



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-RBAC-009

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: November 6, 2020

Subject: Sub-Regional Rec and Cultural Grants-in-Aid – Unspent Prior Year Allocations

The following motion was deferred from the October 15, 2020 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting and is being presented to the Committee for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the unclaimed 2019 Sub-Regional Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid South Peace Trades Bursary, in the amount of \$1,500, be returned to the funding area, F221 – Sub Regional Recreation, and used to reduce tax requisition in 2021, since the recipient did not claim within one year as required for bursaries

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On September 17, 2020, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee (RBAC) passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a report to be prepared identifying unclaimed Grant-In-Aid commitments that can be either paid out to the society or returned to the funding area and utilized to reduce the tax requisition for the 2021 calendar year.

This bursary was awarded in June of 2019 and has not been claimed. The recipient was advised on June 27, 2019 how to claim or defer the award and a letter was sent on August 17, 2020 with a deadline to claim the award by September 30, 2020 or it would no longer be available. The recipient has made no attempt to contact the PRRD to claim this award to date; therefore it is being recommended that the funds be returned to the funding area and used to reduce the following year's requisition.

In 2020, \$3,000 was allocated to provide a trades bursary and scholarship, both in the amount of \$1,500 for students graduating from high school and going on to post-secondary education and \$1,500 was allocated to provide assistance for youth travel. Both the bursary and scholarship were awarded in 2020 and recipients have up to one year to claim their awards. The youth travel allocation is to be used in the current year and any unspent allocation is returned to the funding area to reduce the requisition for the next calendar year.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

\$1,500 will be returned to Function 221 – Sub Regional Recreation and used to reduce tax requisition in 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The recipient of the 2019 Sub-Regional Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid South Peace Trades Bursary will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Recreational and Cultural GIA – Summary of Payables for Sub-Regional
2. Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid Policy