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Golden & District Search and Rescue
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Re: Golden & District Search and Rescue Gas Tax Funding Application

Members of the CSRD;

The purpose of this letter is to request access to Gas Tax Funding for Golden & District Search and Rescue. GADSAR is looking for funding to improve the Energy Efficiency of our vehicle and equipment storage bay.

Golden and District Search and Rescue is a non-profit organization that provides public service in the Columbia Valley. GADSAR is staffed by unpaid, professionally trained volunteers and is tasked with responding to both emergency and non-emergency situations. GADSAR assists the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), BC Ambulance Service (BCAS), Parks Canada, the BC Coroner's Service, and several other requesting agencies.

Project Title: Service Bay Insulation & Electrical Upgrade

Amount Required: $80,000 (includes GST)

Land Ownership |

The property belongs to the Town of Golden and is under lease to Golden and District Search and Rescue. The lease is current through December 2020, with no plans to not continue the lease expressed by either party. All buildings are the property of Golden and District Search and Rescue.

Description of Project |

Golden & District Search and Rescue currently houses key rescue equipment in a 50'x80' storage bay. The funds applied for here would insulate the bay and upgrade the electrical in the building.

The building to be insulated under this project houses vital rescue equipment, including response trucks, snowmobiles, boats, ATVs, generators and shop equipment. It is vital that this equipment remain warm so that they are ready to start in an emergency response situation.

The storage bay to be upgraded is suffering from some key inefficiencies that are causing increased electrical and heating costs and poor usage. The insulation has not been replaced since the building's initial construction over 50 years ago. Moisture has taken its toll on the building and the vapor barrier is no longer functioning. The lights, electrical panels and outlets are also outdated have become the source of extreme inefficiencies in energy usage.

It is the goal of this project to bring the Storage Bay up to modern standards and greatly decrease our energy consumption while greatly increasing our efficiencies in the facility.

Proposal |

Attached are three quotes that propose to renovate the storage bay's insulation to bring it up to a minimum of R36 and to renovate the electrical components in the bay. Doing these projects congruently allows us to do the work in a time and costs savings fashion.

It is proposed that this project be completed within the next 12 months. We have some constraints with the project – specifically that the insulating foam can only be sprayed in certain temperature conditions and the extremely busy schedules of the construction firms during this season will make scheduling challenging. We feel fortunate that three area businesses are able to give us their time.

Project Impact |

Currently, GADSAR's heating and electrical costs are a significant line item in our operating budget. It is our hope that upgrading our insulation and electrical of this building will significantly reduce these operating costs and contribute toward a cleaner environment.

GADSAR is exclusively funded by Government Grants and donations from the public. We believe that being able to allocate funding that would have otherwise been put toward utility costs instead into Volunteer Training and Rescue Supplies is the best possible use of these donated funds.

We appreciate the consideration for support to access the Gas Tax Funds and look forward to providing any additionally required information about GADSAR or this project.

Sincerely;

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