



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-069

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: Grant Request – North Peace Ride for the Disabled Association

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$5,000, payable for Electoral Area B Fair Share, to be issued to North Peace Ride for the Disabled Association to assist with their operational costs in 2021.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

North Peace Ride for the Disabled Association (NPRDA) is requesting financial support in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with their operating costs in 2021. NPRDA indicates they are facing financial hardship due to the cancellation of two of their main fundraisers as a direct result of the imposed public restrictions from the COVID-19 health pandemic. The first being their annual dinner, dance and silent auction that raises approximately \$5,000 each year and the second being the parking fundraiser for the North Peace Fall Fair that generates approximately \$10,000 to \$13,000 annually. The society currently has an operating budget of \$30,500 for 2021.

NPRDA was established in 1984 with the goal of promoting horseback riding to individuals of all ages who face a wide range of challenges due to physical or mental limitations. Horseback riding is an activity that provides an opportunity for participants to build and develop coordination, muscle strength, joint mobility, and perceptual skills. It also provides a sense of independence, freedom and self-confidence. The society currently offers the program to participants out of Sunset Stables which is located in the Baldonnel area.

The North Peace Ride for the Disabled is a registered not-for-profit society in good standing with the *Societies Act*. In 2015, the organization was approved for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 with funding from Electoral Area B Recreational and Cultural Grants-in-Aid.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee deny the grant application from North Peace Ride for the Disabled and provide no grant funding. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

- As of March 31, 2021 the balance after the remaining commitments in Electoral Area B Fair Share was \$721,567.04

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be notified in writing of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee's decision and, if grant funding is approved, will be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – North Peace Ride for the Disabled Association