



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-340

From: Emergency Executive Committee

Date: July 17, 2025

Subject: 2025 Search and Rescue Grant Allocation – June 25, 2025 Meeting Recommendation

The following recommendation from the June 25, 2025, Search and Rescue Grant Allocation Meeting is presented to the Regional Board for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the following 2025 Search and Rescue Grant contribution amounts from Function 180 – Health Related Services Grants-in-Aid for the provision of Search and Rescue grants:

Organization Name	Grant Amount
North Peace Search and Rescue Society	\$46,000.00
South Peace Emergency Response Team	\$30,000.00
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue Society	\$24,000.00
Total	\$100,000.00

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Each year, the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) assists eligible Search and Rescue (SAR) organizations that provide search and rescue services in the region with grant funding to support operational and minor capital costs. Four active SAR organizations currently operate and provide SAR services in the region: the Chetwynd SAR Society, North Peace SAR Society, South Peace Emergency Response Team, and the Tumbler Ridge SAR Society. These organizations work independently and collaboratively alongside one another in an effort to offer the best possible approach to the delivery of SAR services. The work is carried out solely through the efforts and dedication of volunteers. All SAR teams in BC operate under the policies, procedures, and guidelines set out by Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), such as safety plans and standards for training and rescue equipment.

The attached Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid policy establishes a process by which the Emergency Executive Committee (EEC) assists the Regional Board in approving SAR grant applications. The EEC reviews all SAR grant applications to determine eligibility and if, during this process, the EEC concludes that the total amount of grant funding requested exceeds the amount of the annual budget commitment, an allocation meeting is held. At the allocation meeting, grant funding is distributed by consensus of each applicant group and a minimum of one representative from the EEC (as outlined in Section 5.3 of the Health-Related Services Grant-in-Aid policy attached to this report) who evaluate eligibility and determine funding amounts for each applicant. The result of this process is then forwarded to the Regional Board by way of recommendation.

This year, three SAR organizations submitted grant applications. The Chetwynd SAR Society did not submit a grant application and has not requested grant funding since 2019. The combined total of all grant requests is \$272,253.80, which exceeds the budget commitment of \$100,000 as shown below:

Organization Name	Amount
North Peace Search and Rescue Society	\$77,322.80
South Peace Emergency Response Team	\$170,931.00
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue Society	\$24,000.00
Total Amount Requested	\$272,253.80
2025 Budget Commitment	\$100,000.00
Difference	\$172,253.80

All applicants are registered non-profit societies in good standing with the *Societies Act* of BC. The attached 2025 SAR Summary of Recommendations outlines the details of the amounts being brought forward for approval by the Regional Board.

Click [here](#) to access the June 18, 2025 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Agenda and see Item 8.1 to review the full details of the 2025 SAR grant application review.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Grant funding for this service is obtained through taxation in the benefiting area, as set by Health Related Services Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 2021.

As part of the 2025 PRRD Annual Finance Plan, \$100,000 has been allocated in Function 180 – Health Related Services Grants-in-Aid for the provision of SAR grants.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Regional Board's decision and, if funding is approved, will be asked to recognize the Regional Board for their contributions

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. 2025 SAR Summary of Recommendations
2. 2025 SAR Groups Total Allocation
3. 2025 SAR Grant Allocation Draft Meeting Notes June 25, 2025

External Links:

1. [Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid #0340-64](#)
2. [Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid Establishment Bylaw No. 2445 2021](#)