



**Village of Haines Junction
Report to Council**

December 17, 2025

☒ **Council Decision**
☒ **Council Direction**
☐ **Council Information**
☐ **Closed Meeting**

RE: Community Culture, Arts, Recreation and Environment (C-CARE) Program Awards

Recommendation

Council approves awarding of \$62,500 from the Community Culture, Arts, Recreation and Environment (C-CARE) Program as recommended in this report.

Background

C-CARE is a new funding program that was approved by Council on September 24, 2025. The program provides funding for culture, arts, recreation and environmental programming and events with the goal of supporting and enhancing individual and collective growth and well-being within the community. Eligibility criteria are outlined within the C-CARE Program Policy #48-25, available on the Village website <https://hainesjunction.ca/p/funding-opportunities>. Council established the total annual budget of \$125,000; to be allocated in two intakes/year (March 15 and September 15).

Council passed Bylaw #434-25, a Bylaw to Establish the C-CARE Program Committee, on October 9th, 2025. The Program Committee's mandate is to recommend projects for funding per the guidelines in the program policy, and to make recommendations on any needed improvements to the program policy following the first two intakes. On October 23, 2025, the following members were appointed to the Program Committee to serve until April 1, 2029: Laura Gorecki, Cathy Mackinnon, Stacy Menicoche, Patty Moore, Shawn Taylor and Councillor Sydney Mackinnon.

Current Status

The first intake closed on November 28, 2025. Ten applications were submitted, with a total ask of \$109,957.12. Funds available within this intake to allocate was \$62,500. Conflicts were managed by removing Program Committee members from evaluating any applications within a tier in which they were part of a project application.

The committee assessed applications using the Evaluation Form (appended to the Program Policy). Each application was given a consensus ranking by the Committee:

- Priority (project is ranked high and addresses Council's strategic funding priority) – Note, as Council didn't establish a strategic funding priority for this round, this rank was not used.
- High (project is highly recommended for funding)
- Medium (project has some shortcomings, is only recommended for funding if adequate funds remain after high ranked projects are funded, and shortcomings are addressed)

- Low (project has too many shortcomings to be recommended for funding in this round; encourage applicant to resubmit next round)
- Not eligible (project has not met the eligibility criteria, encourage applicant to resubmit next round)

Applications were evaluated by funding tiers. The highest ranked projects within each tier were awarded funding up to the maximum amount of funds available within that tier's funding envelope. Because this was the only intake in this fiscal year, the policy allows re-allocation of unspent funds from one tier to another tier.

Discussion/Analysis

The results of the Program Committee's evaluation are summarized below:

Group	Tier	Budget Requested	Project Ranking	Recommended Award
Junction Clay Club	2	\$3,928.35	*High	*\$3,928.35
SECS Photography Club	2	\$3,500	High	\$3,250.00
Haines Junction Weightlifting Club	2	\$5,185.87	*Medium	*\$4,500.00
Part of the Land...	2/3	\$10,000	Low	\$0
Creative Junction	3	\$6,510	High	\$6,510.00
Yukon Bluegrass Music Society	3	\$9,950	High	\$9,950.00
St Elias Seniors and Elders Society	3	\$7,682.00	Not eligible	\$0
Boys and Girls Club Yukon	4	\$25,000	Low	\$0
Junction Arts and Music	4	\$26,122.25	High	\$24,416.00
SECS Freedom of Colours Club	4	\$22,078.65	*High/medium	*\$9,945.65
TOTAL				\$62,500

*Conditional approval

Junction Clay Club – Total project costs are \$4,717.75 The club is requesting \$3,928.25 towards a workshop -- including instructor fees and equipment and supplies needed for the workshop -- which are eligible expenses under the C-CARE program. The club listed matching funds of \$789.90 cash and \$1,150 in-kind. This application is eligible to receive the full amount it applied for, providing it can confirm that the workshop is free for participants.

SECS Photography Club - Total project costs are \$13,250. The club requested \$3,500 to support twelve students in developing and showcasing work in a public exhibition -- including framing of prints, snacks, promotional posters and signage, memory cards and editing software -- which are eligible expenses under the C-CARE program. The club listed matching funding of \$10,000 in cash. The application is eligible to receive \$3,250 (as requested -- there was a math error in the budget table).

