



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: ADM-RBAC-001

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: May 11, 2020

Subject: Northern Development Initiative Trust Community Foundation Matching Grants Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee receive the report titled “Northern Development Initiative Trust Community Foundation Matching Grants Program” dated May 11, 2020 for discussion.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On April 23, 2020, the Regional Board resolved

“That the Regional Board authorize the Electoral Area Manager to contact Chris Maundrell, Adlard Environmental Ltd., to discuss the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation’s applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Foundation Matching Grants program, and request clarification of its proposal as it relates to support and possible funding from Electoral Areas ‘B’ and ‘C’”.

The Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Community Foundation Matching Grants program provides each electoral area with funding to assist with the establishment or supporting a dedicated endowment within a registered community foundation.

Every dollar raised within the community is matched by Northern Development up to \$50,000 yielding a potential endowment account value of \$100,000 for each electoral area.

Discussions with NDIT and Chris Maundrell indicated that the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation is not eligible to apply to the Community Foundation Matching Grants program as only municipalities and regional districts are eligible to apply. Further, if the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) applied for the funding on behalf of each electoral area, the PRRD could not give the funds to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation for their endowment as hospital foundations are singularly focused and the Community Foundation Matching Grant program was established to support foundations that support a broad range of community and social development initiatives.

Application and Program Requirements

- The municipality or regional district electoral areas must be located within Northern Development’s service region.
- Funding must support community development.
- Successful applicants are required to report on the key deliverables for a two year period after matching funding is provided.
 - Current total fund value of the foundation

- Number of projects funded (most recent year)
- Total dollars invested in projects (most recent year)
- Identify if the foundation is administered by a larger community foundation organization.
- Identify other project funding sources in addition to Northern Development’s funding, including verification of approval and/or proof of payment/deposit.
- A resolution of support by the respective local government.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Attachments:

1. Community Foundation Matching Grants Application Guide