



# BOARD REPORT

**TO:**

Chair and Directors

**File No:** 1850 10**SUBJECT:**

COVID-19 Safe Restart Electoral Area Grant in Aids

**DESCRIPTION:**

Report from Sheena Haines, Deputy Treasurer, Financial Services, dated July 11, 2022. Funding applications for consideration by the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT: the COVID-19 Restart Grant funding in the amount of \$2,500 to each of the following organizations:

- Blind Bay Community Society
- Cedar Heights Community Association
- Eagle Valley Rescue Society
- Falkland & District Community Church and Fellowship Society
- Falkland & District Sunday Morners Club
- Falkland Seniors Hall #95
- Field Recreation Advisory Association
- Lakeview Centre Community Society
- Local Food Matters
- Malakwa United Church Thrift Store
- North & South Shuswap Community Resources Association
- Seymour Arm First Responders
- Silver Creek Community Association
- Sorrento Drop In Society
- Sorrento Memorial Hall Association
- South Shuswap Health Services Society
- Sunnybrae Community Association
- White Lake Community Hall Society

Be approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2022

**SHORT SUMMARY:**

On December 9, 2021, the Board approved \$50,000 of the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant funding be allocated to eligible community non-profit organizations to a maximum of \$2,500 per organization in accordance with Policy F-37 "COVID-19 Safe Restart Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Funding". The Board designated these funds to ensure the continued and future viability of organizations delivering core community services and those delivering critical community-based supports to vulnerable populations, due to operational issues and fiscal pressures as a result of COVID-19.

**VOTING:**Unweighted  
Corporate☐LGA Part 14  
(Unweighted)☐Weighted  
Corporate☒Stakeholder  
(Weighted)☐**BACKGROUND:**

On November 3, 2020, the CSR D received a \$645,000 COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant to support local governments in dealing with increased operating costs and decreased revenues for established services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2021, the CSR D received additional funding in the amount of \$344,000. This funding is subject to strict reporting requirements to ensure optimal transparency on

the use of these funds and there are significant limitations on what the funds can be used for. The Policy F-37 "COVID-19 Safe Restart Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Funding" was developed with those limitations and reporting requirements contained within the Policy. Applications were received up to June 30, 2022, at which point staff started the review in accordance with policy. Upon review of all applications received, staff determined that 18 of the applications met all the requirements of the policy and application and are recommended for funding. An additional 14 applications were received that were determined to not meet the eligibility criteria. Staff is recommending that the 18 applications that met the criteria be funded. COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant-in-Aid Applications are available from staff.

**POLICY:**

Policy No. F-37 COVID-19 Safe Restart Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Funding

**FINANCIAL:**

There were 18 eligible applications from organizations that met all the requirements under the policy, therefore, \$45,000 will be allocated.

**KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:**

The Board recognizes the value to the electoral areas of non-profit organizations and charities maintaining a local presence, and that a contribution by the CSRD may support continued community services.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Upon Board approval, the Finance Staff will prepare cheques for the eligible recipients and a detailed letter outlining their responsibilities for reporting on the funding. Non-eligible recipients will receive a letter from the Manager, Financial Services, notifying them that they will not be receiving funding under this stream.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

That the Board endorse the recommendation.

**BOARD'S OPTIONS:**

1. *Endorse the Recommendation(s).*
2. *Deny the Recommendation(s).*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

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