada's CAPC Program, ROC and United Way but they only cover just over half of our annual budget. We rely on grants and donations to help us provide the additional programs and services and to grow and accomplish our strategic plan initiatives. Our members/clients are families in the community. We do not charge for any of services or programs.

Project Description:

Following our amalgamation and CFS leaving our building we have some gaps to close with our office and storage spaces but also our budget. With the change over we are needing to fundraise for staff wages and find more grants for program materials. We need to set up our spaces for staff to be able to productively work and to store equipment and program materials so the community can benefit from our programs and services. We have a Wellness Room we would like to set up at our main office along with 2 office spaces, and 2 offices at our satellite location that are in desperate need of proper furnishings. We need 3 new computer set ups for our growing team. Our storage at BDO needs to be properly cleaned (a water leak occurred and with things not being used during covid has accumulated mold) and better set up to ensure equipment is in good condition for years to come. The Wellness Room can be used by all families and community partners. The update to storage areas will allow us to replace equipment and get the loan program up and running regularly again. The office spaces will allow us to utilize our staff to offer more to the community.

Amount requested: \$7120.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

Final report from last grant has not been received as well as the project items seem very similar to the last grant given. An email from the ED indicates that they may not have used the last grant as agreement requires.

Name of organization: Swimmingly Inc.

Background of Organization:

Swimmingly Inc is a registered charity and non-profit organization, that aims to improve the lives of children with special needs through affordable and accessible one-on-one swimming instruction in communities in Manitoba. We want to ensure that financial situation or ability is not a barrier to children learning the vital life skill of swimming. Swimming is an important skill for all children, especially children with disabilities who are at a higher risk of drowning in our society. Whereas a large portion of the population is exposed to water safety education through group swimming lessons, participants in our program benefit from more personalized supervision and individually adapted teaching methods. One in five children with a disability lives in a family below the low-income cutoff. Whereas 10 weeks of private swim instruction can cost \$360, we only charge \$25 per 10 week lesson which makes our program immensely affordable when compared with similar programming.

Project Description:

Due to covid-19 we were unable to run our lessons for 18 months. Our volunteer base is being rebuilt so that we can get as many kids in the water as possible! We run summer lessons at Splash Island for July and August. Our lessons provide one on one accessible swimming and water safety instruction for children with disabilities in Portage La Prairie and the surrounding area. We have been running lessons in this community for over 7 years. We continue to fundraise and accept donations in order to run our programs.

Amount requested: \$1600.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

As per CFPD Granting policy, we do not fund operational costs.

Name of organization: Portage la Prairie School Division

Background of Organization:

Our purpose is to provide, or make provision for, appropriate schooling opportunities for students eligible to attend the Portage la Prairie School Division. Our mission is to recognize the individual needs and potential of our students and to provide these students with the opportunity to undertake schooling experiences that will contribute to the development of their full potential. School experiences will give considerations to future demands that will be placed upon society by our rapidly changing world.

PLPSD is funded by the Provincial Government and through municipal school taxes. Our stakeholders include all citizens in the Portage la Prairie School Division catchment area. We provide schooling from kindergarten to grade 12 and provide adult education. We partner with the community on many activities and extracurricular events. There are no fees to join.

Project Description:

This project has been a focus for the last four years and fundraising has begun but is very slow. Over the last 5 years parents of children in wheelchairs have asked both schools how they could support play and accessibility for their children.

Amount requested: \$138,560.40

Amount recommended: 0

Comments: Although this area is used a lot by local residents, the committee did not see the priority considering there is a very good walking trail in very close proximity.

Name of organization: Portage la Prairie Bear Clan

Background of Organization:

The Bear Clan provides services such as our Bear patrol walks on a weekly basis in our neighborhoods. These weekly patrols have provided emergency support to those in medical distress, food for those who are hungry and prevented crimes from happening.

The Bear Clan is funded through donations, applying for grants and receiving honorariums for providing services.

Project Description:

The Bear Clan would like to restart the Bear Necessities Program. This program provides a place to shower, use the washroom, do laundry and have a safe place to stay warm/cool during the day.

We would provide food, personal hygiene products, etc

Amount requested: \$18,072.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

As per CFPD policy, we do not fund operational expenses.

Name of organization: Herman Prior Centre

Background of Organization:

The Herman Prior Activity Centre, a not for profit organization, is a place for seniors to meet and congregate in a centrally located and fully accessible facility. The main focus is to provide a "home away from home" type environment where their needs are taken into full consideration by offering a place where they have a sense of belonging. Many seniors find themselves living alone and finding an economical way to socialize is very important to their overall mental and physical well-being. The Centre offers many varied services which include the Congregate Meal Program offering healthy home cooked meals 5 days a week; physical activities such as line dancing, square dancing, senior fitness classes, yoga, chair yoga, resistance band, clogging, HPC Tai Chi, pickleball, billiards, floor curling and floor shuffleboard. Card games (which not only promote socialization but help to maintain mental acuity) cribbage, euchre, whist, bridge; Genealogy classes, weaving, quilting, knitting and painting classes. The Centre's major funding comes from Southern Health Sante Sud and the City of Portage la Prairie for operating costs. Other funding comes from rental of the facility and membership dues. The number of members hovers around 600 and fees remain at a low affordable rate of \$25.00 per year.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the main kitchen electrical panel. We are catering for larger events that require the use of all outlets in the kitchen and main auditorium. The current old electrical panel continuously kicks the breakers out and causes much inconvenience and disruption to the events. We then have to run extension cords which is not an ideal solution with regards to fire codes. This project will benefit not only our regular members, but community members, organizations and businesses that rent our facility. This project will not require any future funding as it is a one time fix.

Amount requested: \$8601.60

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

The city set up a building fund for this agency to use when needing repairs or upgrades. The ED did not provide two quotes as requested.

Name of organization: Youth for Christ

Background of Organization:

Youth for Christ/Youth Unlimited is a youth focused agency that works with youth ages 10-22. We believe in a holistic approach in supporting youth mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We run after school programs throughout the year. We also run evening drop-ins as well as summer programs in the north end of Portage and in some First Nation communities. Many of the youth we work with are marginalized and deal with many systemic issues like racism, transportation and a lack of positive adult supports in their lives. We are funded by personal support of individuals as well as with fund-raisers we do throughout the year. We also receive the occasional grant for programs we run in our program sites.

Project Description:

Youth for Christ Youth/ Unlimited is looking at starting an online T-shirt design business. We will be able to train youth in this venture in hopes they will start their own online and local T-shirt sales business. One of our staff is currently taking a t-shirt business course to start and teach other youth we work with. We are hoping that many youth, over the years, will learn the skill of building a brand and then selling it with on an online store. Our staff will help them learn and hone the skill while mentoring them in business while they work together. We plan to start the business as soon as we receive funding. We have a staff that is already taking the business course so that when we get funding we will be able to purchase the equipment and start right away. We hope that the proceeds we make from the sales of the shirts will be enough to fund the program in the future.

Amount requested: \$5000.00

Amount recommended: 0

Comments:

Several grants have been provided to this organization. They have a large amount of unrestricted funds to use.