



CORPORATE SERVICES *Staff Report*

REPORT NO: COR 2022-022

TO: Council

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REVIEWED BY: Sharon Chambers, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Canada Community Revitalization Fund – Contribution Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT staff be authorized to enter a Contribution Agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, for the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) Grant in the amount of \$200,000; and further

THAT the CCRF grant allocation be utilized towards the Nith River Promenade Pathway project.

SUMMARY:

This report is provided to authorize staff to enter into a Contribution Agreement with FedDev Ontario on behalf of the Township.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario was created to strengthen southern Ontario's capacity for innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration, and promote the development of a strong and diversified southern Ontario economy.

REPORT:

As part of the Southern Ontario Prosperity Program, the Minister established the *Canada Community Revitalization Fund* to help communities, cities and towns build and improve their infrastructure to bring people back to public shared spaces safely, and to create jobs and stimulate local economies as they recover from the social and economic disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

A cross-functional team of staff from Corporate Services, Development Services, and Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services prepared and submitted an application for funding to support the Nith River Pathway, located in the downtown core of New Hamburg between the historic Hartman Bridge and Kirkpatrick park.

As part of the funding program, staff are required to submit a Council resolution authorizing the Township to enter into a contribution agreement with the FedDev Ontario.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report is aligned with the Strategic Plan goal of *Responsible Governance*, through the strategic actions of fiscal responsibility and infrastructure investments.

ACTIONS TOWARDS UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

This report is aligned with several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-Being
- Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Nith River Pathway project was included as part of the 2021 and 2022 Capital Program. The receipt of this contribution from FedDev Ontario is anticipated to allow the project construction works to be initiated in 2022. The total funding for this project is outlined in further detail below.

Funding Source	Amount
Rural Economic Development Grant (Intake 3)	\$ 48,000
Canada Community Revitalization Fund	200,000
Infrastructure Reserve Fund – Facilities	112,000
2022 Capital Levy	35,000
Trust Funds – Trails	90,000
Total Budget	\$ 485,000

ATTACHMENTS: None