

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-10-15

From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

File No: 1850-20 / 003

**Subject: 2020 Grant-In-Aid Request – 1st Hope Scouting, Electoral Area “B”**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,600 to 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Scouting, funded from the 2020 Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs associated with purchasing one and two person tents, camping hammocks, small cook stoves and pots/pans.

### 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

Scouts Canada is an organization that strives to bring adventure, outdoor experience and friendship to youth. Specifically, the 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Scouting unit serves youth in Hope, Yale, Spuzzum, Sunshine Valley, Chawathil, and Laidlaw, boasting a membership of 79 youth and volunteers.

1<sup>st</sup> Hope Scouting is requesting a \$2,600 grant-in-aid to assist with the costs of purchasing one and two person tents, camping hammocks, small cook stoves and pots/pans. Due to COVID-19 there has been a greater need for distanced activities such as separate cooking and sleeping arrangements. These items will still be utilized in the future, but have just never been affordable in the past, so have not been purchased as of yet.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$2,600 to 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Scouting for this purpose.

### **COST**

The \$2,600 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 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Scouting seeking support for the purchase of one to two person tents, cook stoves, pots/pans and camping hammocks due to the need to distance from fellow campers.

### **COMMENTS BY:**

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

Reviewed and supported.

**Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:**

Reviewed and supported.