

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board  
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

Date: 2018-09-25  
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**Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Fraser Valley Toy Run, Electoral Area “F”**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$1,000 to Charles Bernal, Committee member of the community group acting to support the Central & Upper Fraser Valley Toy Run, to be funded from the Electoral Area “F” grant-in-aid budget.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

### BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid policy under the “Activities/ programs which are accessible to a large portion of the electoral area”.

### DISCUSSION

This community group provides support to the Central & Upper Fraser Valley Toy Run annually. Members volunteer their time as well as fundraise to support this cause. The toy run has multiple locations in which they accept toys and donations which are then distributed through the Christmas Bureau.

The community group is requesting a grant-in-aid to help with the costs of providing a drop-off location in Mission, including traffic control. Any additional funds will go towards the purchase of toys for the toy drive. Toys collected by this organization support the residents of Area F.

This report is moving straight through to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board as it was not received prior to the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting held on September 5, 2018. Due to the timing of this event and the proximity to elections, staff members agree that submission for the September Board meeting would be more administratively responsible.

Director Boucher is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$1,000 for this event.

## **COST**

The \$1,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "F" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

## **CONCLUSION**

A grant-in-aid application has been received from Charles Bernal on behalf of his community group seeking support to secure a location along the route of the Central & Upper Fraser Valley Toy Run in Mission as well as traffic control, with all additional funds going towards toys to be distributed through the Christmas Bureau.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported