



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-012

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 5, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – Clearview Arena Society – Ventilation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$160,000, payable from Community Works Gas Tax, to be issued to Clearview Arena Society to assist with the cost of installing a new ventilation system at the Clearview Arena.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The current ventilation system for the Clearview Arena is no longer efficient and cannot maintain adequate air circulation to provide an optimal environment for ice maintenance. This problem is most prevalent during the early season initial ice making periods when the relative humidity of the facility is between 80% and 90%. This results in an excessive amount of moisture build up, longer ice installation times, and longer compressor run times; yielding an increase energy consumption.

This issue was identified as part of a recent facility assessment study completed by Force Engineering, where it recommended to the Clearview Arena Society that a dehumidifying system be installed in the arena to reduce indoor fog conditions, and maintain the structural integrity of the building by reducing condensation and corrosion.

Funding for this project has been allocated as stated in the Financial Considerations section of this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the \$160,000 grant request from Clearview Arena Society and provide no grant funding to assist with the cost of installing a new ventilation system at the Clearview Arena.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

On February 20, 2020, an allocation in the amount \$150,000 was committed to the budget, for Function 260 – Clearview Arena, for this project as per the resolution below:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee allocate \$150,000 from Gas Tax to the Clearview Arena draft 2020 budget (Function 260), for the Clearview Arena Society to purchase and install a dehumidification system and amend the 2020 Draft Budget for Function 260 – Clearview Arena to:

1. Increase Transfer from Gas Tax Reserve - \$150,000
2. Increase Grant to Organization - \$150,000

On April 16, 2020, the allocation was amended to increase the budget commitment amount by \$10,000, for a total of \$160,000, as per the resolution below:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee increase the Clearview Arena Society's Arena Dehumidification System project by \$10,000, for a total budget of \$160,000, payable from Community Works Gas Tax; further, that the budget be amended by:

1. Increasing Transfer from Gas Tax reserve - \$10,000
2. Increasing Grants to Organizations - \$10,000

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be advised in writing of the Committee's decision.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application