# Celebrate Markham Grant Program – April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 (2020-21) - Funding Recommendations

### **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) THAT the following 26 Celebrate Markham grants, totaling \$81,000 (maximum \$5,000 per applicant), be approved for the **Cultural Events and Programs Category** (as per Attachment 2):
  - a. Social Services Network for York Region receive \$2,500 for their South Asian Senior Heritage photo gallery conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2018 Markham Seniors Fair;
  - b. Vedic Cultural Centre Arya Samaj receive up to \$2,500 for their South Asian Heritage Month Celebration conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - c. Greater Toronto Community Engagement and Family Support Centre receive \$2,500 for their Seedling Exchange Event conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - d. South Asian Women's Group of GTA receive \$3,000 for their Eid Luncheon conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - e. Ebenezer United Church receive \$3,000 for their Touch-A-Truck Community Day event conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - f. New Step for You Arts, Entertainment and Recreation receive \$3,500 for their Trail of Hope project conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 3D Printing Pen Art Festival;
  - g. Community Resource Centre Markham receive \$2,000 for their cultural festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - h. St. Mary and St. Samuel the Confessor Coptic Orthodox Church receive \$3,000 for their Community Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Community Festival;

- i. Markham Cycles receive up to \$3,000 for their Markham Reading Ride conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- j. Maple Panda receive \$3,000 for their Canada Panda Cup Table Tennis
  International Tournament conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved
  venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project
  Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Panda Cup International Table Tennis
  Tournament:
- k. Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS) receive up to \$2,000 for their Youth Mental Health Day conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Film Screening "2035" program;
- 1. Sanatan Mandir Cultural Centre receive \$5,000 for their Navratri Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Navratri Festival;
- m. Canada One Family Network receive \$4,500 for their Age of Literati Cultural Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- n. United Hindus Federation of Canada receive \$2,000 for their Hindu Heritage Month conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- o. Cherish Integrated Services receive \$3,000 for their One and Only Artfest conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 One and Only Artfest;
- p. Markham Village B.I.A. receive \$5,000 for the Festival of Lights conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Festival of Lights;
- q. Indian-Canadian Organization receive \$2,000 for their annual community and cultural celebrations conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 Cultural celebrations;

- r. Kindred Spirits Orchestra receive \$5,000 for their annual programs and concert series conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- s. Dorcas Centre receive \$2,500 for their annual community and cultural celebrations conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-19 annual community and cultural celebrations;
- t. Youth and Parents Association of Markham receive up to \$1,500 for unrecoverable/non-deferrable expenses related to their Limitless Contest Series and Festival conditional on receiving and approving proof of such expenses and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 Limitless Contest Series and Festival;
- u. Centre for Tamil Heritage and Culture receive \$4,000 for their Markham Thai Pongal Vizha (2021 event) conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2020 Thai Pongal event;
- v. Boxgrove Senior's Community Wellness Club receive \$3,000 for their Tamil Heritage Month Celebration conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- w. Rolia Cultural Association receive up to \$3,000 for their Rolia New Year Gala conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- x. Markham Tamil Organization receive \$1,500 for their Tamil Heritage Programming conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2020 Tamil Heritage Month;
- y. Unionville Theatre Company receive \$4,500 for their 2021 Show (Pending Title) conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2020 Show;

- z. Ontario Band Association receive \$4,500 for their 2021 OBA Concert Band Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2020 OBA Concert Band Festival;
- 2) THAT the following 6 Celebrate Markham grants, totaling \$39,500 (maximum \$10,000 per applicant), be approved for the **Major Community Festivals Category** (as per Attachment 3):
  - a. Unionville Festival receive up to \$5,000 for unrecoverable/non-deferrable expenses related to their annual festival/parade conditional on receiving and approving proof of such expenses;
  - b. Markham Village Festival Corporation receive \$4,500 for their Markham Village Virtual Music Festival;
  - c. Unionville Presents Thursday Nights at the Bandstand receive up to \$10,000 for their Concert Series conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - d. Markham Jazz Festival receive up to \$10,000 for the Markham Jazz Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Markham Jazz Festival (including a 2019 compilation engagement);
  - e. Unionville BIA receive \$8,000 for the Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas (including a 2019 compilation engagement);
  - f. Centre of Sustainable and Integrated Design receive up to \$2,000 for their Ice and Snow Festival conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2020 Ice and Snow Festival;
- 3) THAT the following 16 Celebrate Markham grants, totaling \$35,500 (maximum \$3,000 per applicant), be approved for the **Seniors Clubs Category** (as per Attachment 4):

