



The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie  
**COUNCIL REPORT**

February 3, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
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RE: Outside Agency Grant Agreements 2025

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval of outside agency grant agreements for 2025.

**Background**

Funding for the outside agency grants was approved in the 2025 Operating Budget on December 9, 2024. The annual funding agreement identifies the activities and/or services eligible for funding, payment schedule, and reporting requirements.

**Analysis**

The list of outside agencies with annual funding agreements is provided below. In 2021, several new reporting requirements were added to each agreement as a condition of funding. Reporting metrics for each organization for 2024 can be found under Schedule C of each agreement under the related by-law located elsewhere on the agenda. Staff met with each organization to review the reporting metrics and updates were made to provide a clear picture of visitation and programming.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Funding Amount Requested – 2025</b>
Soo Arena Association (Peewee)	Tax rebate is estimated at \$24,509 an increase of 3.68% from 2024.
The Art Gallery of Algoma	Funding approved in 2025 is \$328,550 an increase of 30,000 from 2024.
The Ontario Bushplane Heritage and Forest Fire Educational Centre	Funding approved in 2025 is \$205,000, an increase of \$30,000 from 2024.
Sault Ste. Marie Museum (Sault Ste. Marie & 49th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society)	Funding approved in 2025 is \$290,000 an increase of \$30,000 from 2024.

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**Financial Implications**

Funding for the outside agency grants has been approved in the 2025 Operating Budget

**Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact**

The outside agency grant agreements align with the Corporate Strategic Plan Values of Accountability and Transparency.

**Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-laws 2025-15, 2025-16, 2025-17, 2025-18 are listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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