



File: 1150-20

Agreement #: GR23HRA011

Kari Bondaroff
General Manager of Environmental Services
Peace River Regional District
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Dear Kari Bondaroff:

Thank you for your request for funding as outlined in your submission dated **December 15, 2022** (the “Proposal”), incorporated into this grant agreement (the “Agreement”) as Appendix A - Proposal

The Ministry of Forests (the “Province”, “we”, “us”, or “our” as applicable) is pleased to provide Peace River Regional District (the “Recipient”, “you”, or “your” as applicable) a grant in the amount of **\$30,000.00** payable to you March 31, 2023 to support your purpose and plans as outlined in the Proposal. It is anticipated this financial contribution will assist you with your invasive plant/noxious weed coordination and awareness program, annual workplan development and implementation, and data management through the Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) application or InvasivesBC (due to launch in 2023) (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/iapp>) that support your program delivery under the *Weed Control Act* and local weed bylaws.

Under this grant agreement (the “Agreement”), any funds provided by the Province to the Recipient that cannot be committed to the achievement of this Agreement’s purpose, objectives and goals must be returned to the Province upon written request.

This Agreement starts upon its execution and ends **March 31, 2024**.

Further to this, the Province requires reporting on the status of achievements in relation to this funding and financial information as follows:

- The Recipient must make all reasonable efforts to respond to ad-hoc requests by the Province for information on Project progress. The Recipient must also advise the Province immediately of any substantial events that could impact the Project timeline.

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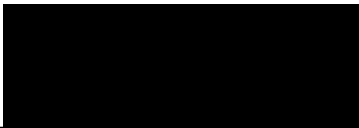
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- No later than thirty days after the end of the Agreement, we require the Recipient to provide the Province with a narrative summary of the achievements of the Recipient as a result of the funding, and a statement of revenues and expenses that includes all funding sources and categorized expenses.

We wish you success in achieving the objectives of this Agreement and encourage you to contact ministry staff for any further assistance you may require.

Yours truly,



David Borth, Director
Ministry of Forests

March 29,2023

Date

Attachment: Appendix A - Proposal

Appendix A – Proposal



MINISTRY OF FORESTS
INVASIVE PLANT TRANSFER PAYMENT APPLICATION
for
Coordination and Awareness Activities and Local Gov Invasive Plant Programs

Applicant: Peace River Regional District
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Please complete the following four sections or identify if not applicable to your current invasive plant/noxious weed program.

1. Brief description of the way your organization delivers its invasive plant program, including a list of partner organizations. Please specify any First Nations partnership:

The PRRD plays a vital role in providing a variety of regional, sub-regional and local services that are valued by our residents and contribute to a high quality of life. We collaborate with other local governments, First Nations, agencies and volunteer organizations to deliver services and address challenges and needs in the region. The goal of the Invasive Plant Program is to protect the regional economy, environment and social values from invasive plants and to ensure that existing infestations are managed using an integrated pest management approach. The focus of the program is to ensure prevention, reporting, eradication, containment, rehabilitation and inventory. The PRRD actively engages and coordinates with partner organizations within the region to follow the goals of the program. The PRRD actively engages with the following First Nations and partner organizations:

West Moberly
Saulteau
Prophet River
Blueberry
Halfway
Doig
Kelly Lake Metis
Peace River Forage Association
Grain Producers
City of Dawson Creek
District of Chetwynd
District of Taylor
City of Fort St John
District of Tumbler Ridge
District of Hudson's Hope
Village of Pouce Coupe

2. Level of compliance and enforcement activity (Local Government Programs Only):

In 2022, the PRRD amended the Invasive Plant Control Bylaw to focus enforcement and compliance efforts on education and awareness. The bylaw outlines a progressive three-step compliance model. In the event of a complaint the PRRD will:

1. Administer educational invasive plant resources to the landowner. The information includes plant identification information, impacts and controls methods.
2. Issue a warning notice – if compliance is not achieved through Step 1, a warning notice will be provided to the landowner. The warning notice is provided in the form of a doorknocker. Residents have 5 days to comply with the notice.
3. Refer the file the Ministry appointed Compliance and Enforcement Officers for enforcement – if compliance isn't achieved via Step 2, the file will be forwarded to the Ministry of Forests Compliance and Enforcement Officers to implement enforcement mechanisms in the Weed Control Act.

3. Education and awareness activities planned:

In 2023, the PRRD endeavours to:

- Provide invasive plant control and awareness grants to regional First Nations interested in prevention and control of invasive plant infestations in their communities.
- Continue to offer Regional support to stakeholders through invasive plant ID, outreach materials, integrated pest management planning information, and best management practices.
- Continue to utilize “Weedy Wednesday” Facebook posts to promote events, highlight invasive plant species, and offer information about integrated pest management techniques.
- Continue to support the ISCBC programs.
- Participate in provincial coordination meetings and interprovincial meetings as requested and applicable.
- Continue to collaborate with industry to promote Best Management practices by offering plant identification resources, and offering free commercial dumping at the three local landfills and four manned transfer stations.
- Continue to work with all levels of government and municipalities to increase awareness of invasive plant species through joint inspections and sharing of outreach materials.

4. Nature of any cost/share treatment programs with private landowners:

If successful, the PRRD will provide grants to fund the cost of survey, treatment and control programs for interested First Nations in the region. Funds may be used to offset treatment and control costs incurred by First Nations treating and controlling invasive plant infestation in their communities.

Total Requested: \$50,000

Application Date: December 15, 2022