



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-010

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 8, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – District of Chetwynd, Wild-land Fire Protection Unit

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$25,000, payable from Electoral Area E Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, to be issued to the District of Chetwynd to assist with the purchase of a Wild-land Fire Protection Unit.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The District of Chetwynd is requesting a \$25,000 grant to support the District of Chetwynd Volunteer Fire Department in the purchase a Wild-land Fire Protection unit that will enhance the department's ability to access remote and/or hard to reach fires, beyond the range of the existing fire hydrant network. The total cost of the unit is \$100,000. Other sources of funding include:

District of Chetwynd	\$50,000
Union of British Columbia Municipalities	\$25,000

Please refer to the attached grant application for further information.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the \$25,000 grant request from the District of Chetwynd and provide no grant funding to support the purchase of a Wild-land Fire Protection Unit.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery
- ☒ Enhance Emergency Planning and Response Capacity

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of May 31, 2020 the balance available for Electoral Area E, Peace River Agreements was \$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 PRRD for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application