



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-357

From: Community Services

Date: November 21, 2024

Subject: Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the submission of a grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$40,000 to purchase furniture, Emergency Operation Centre supplies, and support training for the function of the Emergency Operations Centre.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The purpose of this Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grant is to support eligible applicants to build local capacity through the purchase of equipment required to operate the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and to facilitate Emergency Management and EOC training. This grant will allow staff to strengthen their relationships with First Nations partners and provide opportunities for more cohesive collaborative training. The deadline for this grant application is February 28, 2025.

The \$40,000 would be used to purchase desks, appliances and furniture in addition to providing valuable training for staff responding to emergencies.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Collaboration and Cooperation with First Nations
- Emergency Management

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The training and equipment required to operate the EOC will be covered by this grant, providing a functional team and environment that will not be relying on Community Services Budget for commencement

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.