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519 Community Collective	-	24,500	-	<p>To fund one year of rent and utilities and upgrades for small appliances to ensure more than 100 seniors, individuals, couples and families continue to receive hot meals on Thursdays and Sundays, free Kids Movie Nights, Seeds for Kids workshop and hope to add other workshops such as budgeting and meal planning, men's breakfast social events and canning/preserving classes using produce from local farms and the urban garden, replace damaged shed and additional tools used for the urban garden at 365 Linden Drive, plan to offer garden programs for local residents, including a preschool garden project beginning in May 2023 will need to purchase learning materials such as books and other visuals/child-sized gardening tools, as well as soil and other planting materials, addition of 4 x Little Free Pantries ("take what you need, give what you can"), addition of 5 x New Beginnings Welcome Kits which include pantry items, cleaning supplies, bedding, towels and toiletries provided to women fleeing abuse and people who are homeless moving from the streets or a motel into their own homes in Cambridge.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee feels the program too closely aligns with other food assistance services provided throughout the City. The Committee recommends working together with other organizations in the community that provide similar services."</p>
Arcady	800	1,000	-	<p>Arcady has now been presenting professional mentored concert programming in Cambridge for 15 years. The response to these events has been extremely positive. All were performed before the maximum audience limits allowed when there were capacity limits in place. Arcady is made up of professional musicians who perform both locally and throughout SW Ontario. For local citizens, Arcady offers for them a professional performing arts organization that will allow them to hear locally the types of events that normally would be available only in large urban centres. We also offer, for the local population, events in which their own children can perform expense free.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee noted significant revenues from other sources and therefore did not feel the organization proved financial need from the City of Cambridge."</p>
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region	2,000	1,000	1,000	<p>To support our volunteer training and screening process. Volunteers provide over 50,000 hours of mentoring support to the children in our programs. The demand for our programs outweighs our current volunteer resources. With this funding, we want to streamline our volunteer onboarding and training by moving it all online. In doing so, we can train and onboard more volunteers. The children ages 6-16 who are currently on our waitlist for programming will benefit from the funding. Currently, we have over 100 children on our waitlist. These children are in need of an additional adult role model to help them. With the guidance and support of a mentor and these young people can gain the confidence to achieve more. Our mentors advise and challenge these young people and act as their champions.</p>

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Cambridge Capables	1,200	1,200	1,100	<p>To help fund our summer programming. This will include day trips, picnics, Cambridge Scottish Festival, Cambridge Rib Fest, and a variety of other activities for our members. The funds are used to help support the costs of the events (entrance fees, organizing etc.) Our members, who are residents of Cambridge with disabilities, will benefit through the opportunity to get out in the community and enjoy some local events and the social experience that come with that.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee recommends coordinating with Recreation & Culture staff to provide support and connections for recreation events in the community."</p>
Cambridge Cultural Association	-	8,500	1,000	<p>To organize a Multicultural festival (online or in-person). This helps recognize, respect, and value the existence of different and similar cultures; gives important to assessing the needs and strengths of each culture. It embraces democratic efforts and celebrates its strengths.</p> <p>Letter of Support provided from Councillor Reid and Letter of Support from Valerie Bradford MP Kitchener South-Hespeler and Bryan May, MP Cambridge (MP letter arrived on December 3, 2022 - after application deadline).</p> <p>Interview requested by Grant Review Committee to obtain more information regarding the specifics for 2023 event (e.g. is this event planned to be online or in-person for 2023? where/when is the event? etc.)</p> <p>Interview notes: 1st festival was at Forbes Park in 2019 with food, music, vendors, performers etc. and was well received. 2023 event will be held in person on Saturday July 22nd at Forbes Park. Honda Cambridge and Optimist Club will provide donations in 2023. A focus on children and mental health in 2023 and have a speaker from the health department. Will have music, bouncy castles, mini putt, food trucks, vendors, and celebrate Cambridge 50th with a focus on celebrating Cambridge's diversity. Committee recommends connecting with City Equity & Diversity staff to explore in-kind support and recommends funding of \$1,000 (approx. cost of bouncy castle).</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee recommends connecting with the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility staff at the City of Cambridge in future years for support and community connections."</p>

