

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee, 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 Mountain Black Bear Committee, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget, to help cover costs related with travel and printed materials for schools and events.

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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” options.

DISCUSSION

The Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee assists communities in need when there are wildlife emergencies. The Committee rescues bears as well as educates the public on how to prevent human-bear conflict. They have worked in Sunshine Valley, Laidlaw, Boston Bar, Spuzzum, Harrison Mills, Agassiz, Harrison Lake, Anderson Reserve and Chawathill Reserve.

The Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee is requesting a \$3,500 grant-in-aid to help pay for travel costs due to increased bear-human conflict as well as printed materials for both school and public events.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$2,000 to the Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee for these purposes.

COST

The \$2,000 cost will be funded from the 2020 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 Mountain Black Bear Committee seeking funds to help pay for travel and printed materials.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.