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THIRTEENTH Report of the Audit, Budget and Corporate Services Committee

16. Request for Partnership Grant – VOTES (ABCS-07-95) (All Wards)

Recommendation

That the 2007 Partnership Grant request from VOTES of \$25,000 as outlined in Report ABCS-07-95 be denied as it does not meet all the criteria established within the Partnership Grant Policy. **LOST**

That the request for a Partnership Grant from VOTES be referred back to the Finance and Administration Committee. **CARRIED**

Jennifer Allan
City Clerk Services

To: Audit, Budget and Corporate Services Committee	Item: ABCS-07-95	Date of Report: March 30, 2007
From: Chris Brown Director of Finance	File: C-2100	Date of Meeting: April 2, 2007
Subject: <i>Request for Partnership Grant – VOTES</i>		Ward(s): ALL
PUBLIC MEETING		

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the status of the attached request for a partnership grant relative to the criteria established by Council in its Partnership Grant Policy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit, Budget and Corporate Services Committee recommend to City Council that the 2007 Partnership Grant request from VOTES of \$25,000 as outlined in report ABCS-07-95 be denied as it does not meet all the criteria established within the Partnership Grant Policy.

3.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached partnership grant request for \$25,000 from VOTES has been reviewed by staff to determine if the application meets the criteria established by Council in its Partnership Grant Policy. As indicated in Table One in Section 5.0 Analysis, the request from Votes does not meet the established criteria and therefore the recommendation is to deny the request.

4.0 INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES

- VOTES has provided the attached application package.

5.0 ANALYSIS

- VOTES is requesting a partnership grant of \$25,000 to help cover the costs associated with preparing, printing, and distributing a brochure to all Oshawa households concerning the change to the general vote.
- VOTES has not applied for funding from the City of Oshawa within the last two years.
- Evaluation of the request for a partnership grant includes a review of the application form and supporting documentation and comparison of the material against the criteria established within the Partnership Grant Policy.

- As indicated in Table One, this request does not meet all the approved criteria.

Table One

Criteria	Meets Criteria
Community support for program or service	No – It is unclear from the application package the community support for this program.
Need for financial assistance and that adequate funding is not available from other sources.	Yes – According to Votes application funding is not available from any other sources.
Must be on a proactive basis	Yes
Must be to non-profit organizations not individuals	Yes
Must not be to coalitions such as ratepayer or tenant/landlord associations or to support programs or services geared specifically to these organizations.	No
Must not support programs or services which are operated under the authority of another level of government	Yes
Funding must not be a donation to a charitable cause	Yes
Must not be used as a replacement for other funding sources	Yes
Must not be used for debt retirement expenditures	Yes

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- There are no financial implications associated with this report as the request does not meet the Council approved Partnership Grant Program criteria.

7.0 RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- The Partnership Grant program addresses the Community Strategic Plan objective of being:
 - a caring and responsive community through community cooperation, involvement and affordability; and
 - a vibrant, strong and progressive community by improving its image and arts, culture and recreation opportunities.

Original Signed By _____

Nicole Pincombe
Manager, Budgets and
Financial System Development

Original Signed By _____

Chris Brown,
Director of Finance

Ms. Nicole Pincombe
City of Oshawa
50 Centre Street South,
Oshawa, Ontario
L1H 3Z7

Dear Ms. Pincombe

Re: VOTES Request for Partnership Grant

Attached please find the VOTES application for a City of Oshawa Partnership Grant. All requested documentation and statements are attached.

I would request to speak to the committee considering this request and thus would ask to be notified when the request is being considered.

