

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee Date: 2019-03-12 From: Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services File No: 1850-20 / 003

Subject: GIA – Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department (Electoral Area B)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$3,000 to the Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department, funded from the Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget, to help purchase wildfire structure sprinkler protection equipment.

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BACKGROUND

This request for funding is eligible under the EA Grant-in-Aid Policy under the "use of new approaches/techniques in solving community challenges" and "start-up costs for new programs".

DISCUSSION

The Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department (SVVFD) is a non-profit public safety society that provides structural and interface firefighting services, as well as rescue and education services, to the community of Sunshine Valley and a portion of Highway 3 within the boundaries of Electoral Area B.

The SVVFD is requesting a grant-in –aid to assist with the cost of acquiring sprinkler system equipment to aid in the challenges with urban interface fires in the community.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$3,000.

COST

The \$3,000 cost will be funded from the Electoral Area "B" grant-in-aid budget which has sufficient funds to support this request.

CONCLUSION

A grant-in-aid application has been received from the SVVFD seeking support to help pay for the costs of acquiring wildfire structure sprinkler protection equipment.

COMMENTS BY:

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer: Not available for comment.