

Staff Report

Financial Services Department



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REPORT TO: Council Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2025

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DATE OF REPORT: June 18, 2025

REPORT NO.: FIN-2025-297

SUBJECT: 2024 Grant Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding grants for 2024.
- During 2024 the City of Kitchener received or was approved for \$27.2M of external grant funding.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

To support effective and transparent financial governance, staff provide an annual update on grant applications that have been received or approved. This report includes information regarding grants for 2024, and the five-year period since 2020 when staff began tracking this detail.

REPORT:

During 2024 the City of Kitchener received or was approved for \$27.2M of external grant funding. About half of this funding (\$14M) relates to the Building Faster Fund which will be received over three years if the City achieves their overall 2031 housing target.

In total, the City has received or been approved for \$204.5M in grant funding for the five-year period from 2020 through 2024.

Year	Grants Approved
2020	76,461,710
2021	23,193,051
2022	27,576,957
2023	50,022,862
2024	27,296,622
Total	\$204,551,202

Refer to Appendix A for more details.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Grant funding received from other levels of government or other third-party organizations help reduce the cost to the City to provide valued programs and services to its citizens. Without these grants, the City would have to consider other options such as:

- Increasing tax/user rates
- Reducing project scope
- Cancelling projects

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City’s website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- FIN-2024-298 Grant Update

APPROVED BY: Jonathan Lautenbach, Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – 2024 Grant Applications Approved or Funding Received