In the unlikely event that the committee turns down this request, I would ask to address the mayor and full council on the issue at the regular council meeting considering the committee decision. Therefore, I would also ask that I be informed of the date that council will decide on this issue.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Bill Longworth,
VOTES Chair
159 Spirea Court,
Oshawa, Ontario
L1G 6S8

March 20, 2007



Partnership Grant Program Application

The Corporation of the City of Oshawa (Hereafter called the "City")

Name of the Organization (Hereafter called the "Organization")

VOTES

Organization's Address (include postal code)

159 Spirea Court, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G6S8

Having requested a partnership grant from the City in the amount of \$25,000, the Organization agrees to the following conditions if a grant in any amount is awarded:

1. The Organization confirms that the representations contained in the application for a partnership grant are true and correct in every respect and that in the event that the funds are not used for the project or programs as described in the application, or if there are misrepresentations in the application, the full amount of the partnership grant will be payable to the City.
2. If there are any changes in the funding of the project from that contemplated in the application, the City will be notified of such changes through the Corporate Services Department, Finance and Purchasing Services, Budget Services.
3. That the Organization will make or continue to make attempts to secure funding from other sources as indicated in its application.
4. That the Organization will keep proper books of accounts of all receipts and expenditures, relating to the program, services or project.
5. That the Organization will retain and make available for inspection by the City or its auditors all records and books of accounts of the Organization upon request from the City which may be made within 2 years of the grant award.
6. That if the programs or services proposed in the Organization's application are not commenced, or are not completed and there remain City funds on hand, or are completed without requiring the full use of the City funds, such City funds will be returned to the City.
7. That the program or services not be represented as a City program or service, and that the Organization does not have the authority to hold itself out as an agency of the City in any way, the only relationship being that the City has approved and granted financial assistance to the Organization.
8. That should the Organization receive grant funding and subsequently disband, the Organization must dispose of their assets in a responsible manner that meets with the approval of the City.

CERTIFICATION

We certify that to the best of our knowledge, the financial and descriptive information provided is accurate and is endorsed by the Organization we represent.

Authorized Signing Officer #1

Name (please print)

W. Longworth

Signature

Original Signed By

Authorized Signing Officer #2

Name (please print)

Signature



Partnership Grant Program Application

NOTE:

The following are to be included with this application:

- (a) A statement of the organization's/association's goals and objectives, constitution and by-laws or, if a new group, operating guidelines
- (b) Copy of the most recent (audited) Financial Statements
- (c) Statement of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures (sample attached – please refer to instructions on the 2nd page of this form)
- (d) Description of services and programs offered and geographical area served by your organization.
- (e) Description of clientele participating or utilizing services/programs

Organization/Association

Name	Telephone
VOTES	905 579 3971

Address
159 Spirea Court

City	Province	Postal Code
Oshawa	Ontario	L1G6S8

Contact Information

Name	Position	Telephone
Bill Longworth	Chair	905 579 3971

Financial Assistance Requested

Current Year's Request (insert dollar figure)	Prior Year's Receipt, if applicable (insert dollar figure)
\$25,000	\$0

Certification

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the information provided in this Application for a City of Oshawa Partnership Grant is accurate and complete, and endorsed by the organization which we represent.

Name	Position with Organization/Association	Date
Bill Longworth	Chair	3/20/07
Name	Position with Organization/Association	Date

Office Use Only

Meets Policy Does Not Meet Policy (state reason)



Partnership Grant Program Application

Statement of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures (to nearest dollar)

NOTE:

A copy of the latest available (audited) Financial Statement for the fiscal year must accompany this application.

Organization Name

VOTES

Fiscal Year (month to month for 12 months)

From **Jan**

To **Dec**

	2005 Actual \$	2006 Projected Actual \$	2007 Estimate \$
(1) Expenditures	\$0	\$0	
Info Brochure to all homes			\$25,000
Business Cards/Duplicating			\$500
Internet			\$600
Total Gross Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$26,100
(2) Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants - United Way	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Province of Ontario	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Government of Canada	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contribution from Chair			\$1100
Prior Year's Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$1100
(3) Net (Deficit)/Surplus Before Grants from City of Oshawa (1) minus (2)	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)
(4) Grants from City of Oshawa	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
(5) Total Net/(Deficit)/Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name

Bill Longworth

Position with Organization/Association

Chair

Date

3/20/2007

VOTES

Application for Partnership Grant Program

Operating Guidelines

The group's purpose is to work to retain the ward system of electing city council. It will communicate daily via the internet site www.oshawaspeaks.ca throughout this term of council with the objective of informing the Oshawa public about the change to the general vote and what it will mean to Oshawa. This is important since there is no information being provided by any source and any democracy functions well only with an informed public.

