



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-174

From: Health Care Scholarship Committee

Date: April 15, 2021

Subject: April 1, 2021 Health Care Scholarship Committee Recommendation

The following recommendation from the April 1, 2021, Health Care Scholarship Committee Meeting is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize that the expansion of the PRRD Health Care High School Non-Degree (and Degree) Scholarship program, to be able to consider applications from students entering **degree** programs, applies **only** to RN degree program applications and not other medical degree programs.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the April 1, 2021 Health Care Scholarship Committee Meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

On February 11, 2021, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Regional Board add the ability to consider applications from students entering degree programs to the "Health Care High School Non-Degree Scholarship" eligibility criteria.

At the April 1, 2021, Health Care Scholarship Committee Meeting, the Chief Financial Officer provided the Committee with a letter sent to school counselors within the region regarding the application forms and eligibility for health care scholarships in advance of this year's graduating class scholarship program roll out and intake. The Committee was asked to clarify if the intention was to expand the eligibility for high school health care scholarships to a wide range of range of medical degree programs (ie: medical lap technology degree, sonography degree, dietician degree) or to accept applications in this scholarship program only from students pursuing a Registered Nursing degree. The resolution above specifies that the expanded eligibility applies only to applications from Registered Nursing degree program students, and NOT the many other medical degree programs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

High School Health Care Scholarships are currently funded from 2020 surplus funds, while the Regional Board works to establish a Health Related Services Grant in Aid function (Bylaw 2445) that will include the authority to requisition for health care scholarships, which were previously funded through Function 110 - Legislative Regional and Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations.

In 2020, \$9,000 was budgeted and used in 2020 from Function 110.

There was \$6,000 budgeted for High School Health Care Scholarships in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, in 2020, none of which was expensed due to \$9,000 being budgeted in Function 110 – Legislative Regional, all of which was expensed. The \$6,000 has been carried forward, and an additional \$9,000 is allocated in Function 275 for high school health care scholarships, for a total of \$15,000 available in 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If Board approval is obtained, staff will notify the School Districts within the region.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Health Related Services Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 32445, 2021 was given three readings at the March 25th Board meeting and submitted to the Ministry for approval. If approved, assent voting will occur on July 17, 2021 to seek approval of the electors.

Attachments:

1. PRRD Health Care Scholarship Programs – Summary Matrix.