






Subject: **Policy #15-8, Rural Resident Connections Grant**  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023  
Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Coordinator  
Presented By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Coordinator

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approve Policy #15-8, Rural Resident Connections Grant, as presented.

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

### RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Policy #15-8, Rural Resident Connections Grant.

### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

As part of Council's four-year Policy Review Schedule, Administration presented a review of the existing grant policies at the June 20th Committee of the Whole Meeting. During that meeting, Council expressed interest in exploring a Rural Resident Connections Grant that encourages Kneehill County Rural Residents to engage in local activities and promote social connections.

Council discussions during the meeting revolved around several key points:

- They sought to utilize existing funds for the new grant program.
- Council would like to be the final approver for all applications.
- Would like to see reporting back measures put in place, so we can advertise these events and get recognition.

Administration crafted an initial draft of the policy. This draft was brought forth for Council review at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 19, 2023, and underwent minimal alterations.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The attached document contains a draft version of the new Policy #15-8, Rural Resident Connections Grant Policy. This policy has been developed based on the feedback and input provided by Council.

### FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for this program will be sourced from the current Recreation, Community Arts and Cultural Events Program. As a result, the funding for that program will be reduced to \$6,000, with \$4,000 allocated to support this new Rural Resident Connections Grant program.



**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:

Individual Notification

Other:

**ATTACHMENTS:**

"New" Policy #15-8, Rural Resident Connections Grant.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Council approve as presented.
2. Council amend policy.
3. Council receive for information.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

Administration will finalize the policy document, obtain signatures as required, and then communicate the new policy both internally and externally.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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