



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-306

From: Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 25, 2024

Subject: 2024 Rural Recreational and Cultural Grant-in-Aid Allocations**RECOMMENDATION #1:**

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the following 2024 Electoral Area C grant contribution amounts for Function 280 - Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
North Peace Historical Society	Internal Building Maintenance	\$10,875.00
Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club	Insurance + Hydro Costs	\$4,000.00
Tse'k'wa Heritage Society	Insurance	\$11,727.00
North Peace Gradfest Society	Gradfest Event	\$2,500.00

RECOMMENDATION #2:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the following 2024 Electoral Area B grant contribution amounts for Function 280 - Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid:

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
King's Valley Christian Camp Society	New washhouse, Insurance, New lawnmower, cabin 415 renovations, upper room project completion	\$70,487.28
Montney Recreation Commission	Insurance, Sound system purchase, church improvements, gates, and signs for advertising	\$29,907.72
North Peace 4-H District Council	Insurance	\$1,000.00
Buick Creek Community Club	Insurance, upgrading chairs and tables, magnetic signs.	\$23,280.21
Rose Prairie Curling Centre	Insurance, 2 metal door replacements	\$5,108.00
North Peace Historical Society	External Building Maintenance	\$10,875.00
Rock of Ages Bible Camp	Insurance and Hydro Installation	\$4,000.00
NEW BC Peace Chapter - Working Equitation Canada	Purchase of a commercial grade dressage arena kit	\$9,000.00
Osborn Community Hall	Insurance + Mobile toilet	\$4,800.00

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
Cecil Lake Recreation Commission	Insurance + Universal Ball Court + Cement wheelchair ramp pad + high temp dishwasher repair	\$16,774.28
North Peace Gradfest Society	Gradfest Event	\$2,500.00

RECOMMENDATION #3:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the following 2024 Electoral Area E grant contribution amounts for Function 280 - Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid:

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
Foothills Team Roping Club	Purchase of a mechanical cow and a secure shipping container	\$10,000.00
Moberly Lake Community Association	General Operating Costs + Hall Interior Renovations	\$10,000.00
Sagitawa Christian Camping Society	Completing Boys SEED Cabin and boys wash house	\$15,000.00
Little Prairie Heritage Society	General Operating Costs + Museum maintenance	\$7,500.00
Pine Valley Exhibition Park	Pen Expansion	\$15,563.00
Little Giants Figure Skating	Operational Costs - Ice Rental Fees, skate program and carnival supplies	\$10,000.00
Chetwynd & District Rod & Gun Club	Purchase a sea can for storage, and operating expenses and capital improvements	\$15,000.00
Pine Valley Seniors Association	Insurance	\$8,000.00

RECOMMENDATION #4:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the following 2024 Sub-Regional grant contribution amounts for Function 280 - Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid:

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
Rolla Ratepayers Association	Operating costs + event expenses	\$22,000.00
Dawson Creek Sportsman Club	Operating costs + program & range upgrades	\$22,000.00
Doe River Recreation Commission	Operating Costs + Capital costs	\$15,800.00
Dawson Creek Youth Center (The ARK)	Insurance & General Operating Costs	\$16,000.00
Swan Lake Enhancement Society	Insurance	\$950.00

Recipient Organization	Project Description	Grant
McLeod Recreation & Social Services Society	Operational costs, general maintenance	\$17,000.00
Tupper Community Club	Operational costs (utilities, insurance & maintenance)	\$11,000.00
Farmington Community Association	Insurance + Floor refinishing/replacing + cement picnic tables	\$9,000.00
Sunset Prairie Recreation Commission	Operational costs, put on Kiskatinaw Fall Fair, repair roof and paint remaining buildings	\$23,000.00
Tomslake and District Recreation Commission	Operational Costs and Park improvements	\$12,250.00
Tomslake Cultural Community Association	Insurance and resurfacing of dance floor	\$7,000.00
Groundbirch Recreation Commission	Insurance + paint	\$2,100.00
Cutbank Community Club	Insurance + operational expenses + maintenance	\$17,000.00
Dawson Creek & District Stables & Arena Association	Operational costs	\$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION #5:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the 2024 Rural Recreational and Cultural Grant-in-Aid grant application from the Fort St. John Association Community Living for funding in the amount of \$300,000, for the development of a youth centre in Fort St. John, in accordance with the Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid policy which specifies that new applicant organizations located or operating within a municipality must provide that at least 75% of their membership comes from the Electoral Areas of the Peace River Regional District.

