

To: CAO for the Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: 2019 Grant-In-Aid Request – Hope & District Arts Council, Electoral Area “B”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,000 to the Hope & District Arts Council (HDAC), funded from the Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget, to provide funds for supporting arts and cultural programming attended by residents of Hope, Yale, Sunshine Valley, Laidlaw and surrounding areas.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid policy under the “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” and “Promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” options.

DISCUSSION

The HDAC is a registered non-profit community organization who is focused on providing arts and cultural programming at no or minimal cost to the communities of Hope and Electoral Area B.

The HDAC is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$2,000 to help offset the costs associated with The Art Machine community arts program. This program offers arts and cultural awareness, education and opportunities for socialization and sharing. The grant funds would be used for the purchase of arts/ crafts materials, instructor wages, facility rent, utilities and any other costs associated with the program.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$2,000 to the Hope & District Arts Council.

COST

The \$2,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Hope & District Arts Council seeking financial support to help fund programming at The Art Machine community arts facility for the benefit of residents in Hope and surrounding communities in Electoral Area B.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. GIA requests typically go through EASC prior to Board, however, due to the timing of receiving the funding request and the financial need of the organization, Director Adamson has made a special request for this to be considered by the Board directly.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.