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Cambridge Highlanders Jr. B Lacrosse	-	24,999	-	<p>To fund new nets, shot clocks, medical supplies, team jerseys/shorts, team apparel for warm ups, team meals while on the road, transportation, chalk boards, lacrosse balls, sticks, floor, equipment,etc. Cambridge Jr. B players, staff and any other players in the future looking to make the team. This will alleviate the financial burden from the team, players and sponsorship. The funds will provide essential equipment and supplies so the team can properly function and operate in a safe and responsible manner within our community. This is the first year for Cambridge Jr. B Lacrosse within Cambridge. We are a non for profit Jr. B organization that works with the minor system.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee does not recommend funding in 2023. Funding for jerseys and travel are ineligible under the Community Grants policy. The Committee noted sport registration fees are typically used to cover these types of expenses."</p>
Cambridge Prevent Clinic: Healthy Heart Day 19	3,000	8,000	2,700	The funds will be used to pay for the events' expenses: Advertisement; videotaping, and editing; speakers honorariums; audiovisual technical support, to set up and manage the social media platforms; Heathy Heart Day 19 - Moving Forward : Ready, Set, Go! is a very timely event, and should benefits the citizens of Cambridge. Our expert speakers will speak to how the citizens of Cambridge can develop strategies to cope with stress, and motivate participants to make realistic, tangible changes towards a more heart healthy lifestyles, and to take control of their health.
Cambridge Santa Claus Parade	5,000	7,200	7,200	<p>To assist with covering expenses police expenses (for Hespeler road closure) and other operating expenses (advertising, first aid, float expenses, food, toilets etc.).</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee encourages your organization to seek more sponsorships or in-kind support to help offset the costs of the event."</p>
Cambridge Scottish Festival	-	12,000	10,800	<p>To support the operation of the festival. It will be used to provide food and training for the volunteers, pay for tee shirts for volunteers, buy material and equipment for the operation of the Games. The festival can bring 5,000 people to the Cambridge area. The grant money will support the venues, entertainment for the guests and provide seed money to support the festival. The end user of the grant money are the guests who attend the festival, locally or out of town, who come and enjoy a summer day in Cambridge.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p>

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Cambridge Sculpture Garden	13,940	13,940	13,940	<p>To fund liability insurance, water and irrigation maintenance, plants, mulch, tall grass cutting, gardeners, website, part of new temporary sculptures, sculpture maintenance and other site enhancements. Cambridge residents of all ages come to the park to relax and enjoy a quiet green space and improve their mental health in this crazy world. They also come to see what has changed in the garden. We also serve regional residents, tourists and visitors provincially, nationally and internationally interested in art venues.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee encourages your organization to show all in-kind services and discounts on products/services in future applications."</p>
Cambridge Tour de Grand Inc.	4,100	10,000	-	<p>To be used for expenses associated with the event, including brochure and posted printing, REACT, Waterloo Regional Police Services, lunch and rest stop food, website and portable toilets.</p> <p>Interview requested by Grant Review Committee to obtain more information regarding the specifics for 2023 event (e.g. Has the group reached out to other communities for financial support? Is there a possibility to increase registration fees? etc.) and to confirm if there are donations made to other groups by Cambridge Tour de Grand Inc. (as flow-through donations would make this group ineligible for funding under the Community Grants policy).</p> <p>Interview notes: Transition year for Tour de Grand with change in members, Mike Teglas taking over for Don Pavey. Increase in insurance and police expenses this year. Tour de Grand does give donation payouts to other groups. They have increased the number of routes this year. Committee suggested to reach out to Waterloo Region for funding and explore potential of increasing registration fees. Committee does not recommending funding.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The application is ineligible under the Community Grants Policy due to flow-through funding made to external groups (where the intent is to directly redistribute funds to others e.g. donations). The Committee recommends reaching out to other municipalities and seek out sponsorships for funding assistance and consider an increase in registration fees."</p>

