



1. Rationale

The Simcoe County District School Board recognizes that many organizations share in the education of the board's students through direct or indirect support or provision of educational opportunities. The Board believes that such contributions reflect the responsibility shared by the school system, the community and other agencies for education. To help ensure that a broad range of educational programs is available in the county, the Board believes it is appropriate by way of the payment of special grants to support those organizations whose activities and purposes are directly related to school programs.

2. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Board that special grants may be paid to organizations within Simcoe County which provide educational programs or activities for the board's students.

3. Guidelines

3.1 The total amount of grants payable in any year will be limited to funds set in the board's annual budget for this purpose.

3.2 To be eligible for a grant an organization must:

3.2.1 Provide a program or activity that is not readily available in schools and is directly in support of school programs. Priority will be given to programs of the following kinds:

3.2.1.1 cultural activities;

3.2.1.2 outdoor education;

3.2.1.3 health-promoting activities.

3.2.2 When admission fees or user-fees are normally charged, reduce or eliminate such fees for the board's schools.

3.2.3 Operate as a properly constituted, non-profit organization.

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- 3.3 Grants will be limited to a maximum of \$5 000 per application and made available on a one-year basis. An organization which is receiving a grant may apply to have the grant extended up to a maximum of three consecutive years.

The Board will require a review of services provided prior to the consideration of extending a grant for a second or third year.

- 3.4 Applications for grant support must be received by March 1 in the year of funding. Recipient organizations will be required to sign an agreement stipulating the conditions of the grant and the services to be provided.

- 3.5 Funds provided under this policy are intended as a short-time commitment to certain programs and activities. The Board will consider separately from municipalities, authorities and other boards, requests for participation in projects with a major or long-term financial commitment.

4. Implementation

The Director of Education is authorized to put in place procedures to implement this policy.

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