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## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**FROM:** Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance  
**SUBJECT:** 2025 Grant-in-Aid Budget  
**MEETING DATE:** November 25, 2025

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### PURPOSE

To advise Council that \$400 remains in the 2025 Grant-in-Aid budget. The Town has received a request for grant-in-aid funding from the Lake Cowichan School's senior girls' volleyball team who have qualified for Provincial Championships in Castlegar.

### BACKGROUND

At the November 4 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council inquired whether any funds remain in the 2025 Grant-in-Aid budget and whether those funds could be allocated to Community Services for the Christmas hamper program.

The policy states that the discretionary grant-in-aid is intended to provide financial assistance to an organization (the organization should be registered as, or belong to a parent Society under the laws of British Columbia and/or Canada) with the following objectives:

- One-time financial assistance for a specific project or event that benefits the residents of the Town.
- Preference given to organizations that are locally based and whose efforts are regional in nature.
- The Town will not grant monies for a "for profit" organization.

### IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Financial:** 2025 Grant-in-Aid remaining budget is \$400.

- b. Policy/Legislation:** Grant-in-Aid Policy would allow a grant-in-aid to both Community Services and Lake Cowichan School.
- c. Strategic Priority:**  
N/A
- d. Sustainability:**  
N/A
- e. Communication:**  
N/A
- f. Staffing Implication:**  
N/A

**Option 1** Provide a \$\_\_\_ grant-in-aid to Community Services (Christmas Hamper Program) and a \$\_\_\_ grant-in-aid to LCS School (Senior Girls Volleyball team).

**Option 2 Provide** a \$200 grant-in-aid to Community Services (Christmas Hamper program) and a \$200 grant-in-aid to LCS School (Senior Girls Volleyball team).

**Option 3** Provide a \$400 grant in aid to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Recommendation**

No recommendation is provided. Allocation of the discretionary grant-in-aid funds, if any, remains at Council's discretion.

Signed:

***Ronnie Gill***

Ronnie Gill, CPA, CGA

Director of Finance

Concurrence:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Nov 13, 2025

The Lake Cowichan School Senior Girls' Volleyball team has made it to provincials! We are one of 3 island teams participating in a 16 team tournament with schools from around the province. We have been ranked in the top 16 of 73 provincial teams so this is a huge accomplishment for our team. The tournament is being held in Castlegar on November 27-29, 2025 and 11 of our Grade 11/12 girls will be participating. They are very proud to represent their school and community at such a prestigious event.

We are reaching out to our community to request assistance in covering the cost of this tournament. With it being held in the Kootneys, we are looking at offsetting the costs for entry, tournament events, hotel, and travel for the four days.

If you are able to contribute to this cause or have any questions, please feel free to contact Noni Battye (teacher/manager) at [nbattye@sd79.bc.ca](mailto:nbattye@sd79.bc.ca) or 250-709-2813 (cell) or 250-749-6634 (school).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lake Cowichan Sr Girls Volleyball Team

Callie (Captain), Dixie, Jordyn, Courtney, Maggie, Ella, Taylor S., Abby, Kenley, Fally,  
and Taylor T.

Mr Battye (coach), Ms Clark (coach)

Mrs Battye (manager)



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