

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

To receive a resolution of Council to proceed with the NOHFC Community Enhancement Funding Stream Grant

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Special Projects Manager dated September 8, 2021 be received;

AND THAT Council supports the NOHFC application to the Community Enhancement Program requesting \$500,000 for the \$923,000 Ruben Yli-Juuti Aquatic Center Upgrade project.

AND THAT the city is committed to a cash contribution of \$423,000

AND THAT the city is committed to cover any cost overruns if they are incurred.



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BACKGROUND

In July, Council directed staff to pursue the NOHFC Community Enhancement Grant for mechanical work to be completed at the Ruben Yli-Juuti Aquatic Centre. On August 18th, staff received approval from the NOHFC to move onto phase 2 of the application process. This grant may cover \$500,000 of the \$923,000 of mechanical work outlined in the facility's mechanical review.

With the approval to move to stage 2, staff has begun with the process of purchasing the new dehumidifier (ie tender issued recently). With the notification that the application moved to stage 2, the costs for the purchase will be eligible to be claimed under the grant, should the City be successful. If the City is not approved for the funding, the cost of replacing the dehumidifier was already budgeted in 2021. If the grant is unsuccessful, other mechanical upgrades will be reviewed and can be deferred and/or referred to the 2022 budget as needed.

ANALYSIS

The NOHFC requires a specifically worded resolution to be included with the phase 2 application, hence the return to Council.

The City had budgeted \$305,000 to replace the dehumidifier in 2021, therefore the additional cost to the City for all the work required would be \$118,000 (to leverage the \$500k grant).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact to the City if the grant is approved would be \$118,000 over and above the \$305,000 budgeted for the dehumidifier in 2021. That additional \$118k can be sourced in the 2022 municipal budget.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

- Provide activities and promote healthy lifestyles through recreation for all age groups.
- Continued Investment into Infrastructure

SUMMARY

Staff is recommending that Council pass the resolution as worded which will allow the NOHFC grant approval process to proceed.