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Child Witness Centre of Waterloo Region	8,000	15,000	15,000	<p>To directly support our Cambridge clients. We will walk with them through the criminal justice process, reducing the risk of revictimization and providing targeted prevention, supporting their long term mental health and wellbeing. On average it costs \$1,000 to support a young person who has been victimized by abuse or crime.</p> <p>Interview requested by Grant Review Committee to obtain more information regarding the specific impact in the Cambridge community, how many children are supported in Cambridge specifically?, What are the upstream impacts of these services? etc.</p> <p>Interview notes: Applicant provides comfort, support, education to children. 30 children on waitlist for assistance in Cambridge. 300 children in Cambridge are currently supported. Could potentially be supporting children over a 2+ year period. Demand increasing each year and has significantly increased since COVID-19. Children in the system are 4x likely to hurt themselves and 26x more likely to experience homelessness. 80% revenue comes from donors. They do not provide psychiatric support but can make referral for those services and have connections in the Waterloo Region. There is no charge for the use of their services. Police/Crown Attorneys will make referrals to this program and walk-ins are always welcome. Committee agrees to fund \$15,000.</p>
Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area (CAFKA)	-	10,000	-	<p>CAFKA is seeking \$5,000 cash contribution and \$5,000 in kind from City of Cambridge to mount it's next public art biennial in the City of Cambridge (Preston Area). The exhibition will have distinct and equal exhibition zones in Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo and CAFKA is seeking to formalize the same level of support from City of Cambridge as it receives from Kitchener, Waterloo and the Region - specifically that staff liaison from the city's hours are acknowledged as well as access to space rentals like the park, permits, etc are covered in kind up to, but not exceeding the specified 5000 request amount. The cash contribution of the funding would support project costs for installations mounted in the City of Cambridge as part of CAFKA's upcoming Biennial Exhibition, "Stay with me". This includes a project stream specifically dedicated to increasing regional artist participation with a defined focus on Cambridge artists.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "Due to the fact that the program was heavily applied to in 2023, the Committee could not provide funding. The Committee noted significant revenues from other sources and therefore did not feel the organization proved financial need from the City of Cambridge."</p>
Galt Horticultural Society	2,000	4,000	3,700	<p>To maintain the grounds and buildings at Ferguson Cottage on Grand Avenue. Our storage shed is subject to ongoing theft, despite strong locks and city help. In view of our involvement with Unsilent Night, we would like an locking outdoor electrical outlet. We ask the City provide a solution for security, at the cottage. Winter snow removal also tends to be a problem. Wheelchair access to the cottage via Barnacle Bills, perhaps lowering the curb. The GHS seeks only to beautify by maintenance to the building and grounds of Ferguson Cottage. Beneficiaries of this labour are the residents of Cambridge, visitors to the Hamilton Theatre and the new Gaslight district, among others who visit the area. Our works segues/integrates with the new footbridge, the sculpture garden and McDougall Cottage. We find many residents using the cottage for 'photoshoots'.</p>

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Galt Jazz	-	5,880	1,000	<p>To support the arts community as 76% of our funds will go directly to musicians while 17% to equipment rentals, essential to producing very high quality entertainment (sound equipment rental). This would include 5 events - First Sunday every month from June through Oct (approx. 4 musicians at each event).</p> <p>Did not apply for Community Grant funding in 2022. Funded from Galt BIA in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee is thankful for your work in the community and encourages your group to expand to other core areas throughout the City."</p>
Galt Jazz Dinner on the Grand	-	13,540	-	<p>To fund a long dinner event in Mill Race Park. We will have a self-sustaining caterer feed ticket purchasers. Costs include musicians, music production, advertising, portable toilets, rentals, EMS, insurance, security, planning. We will feature an 8 piece band to further enhance the celebratory atmosphere. This event will not happen without approved grant funding.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee believes this funding should not be provided through the Community Grants Program and instead should be funded through the Cambridge 50th celebrations budget. The Committee has made this recommendation to the committee organizing the events for the Cambridge 50th celebrations."</p>
Grand River Film Festival	-	2,500	-	<p>To support the operational costs of screening independent films in the city of Cambridge. Since COVID, the costs of film licenses and of venue rentals have significantly increased. Additionally, past partners like Cineplex Galaxy and Landmark have refocused their interests on their own business, and renting is no longer financially viable and they cannot guarantee a booking will be honored if it conflicts with their own business. GRFF prefers to work with local, independent businesses to bring our programming to the community. However, Cambridge lacks an independent repertory theatre equipped to screen high quality movies. Our investigation into potential venues in Cambridge shows there is no perfect solution. GRFF may have to rent additional equipment and make agreements in regards to film licenses that are beyond ordinary operations, to make existing venues capable of emulating our needs. This grant will ensure that we can hold events within Cambridge both during our annual festival and throughout 2023. GRFF has made an agreement with the Cambridge Community Players to make use of their facility for multiple events during 2023.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee noted a projected surplus in 2023 and therefore did not feel the organization proved financial need from the City of Cambridge."</p>

