

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board  
From: Tarina Colledge, Manager of Emergency Management

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File No: 1855 - Grants

**Subject: CEPF EOC 2023 Grant Application**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorse a grant application to the 2023 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centres & Training grant;

**AND THAT** the Board confirm for UBCM that FVRD will provide for the overall management of this grant should the grant application be approved.

### BACKGROUND

UBCM annually offers grant opportunities for a variety of programs. The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) provides competitive funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). The Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) & Training funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$30,000 for specific EOC needs and training.

The grant agency (UBCM) requires a resolution from the Board confirming that the application is supported by the Board and that FVRD will provide for overall grant management if the grant is approved.

### DISCUSSION

Staff is recommending that FVRD apply for a CEPF grant to: 1) support the advancement of our online emergency status map which was created in the 2021 atmospheric river emergency; and, 2) to provide EOC training utilizing this tool. The emergency status map update would empower faster decision making in an EOC about current and historic hazard data to help make the safest decisions possible. The map update dually intends to increase public awareness about hazards in electoral areas and aims to inspire greater personal preparedness among residents who live in areas with known risk.

Building upon the 2021 EOC grant, this grant builds upon the capacity of our EOC in the second phase of a multi-year project to develop a highly functional EOC that is always ready and can adapt to

various emergency situations. This grant builds upon flexibility, mobility, and functionality of the EOC so it can continue to meet the diverse needs that arise during disasters and emergencies.

## **COST**

This grant program can contribute up to 100% of the project costs. If the application is successful, staff do not anticipate a budgetary impact. The project is included in the annual work plan and budget, subject to receipt of the grant. If the grant application is unsuccessful, this project will not be carried out and will be put forward for grant consideration in a future year.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff is recommending the Board support and endorse an application to the UBCM 2023 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000, which will continue to support work plan initiatives that are not funded through taxation.

## **COMMENTS BY**

**Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development:** reviewed and supported

**Kelly Lownsborough, Director of Corporate Services/CFO:** Reviewed and supported.

**Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer:** Reviewed and supported.