



STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2025-09-04

From: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO

Subject: 2025 Grant-In-Aid Request – Mount Hope Senior Citizens, Electoral Area B

Reviewed by: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$5,000 to Mount Hope Senior Citizens, funded from the Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest General Partner Corporation (CLCCF), to assist with costs of upgrading their heating and cooling system at the Park Street Manor.

BACKGROUND

The Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest General Partner Corporation (CLCCF) is a three-way partnership between the District of Hope, the Yale First Nation and the Fraser Valley Regional District. Through its Community Forest Agreement tenure and its forestry business activities, CLCCF aims to create net profits on an ongoing basis. When funds accrue to a level greater than those stipulated in the CLCCF Reserve Fund Policy, the CLCCF intends to distribute equal revenues and dividends to the CLCCF shareholders (**Limited Partners**) in accordance with the Company's Incorporation Agreement and the Limited Partnership Agreement.

Once funds have been allocated to the Limited Partners by the CLCCF, funds must be distributed by the Limited Partners in accordance with **the eligibility criteria set out in the "Revenue Sharing, Fund Disbursement and Eligibility Criteria Policy and Procedure"** policy. The policy states that the funds need to be disbursed as follows:

- 25% to the CLCCF Joint Legacy Fund
- 25% to Youth and Seniors
- 25% to the Regional Community at Large
- 25% to Arts, Culture, Heritage and Recreation

To date, the FVRD has received \$430,000 in dividends from the CLCCF and has disbursed \$94,100. The remaining balances of funding available to each group is as follows:

Fund Disbursement Group	Percentage per Policy	Amount available
CLCCF Joint Legacy Fund	25%	\$94,000
Youth and Seniors	25%	\$72,100

Regional Community at Large	25%	\$72,300
Arts, Culture, Heritage and Rec	25%	\$97,500
Total	100%	\$335,900

DISCUSSION

An application was received from the Mount Hope Senior Citizens, which is a registered not-for-profit facility that provides housing for citizens from Hope and Electoral Area B. The facility currently uses window and portable air conditioners as well as baseboard heating, which the applicant advised are inefficient and expensive to run, leading to rental increases.

Mount Hope Senior Citizens are applying for a \$5,000 grant-in-aid to assist with the cost of upgrading their heating and cooling system to heat pumps. They have already fundraised \$15,000 and are requesting funding of \$5,000 from the Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area B funds. There are no application restrictions noted with this request and this project is capital owned by the non-profit group.

This request for funding is eligible under the Revenue Sharing, Fund Disbursement and Eligibility **Criteria Policy, under the fund disbursement criteria "25% to Youth and Seniors"** and Director Adamo is in support of this request.

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.

COST

The cost of \$5,000 will be funded from the Fraser Valley Regional Districts CLCCF surplus from dividends received to date.

CONCLUSION

A funding request has been received from the Mount Hope Senior Citizens to assist with the costs of upgrading their heating and cooling system at the Park Street Manor. 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 Directors is supportive of the full amount.