



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Protective Services
Date: January 16, 2025

Subject: 2024 Intake – EMCR DRIF Program – Community Hall HVAC Installations

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

Purpose: To consider Regional Board support for staff to submit a full proposal for installation of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) in two community halls through the 2024 Intake of the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program under the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).

Executive Summary:

The DRIF program supports projects that enhance community resilience against natural and climate-driven hazards, such as floods, droughts, and extreme temperatures. Funding from this program will enable the Regional District to complete installation of HVAC equipment and emergency generators at the Joe Rich Community Hall and the Killiney Beach Community Hall. Completion of these projects will provide the opportunity to open warming and cooling centres during emergencies including but not limited to extended duration\extreme climate events and extended power outages. Approval of this proposal will add additional capacity to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board supports submission of a full proposal for \$200,000 to complete the installation of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) in two community halls through the 2024 Intake of the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program under the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).

AND THAT the Regional Board supports staff to spend the funds when they are authorized through a successful application.

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Walroth, Director of Protective Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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Considerations:

Organizational/External:

Internal collaboration between departments, increased resiliency for the Regional District and regional partners

Financial:

Offsetting local service area tax requisitions

Considerations not applicable:

- *Legal/Statutory Authority*
 - *Alternate Recommendation*
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