

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-05-12

From: Kristy Hodson, Acting Director of Financial Services

File No: 1850-20 / 007

Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – Actively Creating an Exceptional Society, Electoral Area “C”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid to Actively Creating an Exceptional Society (ACES) in the amount of \$4,000 to be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “C” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with developing a community garden/edible forest.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the “Activities/programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option.

DISCUSSION

Actively Creating an Exceptional Society (ACES) is a non-profit society whose intention is to unite people with similar concerns and create a strong voice while building an aware, caring, connected community. ACES was formed in 2009, and supports the community through gatherings, events and projects.

This grant-in-aid request has stated that the ideal location for the community garden/ edible forest would be the Fraser Valley Regional District Deroche office. As a report has come to Board to discuss the potential of this location, it is staff’s understanding that this grant-in-aid is contingent on the use of this location.

ACES is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$4,000 to assist with the costs of developing a community garden/ edible forest. Director Bales is in support of this request.

COST

The \$4,000 cost will be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "C" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from ACES seeking support for funds to offset the cost of a community garden/ edible forest.

COMMENTS BY:

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported. If the FVRD Deroche office location is not viable, staff are supportive of assisting ACES in identifying an alternative location for a community garden in Electoral Area C.