

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area “B”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$12,500 to the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of equipment rental for river cleanup, community garden beds, Canada Day entertainment items, Winterfest, a First Nations drum workshop and Heritage Project Phase 1.

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”.

DISCUSSION

The Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association is a non-profit organization representing citizens from the Sunshine Valley. They promote community education, sustainable public programs and community-based events for anyone to participate in.

The Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association is requesting a \$12,500 grant-in-aid for six items:

- Community garden: lumber and equipment for installation of raised beds (\$1,500)
- Winterfest: equipment rental and supplies (\$1,500)
- Canada Day: entertainment stage and equipment rental (\$2,000)
- Heritage Project Phase 1: Interpretive Trail – House posts FN carving (\$5,500)
- First Nations Drum Making & Painting: workshop (\$1,700)
- Area “B” river cleanup: equipment rental for garbage cleanup (\$300)

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$12,500 for these items.

COST

The \$12,500 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 Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association seeking support for community projects, events and Phase 1 costs for the Heritage Project.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. If approved, grant payment will be withheld until the Association provides a draft financial statement for 2019. Staff are working with them to secure this information.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.