

**Date:** 2020-01-23

**Subject:** **Holland Christian Homes Inc. 2021 Grant Funding Request**

**Secondary Title:** **7900 McLaughlin Road South, Ward 4**

**Contact:** Mark Medeiros, Treasurer, 905-874-2520

**Report Number:** Corporate Support Services-2021-170

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: **Holland Christian Homes Inc. 2021 Grant Funding, 7900 McLaughlin Road South, Ward 4**, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 10, 2021, be received; and
2. That the grant request of \$13,832 in cash by Holland Christian Homes Inc. be approved and funded from General Government accounts provided that Holland Christian Homes Inc. execute the required grant agreement along with any other required documentation; and
3. That the City Clerk and Mayor be authorized to execute the necessary agreement(s) to effect the recommendations in this report, subject to the content of such agreements being satisfactory to the Treasurer and the form of such agreements being satisfactory to the City Solicitor (or designate).

**Overview:**

- **City staff received a letter dated January 12, 2021, from Mr. Richard Sredzinski, Director of Finance and Administration, for Holland Christian Homes Inc. requesting grant funding from the City of Brampton.**
- **Holland Christian Homes Inc. requires a contribution of \$13,832 in cash from the municipality in order to be eligible and secure funding of \$42,700 from the Province under the Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 (SALCA).**

- **This funding request does not align with the mandate for the Community Grant Program.**
- **The City of Brampton has been supporting Holland Christian Homes with this grant on an annual basis since 2014.**
- **This report has been prepared to seek the necessary approval to provide grant funding to Holland Christian Homes in the amount of \$13,832 from the General Government accounts.**

### **Background:**

A Senior Active Living Centre provides recreational and social programs, public education and support services for older Ontarians. They promote wellness for over 65,000 seniors through recreational, physical, social and volunteer programs.

In Ontario, there are over 300 Senior Active Living Centres that are maintained and operated by an approved corporation or a lower-tier municipality (with the exception of the Regional Municipality of Halton -upper tier). This older adult program is managed by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care pursuant to the Elderly Persons Centres Act R.S.O.1990 and Ontario Regulation 314.

Holland Christian Homes Inc. has been receiving provincial funding for their Senior Active Living Centre since 1985. Although the eligibility for provincial funding required a contribution from the lower-tier municipality, it wasn't until March 2014 that the Ontario Seniors Secretariat enforced this on Holland Christian Homes Inc. Since March 2014, Brampton City Council has approved an annual grant request in the amount of \$13,832 in cash to support Holland Christian Homes Inc. in order that they meet the terms of eligibility for the provincial funding.

### **Current Situation:**

City staff received a letter dated January 12, 2021, from Mr. Richard Sredzinski, Director of Finance and Administration, attached as Appendix A, on behalf of Holland Christian Homes Inc. requesting grant funding from the City of Brampton.

Holland Christian Homes Inc. requires a contribution of \$13,832 in cash (same amount since 2014) from the lower-tier municipality in order to be eligible and secure funding of \$42,700 from the Province's Elderly Persons Centre Funding program. \$13,832 is the minimum Municipal contribution required under the Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 (SALCA). Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 is attached as Appendix B. Correspondence confirming Provincial funding and Municipal contribution is attached as Appendix C and D.

It should be noted that this funding request does not align with the mandate for the Community Grant Program. This report has been prepared to seek the necessary approval to provide grant funding to Holland Christian Homes Inc. in the amount of \$13,832 in cash from General Government accounts.

### **Corporate Implications:**

#### Financial Implications:

This grant in the total amount of \$13,832 is to be committed against the 2021 budget and to be paid out of General Government accounts. It should be noted that no specific base budget provision for this or other similar requests have been included in the base operating budget.

#### Legal Implications:

Legal Services will review and approve as to the form of the Grant agreements to be executed by Holland Christian Homes Inc.

### **Term of Council Priorities:**

The grant request achieves the Term of Council priority for an Age Friendly Strategy to improve accessibility, affordability and encourage greater civic participation for people of all ages and abilities, and aligns with Brampton's 2040 vision as a connected and inclusive City.

### **Conclusion:**

This report has been prepared to seek the necessary approval to provide grant funding to Holland Christian Homes Inc. in the amount of \$13,832 in cash to be paid from General Government accounts, subject to execution of a grant agreement along with other required documentation.

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David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer

**Attachments:**

Appendix A - Holland Christian Homes Inc. Letter

Appendix B - Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017

Appendix C - Confirmation of Provincial Funding

Appendix D - Email from the Province confirming Municipal Contribution Amount