



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-004

From: Teri Vetter, Financial Services Manager

Date: April 29, 2020

Subject: North Peace Division of Family Practice

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$100,000, payable from Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the April 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee passed the following resolution:

CW/20/04/07

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board contact the North Peace Division of Family Practice to ascertain whether it requires the \$100,000 currently budgeted for the UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and clarify its understanding of the reporting conditions placed upon it under Grant to Community Organizations funding.

A PRRD Board Director reached out to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in advance of the recommendation being considered by the Board, and in return the financial reporting of how the grant money was spent and the policies the society uses to disburse the money were forwarded to PRRD staff. The NP Division of Family Practice policy and 2019 revenue and expenses report are attached for the Board's information.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$50,000, payable from Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and allocate the remaining \$50,000 to another use within the Grants to Community Organizations budget.
2. That the Regional Board decline to authorize a grant to the North Peace Division of Family Practice in support of their UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and allocate the \$100,000 to another use within the Grants to Community Organizations function.
3. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, \$100,000 will be released to the North Peace Division of Family Practice.

As per the attached NP Division of Family Practice Financial Report, the Society had a carry forward balance of \$67,439.00 on March 31, 2019, prior to receiving the \$100,000 grant from the PRRD in July of 2019. The Society spent \$55,756 in 2019 to assist resident doctors in the region with rent, exam fees and living expenses, as per their policies, and paid two signing bonuses in the amount of \$10,000 to two physicians who agreed to remain in the region for a minimum of one year in a full scope family practice. At December 31, 2019, the Society reported a surplus/balance of \$111,682.00.

The current balance in Grants to Community Organizations, Medical Recruitment, is \$275,000; comprised of \$100,000 for the North Peace and \$75,000 for the South Peace, plus the \$100,000 originally earmarked for Northern Health for their recruiter position, that the Committee of the Whole recommended that the Board to allocate to another use within the Grants to Community Organizations budget.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Board's decision will be communicated to the North Peace Division of Family Practice.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. December 31, 2019 North Peace Division of Family Practice Policy for Use of PRRD Funds
2. North Peace Division of Family Practice Financial Report
3. May 22, 2019 Letter from PRRD to NPDPF re: Reporting Requirements