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CORPORATE REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2023-03-09

From: Melanie Jones, Accountant

File No: 1850-20

Subject: 2023 Grant-In-Aid Request – Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of $8,800 to the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association (SVRA), funded from the 2022 Electoral Area B grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of hosting community events and workshops, the Skagit River Garbage Cleanup, and to purchase supplies for their community gardens.

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 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 an $8,800 grant-in-aid for the following items:

- Canada Day Celebration ($2,000)
- Heritage Day ($3,200)
- Community Garden, Heritage Garden and Entrance Garden ($1,600)
- Equipment Rental for **Area 'B' Skagit River Garbage Cleanup** ($400)
- Rag rug-making workshop ($1,400)
- Easter Egg Hunt ($200)

Director Adamo is in support of this request.

COST

The $8,800 cost will be funded from the 2023 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 and events held in Area B throughout the year.

COMMENTS BY:

Beth Klein, Manager of Financial Operations: Reviewed & Supported.

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

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.