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Hespeler Santa Claus Parade	2,500	10,715	3,000	<p>To cover some major expenditures such as policing costs (\$1,800), tarp to cover float (\$3,000) and insurance (\$2,000).</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "2023 funding is intended to support the purchase of a tarp to cover your float, as requested in your application. The Committee encourages your organization to seek more sponsorships or in-kind support to help offset the costs of the event. "</p>
Hespeler Village BIA	-	10,000	-	<p>To fund walkqueen 2023. Every summer between June through September a section of Queen Street East (between Tannery and Guelph Ave) is reserved for pedestrian only traffic. Grant money will be used to fund quality entertainment and cultural events which are offered free of charge to the public.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee believes this funding should not be provided through the Community Grants Program. The Committee recommends reaching out to the City of Cambridge liaison to coordinate opportunities."</p>
Hespeler Village Market Inc.	5,000	7,500	5,000	<p>To be used towards marketing expenses, membership renewal fees and insurance. Marketing dollars will be spent on social media promotions, print advertisements and mobile signage in key locations. Operating expenses include membership renewal fees and insurance with the Farmers Market of Ontario. The remainder will be used to supplement the living rate paid to a market manager. Marketing dollars will have a huge impact on the success of the market. A sustained marketing plan throughout the season requires funding as evidenced by the success of 2022 market season. Both market vendors and local businesses located in the core will benefit tremendously by the increased foot traffic. Further growth will require the assistance of a market manager who is paid a living rate, allowing the board to focus on targeted marketing efforts and a sponsorship program for financial sustainability.</p>
Hespeler Village Music Festival	1,000	2,400	2,200	<p>Funding will be used to provide children's activities and operating expenses. The whole community benefits as we provide a free event.</p>
Inter Arts Matrix	1,000	5,000	-	<p>Funding for general operations. Mostly funded through project grants, funding our operations ensures that we have the staff to seek and administer funding from the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council, and various foundations. Inter Arts Matrix has programs that are open to people from across the Region. Specifically Inter Arts Matrix has been working with Idea Exchange to provide the following programs: - grant-writing workshops, clinics, and mentoring for artists at all levels of professional development - a series of media arts workshops for beginners, and early career artists - knowledge sharing activities around digital audience engagement.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee noted significant revenues from other sources and therefore did not feel the organization proved financial need from the City of Cambridge given the majority of the participants are not residents of Cambridge."</p>

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Junior Achievement of South Western Ontario	-	5,000	-	<p>To enable delivery of financial literacy programs to students in 5 classrooms in Cambridge. The grant would be used to pay for program materials, volunteer recruitment and training, program coordination and management, and administration. Approximately 120 Grade 7 & 8 students in Cambridge would benefit from this funding. They will learn personal money management skills such as budgeting, saving and investing. They'll also learn the advantages of staying in school and what's needed to succeed in today's workforce.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee noted significant reserves and revenues from other sources and therefore did not feel the organization proved financial need from the City of Cambridge. The Committee recommends seeking out sponsorships from community organizations."</p>
Keep Your Head Up Foundation	-	8,500	-	<p>To contribute to our overall mission supporting those impacted by traumatic brain injury across the Waterloo region. It will expand community outreach through offering six of our community education sessions over 12 months (January 2023 to December 2023) to youth sports teams in the City of Cambridge. The funding will be spent to support administrative costs, honoraria for program speakers, some additional program promotion and mileage to and from program sites. Athletes will learn about the ways to access support and navigate the decisions that they may be faced with post-concussion. This education program is an interactive learning experience with the goal to increase local youth athletes' knowledge about the effects of brain injury and the support and resources that KYHU offers within the community.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "Due to the fact that the program was heavily applied to in 2023, the Committee could not provide funding. The Committee recommends reaching out to other head/brain injury services within the community to coordinate services. The City can provide in-kind support to connect applicant to sports groups within the community."</p>
Latin Music on Queen	-	2,500	-	<p>To cover start up costs including the equipment costs that have been incurred to date such as speakers, audio equipment & accessories (chords, mixers, microphone, etc.), shelter (gazebo), tables, signage, social media advertising, and lighting. This is a free event that generates no income. We have also not received any sort of compensation or funding from the Hespeler BIA. This is a one man operation. The funding would act as reimbursement for all start up costs that have been incurred by Kira Wilkinson.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The application is ineligible under the Community Grants Policy due to the grant requesting funding for 2022 retroactive purchases (activities or costs incurred before grant approval)."</p>

