

GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION

Fraser Valley Regional District, 45950 Cheam Ave, Chilliwack BC, V2P 1N6

Applicant Name:

Hope Volunteers Search and Rescue Group
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Statement as to eligibility:

Hope Search & Rescue is a non-profit organization whose goal is to respond to such occurrences with a team of skilled volunteers, “unpaid professionals” with the proper training and equipment to locate and assist persons in distress. We operate under the Emergency Management BC (EMBC) Program, providing our services to assist agencies such as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and BC Ambulance Service. While EMBC does provide reimbursement for volunteer expenses such as mileage and meals while on tasks, most of these reimbursements are donated by members back to the team to help cover operational costs. In addition, members also purchase and use their own personal equipment for SAR operations. Due to these circumstances it has been shown that it often costs volunteers money to participate in Search and Rescue.

Application Summary:

With this in mind, we are currently seeking financial contributions from businesses and individuals in order to support our team. Donations will be used to provide training and purchase equipment, minimizing expenses incurred to our members, and allowing us to continue conducting safe, efficient, and effective Search and Rescue services in the Fraser Valley. Some of the safety equipment required we are looking for includes:

- Funding for doors and heater for our UTV ~ Cost is approx. \$6,100.00;
- Funding for Sonetic headset to protect from high noise level and provide hand free communication for boat and UTV operator ~ Cost is approx. \$8,500.00 Cdn;
- Funding to upgrade first aid equipment for providing necessary care to subjects. The cost is approx. \$6,000.00; and/or
- Funding for a FLIR heat sensor ~ Cost approx. \$5,000.00

Statement as to how these funds will benefit the community or an aspect of the community:

As you may be aware, outdoor activity in our area is steadily rising. A greater number of people from all walks of life are using the backcountry: local and visiting sportsmen and recreational users, wildlife and nature enthusiasts, and industrial workers just to name a few. Many factors have contributed to this trend, such as development of new resorts and trails, increases in population, expanding industry, and the spreading reputation of our area's natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Of course, with more people using our outdoors comes additional risk of someone becoming lost or injured.