



STAFF REPORT

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2026-04-09

From: Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO

File No. 1850-01

Subject: 2026 Grant-In-Aid Request – Columbia Valley Fire Department Association, Electoral Area H

Reviewed by: Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board approve a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to the Columbia Valley Fire Department Association, funded from the 2026 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget.

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid program is available to nonprofit or community groups 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, including support from the Electoral Area Director and approval by the Board.

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.

DISCUSSION

The Columbia Valley Fire Department provides fire and rescue services for all areas south of Cultus Lake, throughout Columbia Valley. **The department's operational costs are supported through the FVRD's Financial Plan, which is funded by the properties benefiting from these services.** In addition, the fire service has a membership association with the primary purposes of supporting its membership outside of the regular firefighting duties.

A grant application was received on behalf of the Columbia Valley Fire Department Association requesting a \$1,000 grant-in-aid to assist with activities or items intended to show appreciation for the dedication and time of its members. These funds would not be used towards the fire services

operations. There are no application restrictions noted with this request and these costs are not the responsibility of senior levels of government.

This request for funding is eligible as per the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid policy under the **“promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” option.**

Please refer to the completed Grant-in-Aid application attached and note that financial statements/reports were not provided as the application is not greater than \$4,000.

Director Dixon is in support of the full requested amount.

COST

The \$1,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget for the 2026 taxation year.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received on behalf of the Columbia Valley Fire Department Association, funded from the 2026 Electoral Area H grant-in-aid budget, to assist with activities or items intended to show appreciation for the dedication and time of its members. 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.