

Title: Recreation and Arts & Culture Grants

Policy No: 7002

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Policy Statement: Woodlands County understands the importance of supporting recreation and cultural opportunities for all individuals.

Purpose: To continue to provide recreation, arts & culture and community services through enabling and supporting viable County created or County recognized agencies, organizations or groups rather than through a direct service delivery role.

Principles:

1. Organizations and/or their facilities must be located within the geographical boundaries of Woodlands County and not owned/operated by another municipality.
2. The organization must be a registered non-profit organization in good standing with Corporate Affairs and file annually audited financial statements, where legislated, with copies provided to the County.
3. Woodlands County will assist organizations with their operating costs based on their previous year financial audited statements and Agricultural Societies will be funded at net their agricultural society grant.
4. Community organizations that operate community halls and or campgrounds shall be funded at 75% including insurance, utilities, maintenance, janitorial, administration (bank charges, photocopy, supplies professional services.) Wages and honorariums shall not be included in administration charges.
5. Community organizations that operate community halls with arenas, curling rinks and/or museums shall be funded as follows:
 - Utilities 90%
 - Insurance, Maintenance, Janitorial 75%
 - Administration (bank charges, photocopy, supplies professional services.) 90%
 - Staffing 50%
6. In addition, organizations that operate community playgrounds shall be funded \$1000.00 per playground per year subject to annual inspection report filed with the County
7. Organizations that operate sports fields will be funded at \$1500.00 per year.
8. If a Community organization has surplus operating funds, the Community organization shall return the funds to the County. The County may establish an operating reserve with the funds for future needs.
9. Operating Reserves may be allocated to capital replacement projects subject to Council approval.