



STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2025-09-04

From: Trevor Lucy, Accountant

Subject: 2025 Grant-In-Aid Request - Popkum Gardens Community Group, Electoral Area D

Reviewed by: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO
Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$400 to Popkum Gardens Community Group, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area D grant-in-aid budget, to assist with the funding of a block party.

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

The Popkum Gardens community group consists of residents within Electoral Area D, interested in increasing volunteer participation and community involvement. The group is requesting a \$400 grant-in-aid to assist with the funding of a block party which is intended to be an annual program.

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid policy options of promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement and activities/programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area. Director Dickey is in support of the request.

For further details on this program, please refer to the completed Grant-in-Aid application attached.

COST

The \$400 cost will be funded from the 2025 Electoral Area D grant-in-Aid budget. The budget has sufficient funds to support this request

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the Popkum Gardens Community Group, funded from the 2025 Electoral Area D Grant-in-aid budget, to assist with funding for a block party that will serve as a kick-off for this community group. The application is complete and meets the eligibility criteria and approval criteria as outlined in the Policy. No application restrictions are noted and the Electoral Area Director is supportive of the full amount.