



# REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-011

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 5, 2020

**Subject: Grant Request – South Peace Arts Society – Heart Work Project**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a \$7,000 grant, payable from Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, to be issued to the South Peace Arts Society to support the Heart Work project.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On April 16, 2020, the South Peace Arts Society attended the Electoral Area Directors Committee (EADC) meeting to present information on the Create at Home Project, now called Heart Work. The project will serve all areas of the Regional District, and will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to express themselves through art, at a time when so many day-to-day routines and supports have been disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of the delegation to EADC, an item was brought forward to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting held later that same day, where the following resolution was made:

### *MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED*

The Rural Budgets Administration Committee directed staff to contact the school districts to see if they are distributing art packages to the children while at home due to COVID-19, and further requested that the Dawson Creek Art Gallery/South Peace Art Society be asked to submit a grant application for their project.

The total cost of this project is \$20,000. The South Peace Arts Society is requesting a grant contribution of \$7,000, and the project is contingent on this funding. The Society has received a total of \$13,000 toward the cost of the project from other contributors, as listed below:

BC Gaming	\$ 3,000
City of Dawson Creek	5,000
Young Canada Works	4,000
<u>United Way of Northern BC</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	\$13,000

A detailed description of the project and its budget can be found in the attached grant application.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the \$7,000 grant application from the South Peace Arts Society and provide no grant funding for the Heart Work project.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

As of May 31, 2020 the balance available for Peace River Agreement funds in each of the Electoral Areas was:

Area B	\$1,976,719.08
Area C	\$2,906,097.07
Area D	\$1,071,941.98
Area E	\$1,854,099.63

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

The applicant will be notified in writing of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee's decision and, if supported, be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application