



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-031

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 6, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – Dawson Creek Society for Community Living

RECOMMENDATION#1:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee release the funding approved for the rural seniors initiative project on April 16, 2020 in the following amounts:

\$50,000 from Area E PRA, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, and \$50,000 from Area D PRA, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve an additional grant in the amount of \$100,000 payable from Electoral Area D Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, to the Dawson Creek Society for Community Living for the Rural Seniors Initiative.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Dawson Creek Society for Community Living is embarking on a second project initiative to support rural seniors to remain living independently in their homes for longer. This initiative will run for twelve weeks beginning on January 4, 2021 until April 2, 2021. The intention is to provide services to 50 locations in the combined rural communities of Rolla, Doe River, Farmington, Upper Cutbank, Tate Creek and McLeod located within the Electoral Areas of D and E. The services will provide a choice of three options, which include weekly homemade meals, bi-weekly housekeeping and snow removal. A small service fee will be charged to each participant based on the service chosen in the amount of \$3.00 per meal, \$25.00 per month for housekeeping and \$25.00 per month for snow removal. The total cost of the initiative is \$250,000 and the society is asking for \$200,000 in grant funding.

This initiative is a direct result of the rural senior's pilot project that took place in 2020 which was supported with a grant in the amount of \$50,000 each from Electoral Area D and E for a total contribution of \$100,000. The society presented their final report to the Rural Budget Administration Committee and at the meeting held on April 16, 2020 where a contribution of \$100,000 was committed but not released pending the submission of a grant application as outlined in the PRRD Blanket Grant Application Policy.

For further details on the request, please refer to the attached grant application. The Committee should note that the request was submitted in the amount of \$200,000

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee deny the grant request from Dawson Creek Society for Community Living and provide no grant funding for the Rural Senior's Initiative beginning on January 4, 2021.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of September 30, 2020, the balance remaining after commitments in Area D, Peace River Agreements was \$285,715.30 and in Area E was \$1,833,395.95. Note the balance for each Electoral Area is reflective of the \$50,000 commitment authorized on April 16, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

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

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – Dawson Creek Society for Community Living
2. May 19, 2020 Rural Seniors Initiative Trial Program Final Report