



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-116

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 25, 2021

Subject: Grant Request – Clearview Arena Society

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$5,000, payable from the COVID-19 Reserve Fund, to be issued to Clearview Arena Society to assist with revenue shortfalls incurred as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions on public events.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Clearview Arena Society is requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to help offset some of their financial losses. The applicant indicates these losses are directly related to the COVID-19 public safety restrictions implemented by the Province to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in communities. The attached grant application demonstrates that a lower number of arena users and the inability to operate the arena concession greatly reduced the amount of annual profit typically generated compared to the amount of profit generated when operating within parameters of the imposed public restrictions.

Since 2005, the Regional District has provided a total of \$2,583,071.63 in grant contributions to Clearview Arena Society. A total of \$2,283,050 has been issued to support the annual operating and management of the Clearview Arena, and \$300,021.63 has been issued to assist the various improvement projects to maintain the facility.

Clearview Arena Society is a registered not-for-profit society in good standing with the *Societies Act of BC* who operates within the boundaries of Electoral Area B. Their primary function is to operate and manage Clearview Arena in a safe and efficient manner to promote physical activity through skating for individuals and teams.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the grant application from Clearview Arena Society and provide no grant funding to assist with the organization's revenue shortfalls incurred as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- New and Emerging Issues
- COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

- A total of \$216,800 was allocated from the COVID-19 Reserve Fund to provide grants to not-for-profit organizations.
- As of October 31, 2021, a total of \$16,280 in grant funding has been paid out resulting in a remaining balance of \$200,520.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be notified in writing of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee’s decision, and if grant funding is approved, will be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – Clearview Arena Society

External Links:

1. [COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant-in-Aid Policy 0340-64](#)