



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-117

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 25, 2021

Subject: Grant Request – Golata Creek Recreation 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 Golata Creek Recreation Society to assist with facility reopening and operating costs incurred as a result of the closure of the facility due to COVID-19.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Golata Creek Recreation Society's primary function is to operate and manage Golata Creek Hall to provide a community gathering place for recreational and cultural activities and events. The Society has not been able to operate the hall since the Province implemented COVID-19 health pandemic restrictions in March of 2020. This has led to a significant reduction in revenue, with only a small amount being generated from the renting out of tables and selling of some historical books.

Unfortunately, in addition to the negative impacts from COVID-19, the hall suffered some damage due to a major power outage in the area which caused the water system to freeze. As a result, the water has been shut off to the facility and a number of repairs need to be made before the hall can once again be safely used by the public. Golata Creek Recreation Society is seeking a grant of \$5,000 to assist with the replacement of the water tank, pressure pump, pressure, and plumbing fittings as well as complete some repairs to the roof. A quote for the cost of the repairs has been provided with the attached grant application. A portion of the grant funding will also be used to assist with the payment of some utilities expenses.

The Regional District has provided a total of \$108,546.92 in grant contributions to assist Golata Creek Recreation Society with operating of the Golata Creek Hall, since 2006. Golata Creek Recreation 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.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the grant application from Golata Creek Recreation Society and provide no grant funding to assist with facility reopening and operating costs incurred as a result of the closure of the facility due to COVID-19.
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 – Golata Creek Recreation Society

External Links:

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