Where jurisdictions plan plebiscite questions, it is basic to provide detailed information about the rationale, impact, objectives, benefits, etc. of the implementation of the question being asked and the history of its use in Oshawa. This has not happened with the Oshawa plan to move to the general vote.

VOTES was formed to step into the vacuum and provide the information necessary so that the people could debate and discuss the issue and make an informed choice.

The grant request is for the preparation of an objective and professionally prepared information brochure to be distributed by postal walk to all front doors in Oshawa.

Beside funding the printing and distribution of the flyer, part of the funds will be to hire acknowledged municipal experts to write and design the presentation of the material.

Audited Financial Statements

This is a new organization so no statements are available. VOTES, however, pledges to provide the city with a detailed accounting of all funds disbursed in the preparation of the information brochure and to return any surplus funds to the city.

Statement of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures

Attached

Description of Services and Programs Offered and Geographical Area Served

The group functions as an information providing source. The geographical area served is the City of Oshawa

Description of Clientele Participating or utilizing services

All citizens of Oshawa.

Jennifer Allan

From: Bill Longworth [bill_longworth@hotmail.com] → N. Pincombe
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 11:48 PM
To: clerks
Cc: newsroom@durhamregion.com; news@oshawaexpress.ca; jgerretsen.mpp@liberal.ola.org
Subject: Letter to the Mayor and Council
c. File 07/02/2879



To the Mayor and Council
c/o Oshawa City Clerk

Request for Funding and to Address Oshawa City Council

Council has approved a "Corporate Communications and Marketing Strategy (CM-07-07) with a number of stated goals. Goal "C" of this document has to do with "Establishing effective communication in response to key issues".

The change to the general vote is a key issue and yet council has failed to provide effective communication either before the plebiscite question or after and continues to deny the public adequate information leading up to the public meeting to be called for public input on this question. At is February 5, 2007 meeting, Council turned down motions to provide background information about this issue beyond simply providing the date and time of a meeting to be called to receive public input on a bylaw being prepared to revert to a general vote at the same time as maintaining the wards as a strategy to avoid an OMB "sober second look" at the change to hear evidence to judge if the change is in Oshawa's interest.

Holding such a meeting without the circulation of appropriate background information and what this change will mean for Oshawa is undemocratic and irresponsible as democracy requires an informed public. The "flyer" approved by council listing time, date, purpose, and location of the meeting is inadequate in informing the public and thus will not attract enough attention.

You will recall that the limited information distributed in regards to the public meeting having to do with placing the plebiscite on the ballot in the first place only attracted 2 people...hardly enough to gauge the public attitude about the issue.

Oshawa has recently seen fit to approve expenditures for a professionally prepared "Inside Oshawa—Annual Report to Citizens" 8 page "high quality" 11 X 16 brochure with photos, graphics, and information to be distributed by Canada Post to every household in Oshawa at an estimated cost of \$16,000 (CS-07-47). As well, they have voted to distribute information to every household re the discontinuance of collecting returnable containers as part of its residential waste program. I believe at least equally informative communications need to be distributed to all Oshawa households in regards to any change to the system of electing council which has a far greater long term impact than either of the above.

Oshawa does have a practice of funding community initiatives like Autofest 2007 (\$30,000), Block Parent Association (\$28,300 request—PBCS-07-39), Downtown Banners and Floral Program (\$29,200—CS-07-33), Partnership Grant Request for \$5000 from Driftwood Theatre Group, etc.

In light of the fact that the City of Oshawa has not seen fit to provide adequate information to the people of Oshawa, in respect of the change to the general vote, I would request funding of \$20,000 to prepare, print, and distribute a brochure to all Oshawa households and request to address council in respect of this request.

02/27/2007

Sincerely,
Bill Longworth,
VOTES Chair
www.oshawaspeaks.ca

Feb. 26, 2007

Cc: Hon. J. Garretson, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Letters to Editor, Oshawa This Week
Letters to Editor, Oshawa Express

Bill Longworth,
Founder & Chair of VOTES (Vote to Eliminate Self Serving Politicians)
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