



STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2025-02-13

From: Kinga Al-Mubarak, Accountant

Subject: 2025 Grant-in-Aid Request – Deroche & District Community Association, Electoral Areas C and G

Reviewed by: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy Financial Officer
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$6,000 to Deroche & District Community Association, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C and Electoral Area G grant-in-aid budgets, to assist with the purchase and installation of an emergency generator.

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District (“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 Financial Planning process. This budget considers the expected aspirations of the communities and must not exceed the calculated maximum value based on the net taxable property values of the area.

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

DISCUSSION

Deroche & District Community Association (**the “Association”**) has been a registered not for profit society since 1947. The Association maintains and operates the Deroche Community Hall to serve the communities of Dewdney, Deroche, Lake Errock, and Nicomen Island.

Deroche & District Community Association is requesting a \$6,000 grant-in-aid to assist with the purchase and installation of an emergency standby generator. The generator will be installed at the Deroche Community Hall, which is owned by the Association; therefore, capital improvement costs

are not restricted as per the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy because they are not performed on rented/leased premises.

There are no application restrictions noted with the request. These costs are not the responsibility of senior levels of government and individual donations are collected by the Association.

This request for funding is eligible as per the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid policy under the **“activities/programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” option.**

Please refer to the completed Grant-in-Aid application attached and note that financial statements/reports were provided as the application is greater than \$4,000. Additionally, a quote was provided for a generator purchase and installation.

Director Waardenburg is in support of this request in the amount of \$2,000 and Director Cassel is in support of this request in the amount of \$4,000.

COST

The \$6,000 cost will be funded from the 2025 Electoral Area C and G grant-in-aid budgets in the amount of \$2,000 and \$4,000 respectively. Both budgets have sufficient funds to support this request, within the 2025-2029 Financial Plan.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from Deroche & District Community Association to assist with the purchase and installation of an emergency standby generator. The application is complete and meets the eligibility criteria and approval criteria as outlined in the Policy. No application restrictions are noted and Electoral Area Directors are supportive of the full amount.