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Monica Place	-	17,500	-	<p>To create a mural at our Cambridge facility that will show our commitment to being an inclusive organization and our commitment to equity. Our families will be an integral part of the planning process from design to content and production of the mural. With the use of different mediums and materials our goal is to create a piece of art that will provide sensory space while engaging in a story of our journey towards equity, reconciliation and inclusion. Our young families that reside with us in Cambridge along with those that belong to our outreach program and participate in drop in programs will be able to gather and reflect in this space.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "Due to the fact that the program was heavily applied to in 2023, the Committee could not provide funding for the art mural project. The Committee encourages your organization to apply in future years and thoroughly supports the services your organization provides to the community."</p>
Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services	10,000	15,000	15,000	<p>Formerly "Family Counselling of Cambridge and North Dumfries". Funding to support the staffing necessary for the expansion of our Women's Recovery Home to hire an additional peer worker in 2023-24. Our Recovery Home Peer Workers are past residents with experience recovering from addiction. They walk alongside our residents and provide emotional support, practical skill building, and referral to community resources. Over the last year, we have supported 60 individuals living in our Recovery Homes as they rebuild their lives in community. With a larger women's home, we anticipate supporting approximately 78 individuals in 2023. That's 78 people who will be able to live in a safe Recovery Home up to 3 years while they work on rebuilding their lives, reconnecting with family, and participating in community programming. The additional peer support worker hours (currently we have two 0.5 Peer Workers) will allow Porchlight to ensure we are able to expand on programming to meet the needs of this increase in residents. The need is there and currently our program has a 6 month waitlist, which could be the difference in someone's life or death.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee has noted that the funding is in support of the expansion of the Women's Recovery Home and to support the staffing necessary for this project."</p>
Preston Horticultural Society	1,000	1,200	1,200	<p>To purchase new plants, soil, supplies needed for the upkeep of Gore Park (spring, summer and fall plantings), rental expenses for Allen Reuter Centre, public speaker costs for guest speakers, cost of Christmas workshop on how to make centre pieces, summer workshop, and planters. Special Tree Planting or new park sign to commemorate Cambridge 50th.</p>

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Preston Lawn Bowling Club	-	10,000	-	<p>Funding will be used to: 1) widen the sidewalk from city street to entrance door to allow for safer entry by wheelchairs, and others using assistive devices. 2) Remediate the collapsing wall that abuts the above sidewalk. 3) Provide a wider step/platform at the entrance door (current step may not be to code) that will allow not only entry to the club porch during inclement weather but also safer access to the Green (the playing surface) It is our belief that this is a safety issue that will benefit all members and visitors to the club. We have had people stumble using the present step and others have slipped on the grassy area rising up from the sidewalk to the Green.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee believes that this particular capital funding should not be provided through the Community Grants Program."</p>
Preston Scout House Band Inc.	1,000	2,000	1,000	To be applied to annual operating costs related to our marching arts activities. These costs include rehearsal site rental, equipment maintenance and repair, web site maintenance, occasional meeting room rental, some out of town travel by bus, advertising and promotion and support for music programs as required by our constitution.
Preston Towne Market	5,000	5,000	2,000	The funds are used towards the operations of the market in addition to the fees paid by vendors to attend. Funds will be used to increase entertainment and community building.
Shelter Movers Waterloo Region	8,000	20,000	10,000	To continue increasing our service capacity and help move 50 Cambridge families next year, in a project to address the increased need for our services, through organizational efficiency and scaling. Funds will be spent on moving more survivors of abuse and transitioning them to a life free of violence. This includes training initiatives to educate our volunteers on proper moving techniques, crisis intervention, and mental health first aid, as well as some operational costs such as gas, rentals, and security, as needed. Cambridge families, primarily women and children, are in need of Shelter Movers' services and they will benefit from this funding by being removed from violent circumstances, enabling them to better their lives and helping them to move on from their traumatic past.
SPECTRUM Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space	1,000	1,000	900	<p>To support permanent paid employees. SPECTRUM ran entirely on volunteer power until 2021. We have been able to achieve some wonderful levels of success thanks to some very dedicated volunteers. However, this is not sustainable. Further, we know from recent surveys of our community and service participants that there is much more need for additional programs and enhanced services. In order to meet the need we must have permanent paid employees. This will help to ensure a level of consistency in our ability to respond to community requests and to ensure enough capacity for program design and delivery. We also partner with Idea Exchange on a monthly Queer Craft Circle.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee recommends your organization specifically indicates where services are provided within Cambridge on any future application to the City of Cambridge Community Grant program."</p>

