



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board

From: Director of Corporate Services

Date: May 18, 2023

Subject: FireSmart Grant Application to UBCM

Voting Entitlement: All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Purpose: To request Regional Board support for a FireSmart grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for 2024 RDCO FireSmart programming.

Executive Summary:

The FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire.

The RDCO is requesting funding for projects associated with wildfire risk reduction for both the regional districts electoral areas. Electoral area funding is requested for the Term position for a FireSmart Coordinator, banners, posters, videos specific to community wildfire resiliency, tents, t-shirts, mascot costume, hosting a local FireSmart day, and assisting neighborhoods in becoming FireSmart recognized neighborhoods.

The RDCO is requesting \$175,898.08 in FireSmart funding from UBCM.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board supports a submission of an application under the 2023 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Fund for 2024 RDCO FireSmart programming.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corie Griffiths".

Corie Griffiths, Director of Corporate Services

Attachment(s): 2023 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Application