

# THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

**POLICY #1780**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the goal of this policy to contribute to community organizations on a fair, equitable, and arms-length basis.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

For many years Council paid cash contributions to sports and cultural groups and organizations that provide a benefit to residents of Montrose. The amount of municipal grants fluctuated between \$260 and \$1,600 per year. Applicants were required to submit application forms describing the purpose of the grant requested, indicating the level of participation by Montrose residents.

**POLICY GOAL:**

It is the policy of Council to remove the perception of political influence from the approval of sports and cultural grants paid by the Village.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. To pay a grant to be determined annually in the budget process to the Fruitvale Community Chest to assist in the funding of recreation, sports and cultural programs or events generally enjoyed by the residents of Montrose.
2. In each year, to require of the Fruitvale Community Chest to present a report of the distribution of funds received from the Village in the preceding year before paying a grant to the Community Chest for the current year.
3. Within three months of the initial adoption of this Policy, to provide a copy of this policy to all groups and organizations who received a grant from the Village in the preceding three years.
4. Following the adoption of this policy, not to pay grants that would constitute a duplication of this policy.
5. Advertising in programs or brochures for events staged in the Trail-Castlegar-Nelson area are exempt from this Policy.
6. Donations of Village pins and similar mementos to participants in events staged in the Greater Trail area are exempt from this Policy.

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