



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-RBAC-006

From: Leonard Hiebert, Director Electoral Area D

Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: 2021 Sub Regional Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid – Allocations for Ratification**PURPOSE / ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to ratify the 2021 Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid (GIA) contributions as determined by the Electoral Area Director in accordance with the Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid policy which states:

- g) All recommendations of Grant-in-Aid funding allocations must be ratified by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee. The Rural Budgets Administration Committee reserves the right to accept, reject or amend any application at its sole discretion.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee ratify the recommended 2021 Sub Regional Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid Allocation amounts as outlined in the table below:

Bessborough Community Club	\$8,000
Cutbank Community Club	\$20,000
Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club	\$39,000
Dawson Creek Centre/The Ark	\$15,000
Doe River Recreation Commission	\$15,000
Farmington Community Association	\$15,000
Groundbirch Recreation Commission	\$2,300
High School Rodeo of BC	\$4,500
McLeod Recreation and Social Services Society	\$2,000
Rolla Ratepayers Association	\$19,300
Sagitawa Christian Camp	\$10,100
Sunset Prairie Recreation Commission	\$11,500
Swan Lake Enhancement Society	\$800
Tomslake Community Cultural Association	\$5,000
Tomslake and District Recreation Commission	\$16,000
Tupper Community Club	\$12,000
Sub Regional Scholarship/Trade Bursary (\$1,500 each)	\$3,000
Sub Regional Youth Travel	\$1,500
Total Recommended Allocations	\$200,000

RECOMMENDATION #2:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant contribution of \$36,000, payable in the amount of \$27,000 from Electoral Area D Community Works Gas Tax – Sports Infrastructure and \$9,000 from Electoral Area E Community Works Gas Tax – Sports Infrastructure, to be issued to Hats N Chaps Gymkhana Society to assist with construction of livestock handling pens and improvements to facility alley ways and arena ground.

RECOMMENDATION #3:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant contribution \$13,614, payable in the amount of \$10,210.50 from Electoral Area D Community Works Gas Tax – Recreation Infrastructure and \$3,403.50 Electoral Area E Community Works Gas Tax – Recreation Infrastructure, to be issued to McLeod Recreation and Social Services Society to assist with construction of the Zamboni Building.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On March 18, 2021 the Rural Budgets Administration Committee passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize each Electoral Area Director to determine which Grants-in-Aid applications, if any, will be provided a grant through alternative funding options, further, that the information be provided to staff in the form of a Directors Report by April 1, 2021 for inclusion on the April 22nd Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting for ratification.

Financial considerations pertaining to the funding options used to support the recommendations is listed below:

1. A total of \$200,000 is budgeted as a 2021 commitment for Sub Regional, Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid.
2. As of March 31, 2021 the balance remaining after commitments for Electoral Area D, Community Works Gas Tax was 791,233.51.
3. As of March 31, 2021 the balance remaining after commitments for Electoral Area E, Community Works Gas Tax was 1,607,843.83.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

Attachments:

1. 2021 Sub Regional Recreation & Cultural – Summary of Recommendations