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REQUEST FOR DECISION

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To: Curtis Slingerland, CAO
CC: Board of Directors, CCRD
From: Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer
Meeting Date: March 10, 2022
Subject: Grant in Aid Allocations for 2022



Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District resolve that Grant in Aid funds be distributed pursuant to Option 1 - that funds are allocated on an equally pro-rated basis.

Option 1 – allocate funds on an equally pro-rated basis:

| Applicant | Area Represented | Request | Pro- rated to total request | Approved |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bella Coola Festival of the Arts | C, D & E | 300 | 123 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Arts Council | C, D & E | 500 | 204 | |
| Lobelco Community Club | C, D & E | 1,500 | 614 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders | C, D & E | 4,000 | 1,635 | |
| Bella Coola Community Support Society- Equine Program | C, D & E | 5,000 | 2,044 | |
| SHED Society-Bella Coola Legal Advocacy | All Areas | 5,000 | 2,044 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society | C, D & E | 8,600 | 3,515 | |
| Total | | 24,900 | 10,179 | 10,179 |

In terms of tax levy contributions, the following is a breakdown by electoral area. These numbers have been updated using the newly converted assessments.

Distribution by Assessed Property Values:

| Electoral Area | Tax levy contribution | % of GIA Allocation Tax Levy |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Area A | 3,827 | 37.6% |
| Area B | 92 | 0.9% |
| Area C | 3,583 | 35.2% |
| Area D | 1,964 | 19.3% |
| Area E | 712 | 7% |
| Total | \$10,178 | 100% |

Distribution by Population:

| Electoral Area | Population | Tax levy contribution | % of GIA Allocation by Pop. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Area A | 226 | | 6.3% |
| Area B | 1,193 | | 33.3% |
| Area C | 661 | | 18.4% |
| Area D | 403 | | 11.2% |
| Area E | 1099 | | 30.8% |
| Total | 3,582 | \$10,178 | 100% |

Issue/Background Summary:

A callout was sent on social media, on CCRD's website, and to Outer Coast contacts to advertise this years Grant in Aid. A total of 7 applications were received from various community organizations, totalling \$24,900. The CCRD had budgeted \$10,178 for the 2022 Grant in Aid allocations.

Attached is a Summary Schedule of all applications. Individual applications are available to Directors upon request.

Pursuant to policy and as a reminder of applicant eligibility the following criteria must be kept in mind to be considered:

1. Have a mailing address and contact representative within the Central Coast Regional District;
2. Be non-partisan, non-denominational and not for profit OR at the approval of the CCRD Board be a well-established community group;
3. Provide a service to the residents within the Regional District; and
4. Have additional funding sources other than the CCRD (i.e. other grants, donations, membership revenue, corporate donations etc.).

All applications meet the criteria above.

Policy/Bylaw:

Policy F-17 – Application for Grant in Aid

S.263(1)(c) provides that corporate powers of regional districts includes the provision of assistance for the purpose of benefitting the community or any aspect of the community. The Grant in Aid program was developed as a mechanism to provide that assistance. Section 273 of the *Local Government Act* prohibits local governments from providing assistance to industrial, commercial and business undertakings.

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

The *Local Government Act* s. 374(9) provides a maximum levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessment for granting assistance to community groups. The Regional District has committed to \$10,179 spending for the 2022 Grant in Aid year.

In 2021 the regional district apportioned a minimal administration fee (\$2,000) to the Grant in Aid service. In recent budget discussions, the apportioned administration fee has been increased to

\$15,262 in recognition of the amount of time and effort that is put into the advertising, review, assessment and reporting associated with the program.

The 2022 allocation to community groups of \$10,179 is a significant reduction due to the increase in apportioned administration. Because there was unspent surplus from the prior year, the 2021 allocation to community groups was \$18,760.

The 2022 tax levy for the Grant in Aid program is at the maximum allowed under legislation (\$25,369).

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

Advertising and posting, acceptance and review of applications, verify grant applicants are in compliance with policy, letters of success, payout and annual reporting, in addition to Board reporting.

Options for Consideration:

1. Approve Option 1 – allocate funds on an equally pro-rated basis.
2. Approve Option 2 – full allocation to SHED Society for all electoral areas and half to BCVSAS due to broader scope of covering more than the Bella Coola Valley.

Option 2 – full allocation to SHED Society for all electoral areas and half to BCVSAS due to broader scope of covering more than the Bella Coola Valley:

| Applicant | Area Represented | Request | Pro- rated to total request | Approved |
|---|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Bella Coola Festival of the Arts | C, D & E | 300 | 25 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Arts Council | C, D & E | 500 | 40 | |
| Lobelco Community Club | C, D & E | 1,500 | 116 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders | C, D & E | 4,000 | 310 | |
| Bella Coola Community Support Society- Equine Program | C, D & E | 5,000 | 388 | |
| SHED Society-Bella Coola Legal Advocacy | All Areas | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society | C, D & E | 8,600 | 4,300 | |
| Total | | 24,900 | 10,179 | 10,179 |

3. Do not approve the Grant in Aid resolution and roll over funds for next year.
4. Allocate the funds in any manner that expends \$10,179 or less, in total.

Submitted by: 
Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer

Approved by: 
Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer

| CCRD Grant in Aid Applicants 2022 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---|
| Organization | Area Location | In compliance w/ policy? | Amount Requested | Recommended Allocation | Description of Project |
| Bella Coola Festival of the Arts | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 300.00 | | Event funding requested for Bella Coola Valley Festival of the Arts on April 12-14, 2022. |
| Bella Coola Valley Arts Council | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 500.00 | | Operational funding requested. Projects undertaken include Festival of the Arts, Fiddle Fun, Children's Art Show, visiting performing artists, Art House Gallery, Arts & Crafts Fair, and Film Nights. |
| Lobelco Hall Community Club | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 1,500.00 | | Funds would go toward kitchen cabinet supplies and installation, kitchen stove and installation. |
| Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 4,000.00 | | The 2022 project includes repairing and replacing horse pens and funds needed to cover some of the costs for lumber, concrete and labour. |
| Bella Coola Community Support Society - Equine Program | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 5,000.00 | | Direct services for youth in educational, interactive and therapeutic equine-based activities that empower youth. Activities include a lixsanaw wa Alhxapaliikw Equine Summer Day Camp. |
| SHED Society - Legal Advocacy | All Areas | Yes | \$ 5,000.00 | | Funding is sought for 'Making Waves' Project: Marine Delivery of Legal Services and access to justice to the Central Coast including 6-8 site visits via boat to Bella Coola, Bella Bella, Ocean Falls, Klemtu and Wuikinuxv. |
| Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society | Areas C, D, E | Yes | \$ 8,600.00 | | BCVSAS undertakes the Community Harvest Program (gleaning) and any CCRD Grant in Aid monies would go toward wages for staff, and also takes into account the increasing gas prices for the increased demand in fruit pickers and allowance for temporary installation of e-fences. Some of last year's apples were shared with the Qqs Projects Society in Bella Bella. |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | \$ 24,900.00 | \$ - | |