

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Chilliwack Community Arts Council, Electoral Area “E”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$850 to the Chilliwack Community Arts Council with the grant being funded from the 2018 Electoral Area “E” grant-in-aid budget and being used to help offset the cost of a local contractor to fire the clay pots for the “Raku In The Valley” event, as well as permitting costs for park rentals.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

PRIORITIES

Priority #4 Tourism

BACKGROUND

This grant application meets the eligibility requirements under the “Promotion of volunteer participation and citizen involvement” and “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area” options of the Electoral Area Grant In Aid Policy.

DISCUSSION

The Chilliwack Arts Council is an organization whose purpose is to enrich the quality of life for residents of Chilliwack and area by encouraging education and participation in the Arts. They offer a number of outreach arts and culture programs and activities in a variety of locations.

The Council is requesting an \$850 grant-in-aid to help support a “Raku In The Valley” event taking place at Thompson Regional Park located in the Chilliwack River Valley. This event celebrates local artists and involves outdoor firing of small raku clay pots after patrons have glazed them. The event includes the Chilliwack River Valley Fire Department on site for safety and aims to bring the arts community and local citizens together to celebrate the arts.

Director Engar is in support of providing an \$850 grant-in-aid to help offset the costs of hosting this event.

COST

The \$850 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "E" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

The Chilliwack Community Arts Council has submitted a grant-in-aid application seeking funding support for their "Raku In The Valley" event taking place at FVRD's Thompson Regional Park. The event is being setup as a community celebration of the arts and clay pottery in particular.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported