

# Council provides \$15K in grants

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Every dime counted as Gibsons council agreed to provide grants of assistance worth \$15,000 to 14 organizations at Tuesday's committee of the whole meeting.

Faced with more than \$46,000 in requests, council managed to find some dollars for the lion's share of applicants, but the amounts doled out in most cases were far below the requested sums.

The largest single grant went to the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives, which will receive \$2,000 to make the Town-owned facility's first-floor washroom fully accessible. The group had asked for \$4,000.

The Sunshine Coast Community Services Society will receive four grants totaling \$4,250 — less than a third of the total

ask — for the parent and tot drop-in program, Children's Festival and Duck Pluck, victim services and cold weather shelter.

Deer Crossing the Art Farm will receive two grants each worth \$1,000 for Ignite 2014 and the Synchronicity Festival, Restorative Justice for the Sunshine Coast will receive \$1,250 and Coast Cultural Alliance will receive \$1,000 for the arts calendar and the Art Crawl.

Rounding out the

list of recipients were Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast (\$750), Sunshine Coast Lacrosse Association (\$750), ESPRIT Daycare (\$500), Sunshine Coast Film Society (\$500), Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (\$500), First Gibsons Venturer Scouts (\$500), Royal Canadian Air Cadets (\$300), Rising Tide Theatre (\$250) and Transition Sunshine Coast Canada (\$250).

The committee did

not provide a grant to the Gibsons Public Art Gallery (GPAG), which had requested \$4,000. Mayor Wayne Rowe noted that council, at its previous meeting, had voted to include GPAG as a line item in its budget, allocating \$2,000 for this year.

"At the moment it's too fresh," he said, suggesting the group could apply again during the second round of grants in the fall.

Council set aside \$5,000 for the September intake.