



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-062

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: Function 275 Grants to Community Organizations Draft 2021 Budget

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board include the draft 2021 budget for Function 275 Grants to Community Organizations in the 2021 Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The 2021 Budget Process and 2021 Budget Calendar were approved at the November 12, 2020 Board meeting. The 2021 budget is based on core expenses and presents any proposed non-core expenses as supplemental items, as required.

The overall draft budget is \$977,079. This is a decrease of \$384,314 or 28.22% from 2020. This is primarily due to a reduction in Regional Grant-in-Aid.

On February 11, 2021, the Regional Board passed the following resolutions:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board approve the multi-year grant commitments totalling \$391,400 be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from the 2020 surplus, for the following organizations:

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| • STARS | \$170,000 |
| • Canadian Cancer Society | \$50,000 |
| • Peace Liard Regional Arts Council | \$10,000 |
| • South Peace Health Services Society | \$150,000 (for 2020 and 2021) |
| • School District 60 – Rural Learn to Swim | \$10,000 |
| • South Peace District Crime Prevention | \$1,400 |

That the Regional Board approve \$102,389 for Health Care Scholarships be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, with funding of \$44,095 from Medical Scholarship Reserve and \$58,294 from 2020 surplus.

That the Regional Board approve \$100,000 for North Peace Division of Family Practice be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from 2020 surplus.

That the Regional Board approve an allocation of \$50,000 for Search and Rescue groups to be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from 2020 surplus.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Highlights of funding source increases and decreases in the draft 2021 budget include:

- Requisition – decrease of \$710,476
- Surplus – increase of \$407,529
- Transfer from Reserves – decrease of \$31,367

Net sum of the above decrease in revenue is \$384,314.

- Administration - increase of \$16,755
- Area B Rural Grants – decrease of \$46,425
- Area C Rural Grants – decrease of \$11,576
- Area D Rural Grants – decrease of \$79,002
- Area E Rural Grants – decrease of \$88,959
- Medical Recruitment Grants – decrease of \$25,000
- Medical Scholarships – increase of \$13,000
- Regional Recreation Grants – decrease of \$20,000
- Regional Grant-in-Aid – decrease of \$143,1074

Net sum of the above decrease in expense is \$384,314.

\$63,000 is budgeted under Regional Grants-in-Aid for the applications that came in on December 31, 2020. If the Regional Board chooses not to fund these applications, then the use of the Medical Scholarship Reserve of \$44,095 will not be used and any surplus will be carried over to 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

With the 2020 surplus of \$688,353 the Regional Board has the opportunity to include Medical Recruitment grants, Health Care Scholarships, multi-year grant commitments and Grants to Community Organization grant applications in the 2021 budget through 2020 surplus and use of \$44,095 from Medical Scholarship Reserve, which has a balance of \$105,815.53 as of December 31, 2020

Attachments:

1. Function 275 Grants to Community Organizations Draft 2021 Budget