Haines Junction Weightlifting Club – Total project costs are \$5,685.87. The club is requesting \$5,185.87 towards the purchase of weightlifting equipment which are eligible expenses under the C-CARE program (providing they support the delivery of a program or event). The club listed matching funds of \$625 (cash) and \$500 (in-kind); making the project eligible for a maximum of \$4,500 due to the 25% matching funds requirement. Funding is to be awarded providing the following conditions are met; providing a description of the program that will be delivered with this funding to support the use of the facility, providing an explanation of how the facility will be made accessible to the broader community, and providing more information on how benefits will be measured.

Part of the Land Part of the Water Adventures – This application sought funding for two projects 1) Trapper Hat Workshop and 2) Ice Fishing Pilot Project on Pine Lake. The projects were assessed separately. The ice fishing project was deemed ineligible – trout fishing on Pine Lake has been closed for 10 years; while subsistence fishing for trout is permitted for CAFN citizens, commercial operations are not. The Trapper Hat Workshop, which was had several shortcomings – no matching funds, a weak plan for how benefits will be measured, two quotes were not provided for materials. The applicant will be advised of shortcomings and encouraged to reapply in the next intake.

Creative Junction – Total project costs are \$20,750.79. The group is requesting \$6,510.00 for a dance program and end of year performance and a polymer clay workshop -- including dance instructor fees, technician fees, and workshop instruction and supplies -- which are eligible expenses under the C-CARE program. The club has listed matching funding of \$10,840.79 (cash) and \$3,400 (in-kind). The application is eligible to receive the full amount it applied for.

Yukon Bluegrass Music Society – Total project costs are \$199,860. The society is requesting \$9,950 towards a free community concert, a community barn dance, and a local/regional artists budget -- including artist fees, technician fees, travel expenses -- which are eligible expenses under the C-CARE program. The society listed matching funding for the festival from Lotteries Yukon and the Arts Operating Fund. The application is eligible to receive the full amount it has applied for.

St. Elias Seniors and Elders Society – This application sought funding to cover costs associated with the rental of a small area within another business office to be used as a store front to provide seniors and elders with support services. Operating and maintenance costs associated with an organization's general administration (e.g. rent) is unfortunately ineligible under the C-CARE program.

Boys and Girls Club Yukon – Total project costs are \$81,748. The club is requesting \$25,000 from C-CARE to support the hosting of Shajé Kwa' Summer Camp -- including costs towards wages (director/coordinator and 2 frontline staff), merch, travel, supplies/gear and swag. The budget had several shortcomings – two quotes were not provided for items over \$1,000 as is required and included expenses that are considered ineligible in the C-CARE Program Policy. While the application provided detail on previous summer camp programming, it did not explain what programming will be offered this coming summer. The level of detail provided in the budget did not permit the committee to separate out what expenses might be eligible. The applicant will be advised of shortcomings and encouraged to reapply in the next intake.

Junction Arts and Music - Total project costs are \$35,030. The society is requesting \$26,122.25 towards the hosting of the Glacier Nights Festival – including artist fees, travel expenses, technician fees, producer fees, and volunteer coordinator fees – eligible expenses under the C-CARE program.

One expense – branded festival gear volunteer appreciation item for \$1,706.25 – was considered ineligible under the C-CARE program. The club listed matching funds of \$8,707.50 towards the event. The society is eligible to receive \$24,416.

SECS Freedom of Colours Club – Total project costs are \$31,190.70. The club is requesting \$22,078.65 to host an annual pride walk and community bbq – including painting of a progressive pride flag cross walk on Jacquot Street and Kluane Street where they connect to the highway – eligible expenses under the C-CARE program. The Committee discussed in length the two quotes provided for highway painting, and road work that is frequently done at the chosen intersections. The club listed matching funds of \$4,750 (cash and \$2,802 (in-kind)). The Committee allocated the funding remaining in the budget after higher-ranked projects were allocated funding, conditional on more information being provided on how benefits will be measured.

Asset Management Impact

If Council approves the Program Committee's recommendations, the full 2025 budget will be allocated.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities

The C-CARE Program aligns with Council's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal: Investing in the Community. By setting this goal, Council committed to supporting a connected and active community by investing in recreation, public spaces and programs that encourage resident participation.

Draft Resolution

THAT \$62,500 from the Community Culture, Arts, Recreation and Environment (C-CARE) Program be awarded as follows:

- Junction Clay Club \$3,928.35
- St. Elias School Photography Club \$3,250
- Haines Junction Weightlifting Club (Conditional Approval) \$4,500
- Creative Junction \$6,510
- Yukon Bluegrass Music Society \$9,950
- Junction Arts and Music \$24,416
- St. Elias School Freedom of Colours Club \$9,945.65

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