

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2024-04-11

From: Melanie Jones, Accountant

File No: 1850-20

Subject: 2024 Grant-in-Aid Request - Chilliwack Area Lions Clubs, Electoral Area H

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Chilliwack Area Lions Clubs, funded from the 2024 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget to help offset the costs of the Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Fishing Derby.

BACKGROUND

The FVRD Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid program is available to non-profit community groups or individuals who provide a service or benefit to their Electoral Area community. Funding is available year-round to all applicants who meet the criteria and eligibility requirements as outlined in the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy & Application Form.

The Electoral Areas have an annual Grant-in-Aid budget, which is set through the budget process. This budget considers the expected aspirations of the communities and must not exceed the calculated maximum value based on the net taxable values of the area.

All funding requests must be supported by the Electoral Area Director and approved by the Board.

DISCUSSION

The Chilliwack Area Lions Clubs provide services and assistance throughout the local area. Each club operates under the Lions Club International guidelines and has developed many relationships with organizations required to make for a successful event.

The Eastern Fraser Valley Lions Clubs are requesting a \$2,500 grant-in-aid to help offset the costs of hosting the Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Derby. The Clubs anticipate costs for the entire event to be approximately \$8,000-\$10,000, which includes advertising, printing, website updates, park fees, rentals, prizes, and medical attendees. There are no application restrictions noted with this request, these costs are not the responsibility of senior levels of government and individual donations are collected for this project.

The Clubs plan to also use the event to further develop resident and visitor's understanding of the Cultus Lake Sockeye and best practices related to lake health and environmental sustainability.

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.

Director Dixon is in support to provide \$2,500.

COST

The \$2,500 cost will be funded from the 2024 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Chilliwack Area Lions Clubs seeking support to host their event, the Cultus Lake Pike Minnow Fishing Derby, on June 15, 2024.

COMMENTS BY:

Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO: Reviewed & Supported

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

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.