

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-10-15

From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

File No: 1850-20 / 008

Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – McConnell Creek Farmers Institute, Electoral Area “F”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a Grant-in-Aid to the McConnell Creek Farmers Institute (community hall) in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “F” grant-in-aid budget to cover fixed costs of the hall such as insurance, hydro, gas, telephone due to their inability to rent out the hall as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

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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” option.

DISCUSSION

The McConnell Creek Farmer’s Institute operates the local community hall, servicing the local residents while also providing rental space to the general public.

The McConnell Creek Farmer’s Institute is requesting a \$5,000 grant-in-aid to assist with covering the fixed costs of hydro, gas, telephone, insurance, repairs and maintenance still needing attention. The hall has closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions, but still has costs related to upkeep.

Director Davidson is in support of this grant-in-aid request.

COST

The \$5,000 cost will be funded from the 2020 Electoral Area "F" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

The McConnell Creek Farmers Institute is requesting a grant-in-aid to help compensate for their inability to rent out the hall due to COVID 19.

COMMENTS BY:

Kelly Lownsbrough, Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Financial Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:

Reviewed and supported.