

Community groups get a financial boost from fund

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didn't meet the criteria. Once the pieces are finalized we can look at their application again in the fall."

Council approved the guidelines for the new Milton Community Fund on February 26. The Milton Community Fund was launched via a public information evening held March 22 at the Milton Senior's Centre. Staff provided a presentation on community growth as it related to community organizations and also provided an overview of the fund and application guidelines.

The application must be accompanied by an organization check list which includes a list of executive officers including names, addresses and telephone numbers, minutes of the organization's last annual general meeting, financial statements for the two previous years and an operating budget for the current year.

Non-profit corporations must submit a copy of patent letters and a current certificate of status from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Organizations who aren't incorporated must submit a membership list and a copy of the constitution and/or organization by-laws. Activities funded by another level of government, religious or political activities, debt retirement, depreciation or deficit funding, universities, colleges, schools or hospitals are restricted from receiving grants through the Community Fund.

Categories were given guidelines in the amount of \$10,000 for organization effectiveness grants, \$25,000 for project grants, \$10,000 for community event grants and \$1,000 for individual grants.


All applicants will be notified of the status of their application, including method of distributing funds by the end of the

month. Applicants who were unsuccessful in obtaining funding will receive written feedback.

"The fund is really getting at what the purpose it was to be - to provide dollars to grassroots organizations," Ms Anderson said. "If we give them a little financial support, in the end it benefits the entire community."


The next application deadline is October 1. Applicants may only submit one application per year. To obtain an application package, call Joy Anderson at (905) 702-3143.

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