



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-402

From: Community Services

Date: May 1, 2025

**Subject: Function 300 – UBCM Grant Funding Amendment to Financial Plan**

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## **RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board amend the 2025 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Planning to:

- Increase Grant Revenue - \$40,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Minor Capital - \$40,000

for the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training grant stream.

## **RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board amend the 2025 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Planning to:

- Increase grant Revenue - \$48,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Studies, Plans, and Assessments - \$48,000

for the Indigenous Engagement Requirements Year 2 funding modification.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

### **Recommendation #1**

On October 17, 2024, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

*MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED,*

*That the Regional Board authorize submittal of a grant application of up to \$40,000 through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training to purchase the supplies needed to update six Emergency Support Services (ESS) Level 1 kits, supplies to bolster safety, the purchase of ESS supplies and equipment required to support ESS modernization, and to participate in and host Emergency Support Services training and volunteer recruitment opportunities.*

The funding application was approved and will be used to offset the costs of improving Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Emergency Support Services (ESS), such as updating equipment to remain current with today's needs and promoting growth of regional partnerships with the municipal ESS teams through provision of regional training and exercise opportunities and supporting ESS recruitment activities.

**Recommendation #2**

On March 6, 2025, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

*MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED,*

*That the Regional Board authorize staff to submit an Expression of Interest to the BC Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness seeking Indigenous Engagement Requirement (IER) Funding Program Year 2 funding; further, that the Chair of the Regional Board and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District*

This funding will be utilized to offset additional costs to advance Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER) including incremental staff time, travel, and activities that promote, encourage, and support relationship building and collaboration in emergency management between local authorities and Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGB).

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Emergency Management

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training grant stream provides 100% funding towards the purchase of relevant ESS equipment such as laptops, first aid kits, and training.

The IER Year 2 funding will be utilized to offset any costs that the Regional District incurs while engaging with IGB's and will help facilitate agreement development for emergency communications regarding traditional territories.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.