

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Kristy Hodson, Manager of Financial Operations

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Subject: Grant-In-Aid Request – Fraser Canyon Hospice Society, Electoral Area “B”

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$2,500 to the Fraser Canyon Hospice Society, funded from the 2019 Electoral Area “B” grant-in-aid budget, to offset costs of their 15th annual Camp Skylark.

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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” option.

DISCUSSION

The Fraser Canyon Hospice Society is located in Hope, and their mission is to provide quality support and end of life services to their clients and their loved ones, care givers and the bereaved. They serve clients in Agassiz, Hope, Yale, Boston Bar, North Bend, Sunshine Valley and all First Nations Communities in these areas.

The Fraser Canyon Hospice Society is requesting a grant-in-aid of \$4,000 to help with the costs of providing a retreat for children ages 7-12 who have lost a loved one. This retreat provides many ways to assist in the grieving process for its participants resulting in many of the participants and volunteers seeing tremendous benefits from this program.

Director Adamson is in support of providing a grant-in-aid of \$2,500 which would fund approximately 7 children. In the previous year, Area B contributed an extra \$1,300 as a one-time contribution to help offset funding shortages from other partner organizations.

COST

The \$2,500 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 Fraser Canyon Hospice Society seeking support for their 15th annual Camp Skylark program that helps support children through their grief journey of losing a loved one.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Not available for comment.