

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	18-75		
Date action introduced:	December 11, 2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
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Confirmed by:	KM		

Action Title: Authorize and approve City Administration to issue checks totaling \$25,525 to Quarter 4 Community Action Grant awardees based on the Community Action Grant Technical Review Board's (CAGTRB) work on scoring applications and deciding how to divide up the funds available.

Attachment(s): None.

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration / Peter Williams	PW	
Finance / Cindy Sharp	CS	
Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:	
	No fiscal impact at this time.	
	Requires funding in FY 2019 Budget.	
\$25,525	Funding in FY 2019 Budget.	10-72-760

Summary Statement

The City of Bethel established the Community Action Grant Program (CAG) to allow community and individuals to request financial support for programs or events that contribute to the health, welfare, and overall quality of life for residents of Bethel, especially its most vulnerable populations. Funding for the program comes from 20% of the Alcohol Tax collected by the City. The Community Action Grant Technical Review Board was created to develop a process to solicit grant applications, review them, and recommend funding selections to City Council.

The Committee accepted and scored three applications received during the open application period: November 2-9, 2018. The Committee met on November 20 and 28, 2018 to score the applications and make funding recommendations. The funding recommendations are based on the amount of \$97,118 being available for program distribution. See results below.

Applicant and Project Summary	Requested	Recommended Award
1. Friends of the Kuskokwim Consortium Library Avg. score: 145 Costs associated with hiring a Jesuit Volunteer to fill Adult Services Coordinator position.	\$12,765	\$12,765
2. Justine Chamberlain (Coffee House) Avg. score: 146 Cover costs associated with Church operation of Coffee House, an after-school program that serves teenagers.	\$9,333	\$9,700
3. Orutsararmiut Native Council-Senior Services Avg. score: 119 Monthly bus passes for 34 elders for three months.	\$8,000	\$3,060

The Committee recommended a larger award for the Coffee House project to cover expenses left out of the budget and to acknowledge the application for definitively hitting the target population and grant purpose. The Committee recommended a reduction in the ONC-Senior Services project amount because it found calculation inconsistencies in the application that inflated the true cost.