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Stroke Recovery Association Cambridge and District	-	7,000	5,000	<p>The funds will be used to provide additional resources, programs and services for stroke survivors and caregivers. This will supplement the fund raising and membership fees. We are very appreciative of the support from the City of Cambridge, as we receive no funding from the March of Dimes-After Stroke. Your grant provides encouragement and moral support to the stroke survivors and care givers Stroke Survivors and care givers will benefit from the funding, by providing more meaningful programs.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "In addition to the funding, the Committee recommends your organization coordinate with the Recreation and Culture division at the City of Cambridge to provide stroke specific pool programming and discuss the potential to provide usable and appropriate in-kind space to your organization."</p>
Trillium United Church of Canada	-	9,200	-	<p>To initiate a program (Community Wellness Program) of health education events and personal care clinics to be run over a 12-month period. A team of volunteers and Trillium's parish nurse will coordinate these programs. 1) Health Education events: Four in 12 months for 40-50 people per event. Local specialists/professionals will be invited to speak on a health, wellness or safety-related topic followed by Q and A time and a lunch with time to socialize. Information related to existing local services will be available. Volunteers will welcome participants, prepare and serve lunch and administer an evaluation survey. Lunch provided on a pay-as-you-can basis. 2) Personal Care Clinics: Qualified service providers will perform foot care and provide haircuts and blood pressure monitoring on an appointment basis. Services offered on a pay-as-you-can basis. Funding will be needed for marketing/promotion, signs for events and clinics, food safety training for volunteers, to pay professionals providing foot care and haircuts, and speaker honorariums, administrative supplies and mailing, and food supplies for four lunch events.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Additional comments in letter to applicant: "The Committee feels the program applied for too closely aligns with programming offered through Allan Reuter Centre. The Committee recommends collaboration with Langs and Allan Reuter Centre to provide these services."</p>
Volunteer Action Centre Waterloo Region	8,000	15,000	8,000	<p>To support our work in Cambridge. It will provide the opportunity to focus support for Cambridge organizations and promote volunteerism targeted to support these organizations. Our ability to provide full programming in Cambridge is contingent on budget. We can and do provide significant virtual support for community organizations and potential volunteers. Funding permitting we would like to spend more time in Cambridge where we (Volunteer Waterloo Region) are still a relatively new service (2017). Currently funds allow us to provide consulting/professional services for volunteer programs throughout Cambridge; Coaching for new volunteers; current volunteer positions for residents to look for volunteer roles in community; and Peer networking.</p>

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Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program	-	5,000	800	<p>To be used for recruitment of volunteers who will be Block Parents in their communities. Recruitment activities include paid advertising through print and radio media, printing of brochures, colouring books for children, and posters for use in community information sessions, and maintaining the organization's web site and scannable QR code. Cambridge communities will benefit through the recruitment of volunteer Block Parent households. Especially residents who have limited their social activity through the pandemic. The window signs and offer of assistance from Block Parents supports safer communities, greater social connection between neighbours, and encourage healthier more active lifestyles.</p> <p>Did not apply in 2022.</p> <p>Interview requested by Grants Review Committee to obtain more information on how these services are used in the Cambridge community, what are the current backgroud checks that are in place for a volunteer position? where are they currently advertising to recruit more volunteers? etc.</p> <p>Notes from interview: This is a national organization. 51 block parents in Waterloo Region (12 of which are in Cambridge). No stats available on how many children have used a block parent. Plan to use radio ads on CKWR to raise awareness and drive traffic to website. They receive in-kind support for free vulnerable sector check and storage facility. Police check for anyone 18 years and older who live in the home and a house inspection is completed. Will look to add Children and Family Services as part of their vetting process in the future. Annual expenditure is \$5,000-\$7,000. Committee agreed on funding of \$800.</p>
Total Under \$25,000	83,540	322,774	111,540	