RECOMMENDATION #6:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the 2024 Rural Recreational and Cultural Grant-in-Aid grant application from the Charlie Lake Community Club, for funding in the amount of \$264,815.50, for upgrades to the community gardens, parking lot and sewer system, as there are not enough funds available to grant the request.

RECOMMENDATION #7:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$13,620.08 payable from Function 120 - Electoral Area B Fair Share, to be issued to the North Peace Fall Fair to assist with costs for the 2024 North Peace Fall Fair.

RECOMMENDATION #8:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$22,238.72 payable from Function 120 - Electoral Area B Community Works Gas Tax – Recreational Infrastructure, to be issued to the Cecil Lake Recreation Commission to assist with the construction of a universal basketball court.

RECOMMENDATION #9:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize an increase in the current Function 120 – Electoral Area B Community Works Gas Tax commitment payable to Rose Prairie Curling Centre for the replacement of 2 metal doors from \$8,451.45 to \$16,380.

RECOMMENDATION #10:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$17,000, payable from Function 120 – Electoral Area D Community Works Gas Tax – Recreational Infrastructure, to be issued to the Farmington Community Association to assist with their floor replacement.

RECOMMENDATION #11:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$54,000, payable from Function 120 – Electoral Area D Community Works Gas Tax – Recreational Infrastructure, to be issued to the Lion's Club of Tumbler Ridge to assist with the upgrades of the Lions Flatbed Creek Campground.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Grant contributions from Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid (GIA) are intended to assist rural, not-for-profit organizations that provide recreation, arts, sports, or social activities to communities within the Peace River Regional District (PRRD). In Electoral Area B and C, grant funding may be used to support capital improvements and insurance. In Electoral Area E and the Sub-Regional, grant funding may be used to support operational expenses and capital improvements.

A total of 7 applications were received for Electoral Area C and the total amount requested was \$625,912.58. A total of \$38,484 is budgeted and \$29,102 is recommended for approval.

A total of 8 applications were received for Electoral Area E and the total amount requested was \$205,521.25. A total of \$94,623 is budgeted and \$91,063 is recommended for approval.

A total of 13 applications were received for Electoral Area B and the total amount requested was \$648,309.29. A total of \$188,150 is budgeted and \$177,732.49 is recommended for approval.

A total of 13 applications were received for the Sub-Regional area and the total amount requested was \$648,309.29. A total of \$200,000 is budgeted and \$195,100 is recommended for approval.

Each application has been reviewed for completeness. The relevant information has been compiled on the attached Summary of Applications reviewed to ensure the eligibility criteria for applicants and eligible expenses outlined in Sections 4.1 and 4.3 of the Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid policy have been met.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of March 31, 2024, the balance after remaining commitments for Electoral Area B Community Works Gas-Tax was \$596,229.31.

As of March 31, 2024, the balance after remaining commitments for Electoral B Fair Share was \$539,561.21.

As of March 31, 2024, the balance after remaining commitments for Electoral Area D Community Works Gas-Tax was \$708,585.15.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will notify each applicant of the Committee's decision and, if funding is approved, will be asked to recognize the Peace River Regional District for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. 2024 Summary of Applications – Area B
2. 2024 Summary of Applications – Area C
3. 2024 Summary of Applications – Area E
4. 2024 Summary of Applications – Sub-Regional
5. 2024 Electoral Area B Grant-in-Aid Applications
6. 2024 Electoral Area C Grant-in-Aid Applications
7. 2024 Electoral Area E Grant-in-Aid Applications
8. 2024 Sub-Regional Grant-in-Aid Applications

External Links:

1. [Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid Policy #0340-61](#)