



# REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-046

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 17, 2020

**Subject: Release of Funds - Jackfish Community Association unclaimed 2020 Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize the release of the remaining \$15,631.22 unclaimed Area E Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid allocation of \$17,580.56 approved in 2020 to Jackfish Community Association, in accordance with the policy change approved May 28, 2020 authorizing immediate release of funds upon grant approval without submission of reimbursement claim, and issue a grant payment in the amount of \$15,631.22 to assist with operational costs.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The intent of this report is to provide information to RBAC regarding the status of Jackfish Community Association with the *Societies Act of BC* so that consideration can be given to the payment of their unclaimed 2020 grant allocation. On October 15, 2020, the Rural Budgets Committee passed the following resolution:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED*

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize all unspent Area E Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid allocated Jackfish Community Association in the amount of \$17,580.56 remain in the allocations until the society is in compliance with the Societies Act of BC.

Staff have verified the Association's status and found that on October 21, 2020 the necessary paperwork was filed and they are now in good standing and compliant with the *Societies Act of BC* as per the attached annual report.

This allocation of unclaimed funds available to the Association as a result of a funding amendment approval that authorized the reallocation of their 2016 and 2017 grant allocations. On May 21, 2020, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approved the following resolution:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED*

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize Jackfish Community Association to reallocate the unused portions of their 2016 GIA in the amount of \$2,080.56 and 2017 GIA in the amount of \$15,500 for a total reallocation of \$17,580.56 to support their 2020 operational costs, general upkeep and maintenance upgrades at the Jackfish Community Hall.

Should RBAC opt to keep the funds as a 2020 allocation for Jackfish Community Association, it should be noted that in accordance with the Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid (GIA) policy any funding not reimbursed to the Association for 2020 expenditures would be returned to the funding area. As of the May 28, 2020 approval by the Regional Board to amend the policy, grant recipients are no longer able to reallocate unclaimed grant funds approved for 2019 or any years thereafter and the three year timeframe for recipients to claim their allocations no longer exists.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee deny the release of the remaining \$15,631.22 unclaimed Area E Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid and have the funds remain as a 2020 allocation for Jackfish Community Association to be payable by claim reimbursement by January 31, 2021.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The current balance in the 2020 allocation is \$15,631.22 for Jackfish Community Association due to a claim reimbursement payment in the amount of \$1,949.34 processed on December 3, 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Written correspondence will be sent to Jackfish Community Association to inform them of the Committee's decision.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. 2020 BC Society Annual Report – Jackfish Community Association, dated October 21, 2020
2. Rural Recreational and Cultural GIA policy statement

**External Links:**

1. Area E Recreational and Cultural GIA, Unspent Prior Year Allocations – [See Item# 9.7](#)