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To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Kathryn Reed-Garrett  
Director of Business Development & Special Events

Subject: Grants to Community Events in Wards 19 & 20

**Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that the Board receive this report for its information.**

**Background:**

At its meeting of May, 1999 the Board approved a motion to provide grants to community events in Wards 19 & 20, provided that a maximum of \$1,000.00 be allowed per group for services only and not facilities and further that staff report on requests for such funding and the 1999 experience.

**Discussion:**

In 1999, funding was made available to two non-profit community groups which activities were supported by Councillors David Miller and Chris Korwin-Kuczynski: (a) Parkdale T-Ball Association - \$900.00; Parkdale Then and Now - \$900.00. More recently, support in the amount of approximately \$815.00 was given to the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation to hold the Streetbuds Ball Hockey Tournament in the BLC during the 2000 March Spring Break.

The grant guidelines as approved have been effective without being onerous on the Board and have also been well received by the community groups involved. For example, the Parkdale T-Ball Association, which is operated by volunteer parents, would not have been able to provide the children with an annual year-end awards banquet were it not for the grant from the Board. This organization lost its regular venue too late in the season to raise any additional funds. As a result of the grant provided by the Board, the Parkdale T-Ball Association was able to use the facilities in the Queen Elizabeth Exhibit Hall.

**Conclusions:**

This report provides the information on grants requested by the Board with respect to 1999 and the first quarter of 2000.

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