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**December 6, 2024**

**Township of Wellington North approves \$36,665 in grants and donations for 2025**

WELLINGTON NORTH – The Township of Wellington North is pleased to announce the approval of \$36,665.49 (\$20,000 in cash donations, \$16,665.49 in fee waivers) for various organizations and community groups as part of the 2025 Grants and Donations Community Development Fund. This initiative underscores the Township's commitment to supporting local events, programs, and activities that benefit the community.

The approved funding will be distributed among 31 organizations (see Attachment A for details) supporting a wide range of programs and events, from recreational activities to cultural celebrations and community fundraisers.

"The Grants and Donations Community Development Program is a vital part of our efforts to foster community engagement and support the invaluable work of our local organizations. We are proud to contribute to initiatives that enhance the quality of life for our residents," said Mayor Andy Lennox.

The program, which was first approved by Wellington North Council in December 2016, has undergone several updates to better meet the needs of the community. For 2025, the overall budget for the program remains at \$40,000, with \$37,000 allocated for the Fund and \$3,000 for discretionary in-year budget donations.

The Township received a total of 46 applications for the 2025 intake period, with requests amounting to \$49,454.776. The approved funding ensures that a greater number of programs, events, and activities can be supported, reflecting the Township's priorities and commitment to community development.

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**Attachments**

Attachment A – 2025 Grants and Donations Community Development Fund Recipients

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ATTACHMENT A - 2025 Grants and Donations Community Development Fund Recipients

GROUP	APPROVED FUNDS
100 Women Who Care Rural Wellington (fee waiver)	\$ 220.35
895 Fred Campbell VC Royal Canadian Air Cadets (Mount Forest Air Cadets) – Flight Simulator Program	\$ 500.00
895 Fred Campbell VC Royal Canadian Air Cadets (Mount Forest Air Cadets) – Pasta Dinner Fundraiser (fee waiver)	\$ 788.74
Arthur Agricultural Society	\$ 500.00
Arthur and Area Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Arthur Chamber of Commerce – Arthur by The Fire	\$ 1,000.00
Arthur and District Horticulture Society	\$ 1,000.00
Arthur Lions Club (fee waiver)	\$ 788.74
Arthur Minor Hockey (fee waiver)	\$ 500.00
Arthur Optimist Club – Canada Day Celebrations	\$ 2,500.00
Arthur Optimist Club – Arthur Seniors Hall	\$ 500.00
Arthur OPTIMRS - Santa Claus Parade	\$ 500.00
Arthur SU Sports Camp (fee waiver)	\$ 920.25
Auxiliary to the Louise Marshall Hospital – Spring Luncheon (fee waiver)	\$ 579.84
Auxiliary to the Louise Marshall Hospital – November Bazaar (fee waiver)	\$ 709.84
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington	\$ 1,000.00
Christmas Time in Arthur (fee waiver)	\$ 826.60
Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington	\$ 1,000.00
Friends of Bill Walker – “Git Yer Hillbilly On Ribfest” (fee waiver)	\$ 444.09
Hospice Wellington (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Little Black Dress Affair (fee waiver)	\$ 890.58
Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation – Gala	\$ 2,500.00
Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation – Community Breakfast (fee waiver)	\$ 460.20
VON – Falls Prevention Programming (fee waiver)	\$ 569.52
VON – SMART Exercise Program (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00

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VON – Pole Walking Program (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Christmas Bureau	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Community Garden	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Community Pantry	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Curling Club (fee waiver)	\$ 788.74
Mount Forest Family Health Team/Cancer Patient Services – Companions Coffee Hour Program (fee waiver)	\$ 678.00
Mount Forest Family Health Team/Cancer Patient Services – Gentle Movement Program (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Fireworks Festival	\$ 2,500.00
Mount Forest Horticultural Society	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Leos Club (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Lions Club – Valentine’s Dance (fee waiver)	\$ 250.00
Mount Forest Lions Club – Spring Craft Show (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Lions Club – Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (fee waiver)	\$ 250.00
Mount Forest Lions Club – Christmas Craft Show (fee waiver)	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Lions Club – Santa Claus Parade	\$ 500.00
Mount Forest Seniors Group	\$ 500.00
York Soaring Association	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS/GRANTS - Fee Waivers - \$16,665.49</b>	<b>\$36,665.49</b>
<b>- Donations - \$20,000.00</b>	

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