



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-043

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 17, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – Chetwynd Public Library

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$3,000, payable from Electoral Area E Fair Share, to be issued to the Chetwynd Public Library in support of the Elders/Seniors Christmas Pen Pals project.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Chetwynd Public Library (CPL) has come up with a creative way to honor Elders and seniors this Christmas, in lieu of the Annual Community Christmas Dinner, which cannot take place due to the situation with COVID-19. The CPL, in collaboration with local schools, Saulteau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations are launching a pen pal project that involves linking students to Elders and seniors through the writing of Christmas cards and/or letters. This project fosters and supports education and cultural awareness for the students, Elders and seniors throughout the community. A total of 225 cards will be distributed along with a small gift to seniors in the community. The total cost of this project is \$5,500.

In 2019, Electoral Area E provided a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with the Annual Community Christmas Dinner. For more information on this grant request, please see the attached grant application.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the grant application from the Chetwynd Public Library and provide no grant funding to assist with the Elders/Seniors Christmas Pen Pals project.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of November 3, 2020 the balancing after remaining commitments for Electoral Area E Fair Share was \$2,140,134.19.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be advised in writing of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee's decision and if approve, will be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – Chetwynd Public Library