- a. Milliken on the Move Older Adults' Club Corp. (MOTM) receive \$3,000 for their Seasonal programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- b. Pustimargiya Vaishnav Samaj of Canada (PMVS of Canada) receive up to \$2,000 for their Seniors Annual Programs and Activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 Seniors Annual Programs and Activities;
- c. SEAS Centre receive \$1,000 for their Culinary Fusion Dishes Program conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- d. Markham Ward 6 Seniors Association receive \$2,500 for their Winter programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 Seniors Winter Activities Ward 6;
- e. York Region Evergreen Seniors Wellness Association receive \$2,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- f. Greensborough Tamil Seniors' Wellness Club receive \$2,500 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- g. Middlefield Seniors' Wellness Club receive \$3,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- h. Angus Glen Older Adults Club (AGOAC) receive \$3,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- i. Armadale Older Adults Club receive \$2,500 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the

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program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;

- j. Paradise Senior Association Markham receive \$2,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual programs and activities;
- k. Markham Brotherhood Seniors receive \$2,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- 1. Good Neighbour of York Region receive \$2,500 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- m. Happy Life Seniors Association receive \$1,500 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- n. World Parkinson's Program receive \$2,000 for their virtual Wellness Program;
- o. Optimistic Me to We Cultural Organization receive \$2,000 for their annual programs and activities conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- p. Unionville Home Society receive \$2,000 for their Creative Aging Through the Arts program conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019-20 annual seniors series;
- 4) THAT the following 5 Celebrate Markham grants, totaling \$28,500 (maximum \$10,000 per applicant but up to \$20,000 for International/World level sports events), be approved for the **Sports Events Category** (as per Attachment 5):
  - a. Squash Ontario receive \$3,000 for the 2020 Ontario Jr Silver Championships conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
  - b. Water Polo Canada receive up to \$2,500 for unrecoverable/non-deferrable expenses related to their 2020 16U Eastern Conference Championships and 14U

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Eastern National Championships conditional on receiving and approving proof of such expenses;

- c. International Table Tennis Federation North America receive up to \$10,000 for their 2020 ITTF Jr Circuit North American Open conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program and conditional on receiving and approving the Project Outcome/Financial Report for their 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus Canada Open;
- d. DanceSport Grand Prix Canada receive \$10,000 for their World Open Championships conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- e. Markham Speed Skating Club receive \$3,000 for their 2020 Ontario Provincial Circuit Meet #2 conditional on providing proof of a confirmed/approved venue for the program;
- 5) THAT subject to approval by Council, recommended applications be posted on the Celebrate Markham website for applicants' and the public's information, along with Council's resolution; and,
- THAT Markham Arts Council receive a net amount of \$23,400 (Celebrate Markham Grant of \$30,000 less 2020 loan repayment of \$6,600 for a remaining balance owing of \$13,200 as of December 31, 2020) for their annual programs and activities conditional on receiving and approving 2019 audited financial statements; and,
- THAT any Celebrate Markham grant applicant that is approved to receive grant funding during the current 2020-21 funding cycle and is subsequently forced to cancel their project/event due to COVID-19 public health restrictions, be given consideration for financial relief towards unrecoverable/non-deferrable expenses related to the project not exceeding 50% of the approved grant amount and conditional on receiving and approving proof of such expenses; and,
- THAT for any Celebrate Markham grant applicant that is approved to receive grant funding during the current 2020-21 funding cycle and subsequently decides to significantly alter/revise the way in which their proposed project/event proceeds due to COVID-19 public health restrictions (including a switch to virtual delivery), that if necessary to maintain consistency with the established funding category guidelines, Staff be authorized to adjust the funding allocation based on the applicant's revised proposal but not exceeding the originally approved allocation and not exceeding 25% of the applicant's overall revised budget, conditional on receiving and approving a revised work plan, budget and impact estimates; and,

- 9) THAT any Celebrate Markham grant applicant that is approved to receive grant funding during the current 2020-21 funding cycle and subsequently decides to postpone their project/event to the following funding cycle (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) due to COVID-19 public health restrictions, be given the option to defer their application to the following year, thereby forfeiting their consideration for the current year and have their application directly carried forward for consideration as part of next year's 2021-22 funding cycle, without having to re-submit a new application form, so long as the postponed event is substantially the same in size, scope and budget as the original proposal; and,
- THAT any Celebrate Markham grant applicant that has not met the insurance/venue conditions and/or Project Outcome/Financial Report requirements for grants received or approved for programs/events/projects that occurred prior to March 31, 2020 be given a final deadline of September 30, 2020 to submit their insurance/venue and/or outcome/financial report documents as a condition of receiving any previously approved but not yet disbursed Celebrate Markham grant amounts and further as a condition of remaining eligible for any Celebrate Markham grant for the 2021-2022 and any subsequent program funding cycles; and,
- THAT any previously approved but not yet disbursed Celebrate Markham grant amounts as per Recommendation #10, that are not paid out by September 30, 2020 (up to \$63,500) will be included as a favourable variance as part of the 2020 year end results of operations; and,
- THAT the remaining funds of \$71,500 (out of the \$256,000 available for Celebrate Markham community grant applications after allocating the \$184,500 recommended for approval in this 2020-21 funding cycle) will be included as part of the 2020 year end results of operations.