

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2018-04-10

From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, Electoral Area “B”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$9,200 to the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association, funded from the Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget, to help offset the costs of equipment rental for river cleanup, equipment for community workshops and special events, hosting a Canada Day celebration, website upgrades, and improvements to the community garden.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

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”.

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 a \$9,200 grant-in-aid for six items:

- Community garden: lumber and equipment for installation of raised beds (\$1,000)
- Webpage: 20th anniversary video clips & ever-greening (\$500)
- Canada Day: 20th anniversary of the Association and entertainment (\$2,000)
- Heritage Day: entertainment, stage & equipment rentals (\$700)

- Community use workshops & special events: equipment including tents, tables chairs, etc. (\$4,700)
- Area "B" river cleanup: equipment rental for garbage cleanup (\$300)

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$9,200 for these items.

COST

The \$9,200 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 the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association seeking support for community workshops, celebrations and projects.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported. We have received and reviewed the 2017 Financial Report for SVRA. There are no items of concern noted by Staff.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported