



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-008

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 5, 2020

Subject: Establishing a Service Function - Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board evaluate STARS - Shock Trauma Airlift Rescue Society to inform consideration of the establishment of an Air Ambulance service function in the region.

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board evaluate Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation to inform consideration of the establishment of a Museum service function in the region.

RECOMMENDATION #3: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board evaluate the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society to inform the consideration of the establishment of a Geopark service function in the region.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The information in this report is being brought forward to the Regional Board as a result of the Regional Grant-in-Aid policy, Item 4.6 which states:

- 4.6 Grant contributions to support operational funding for more than three consecutive years and in excess of \$50,000 per year will be evaluated by the Board of Directors to determine whether a service function should be established.

This report identifies the organizations who receive grant contributions that fall into this category, as well as how much grant funding has been provided, in order to assist the Regional Board in their evaluation and determination of whether a service function should be established. Below is a list of organizations that fall under this criteria.

Shock Trauma Airlift Rescue Society (STARS)

STARS has received annual grant contributions from the PRRD over the past eleven years, since 2009, totaling **\$1,836,528**. All grant funding has been issued to support operational expenses, and has been paid from Function 275, Grants to Community Organizations.

2013 – 2020 (8 years at \$170,000/year)	\$1,360,000
2010 – 2012 (3 years at \$120,000/year)	\$ 360,000
2009	\$ 116,528

Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation (TRMF)

TRMF has received annual grant contributions from the PRRD dating back eight years to 2013, totaling **\$1,128,992**. Grant contributions have been paid from Function 140, Economic Development Grants, and issued to support operational expenses at the museum.

2020	\$110,000
2019	\$ 93,992
2015 – 2018 (4 years at \$200,000/year)	\$800,000
2014	\$125,000

Other grants provided to TRMF have included a Special Events grant of \$5,000 for attendance at the Global Geopark International event in 2013; a Special Events grant of \$75,000 to host the Aspiring Geopark Symposium in 2013; and an Economic Development grant of \$170,000 for the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery Renovation Project in 2013.

Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society (TRGGS)

TRGGS has been receiving grant contributions from the PRRD reaching back six years to 2014, totaling **\$575,000**. Grant contributions have been paid from Function 140, Economic Development grants, and issued to support operational expenses for the Society.

2018 to 2020 (3 years at \$125,000/year)	\$375,000
2015	\$200,000

Other grants provided to TRGGS include a \$55,000 grant to assist with the Geopark Project in 2014, and a \$30,000 Tourism Grant to assist with the Society's UNESCO designation expenses.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board receive the June 5, 2020 report titled "Establishing a Service Function – Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions" for information.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy