



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Protective Services
Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: 2025 Intake – UBCM – Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training

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

Purpose: To consider Regional Board support for staff to apply for a grant under the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training.

Executive Summary:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a plethora of funding programs to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to emergencies.

Emergency Management staff have prepared a regional application to request grant funding and subsequently pool funds for Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training. Grant funds will be used for Emergency Operations Centre training complete with tabletop exercises and mock activations, communications training for the Public Information Officers, team building within the EOC, and mental health & wellness training.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board supports a submission of an application under the Union of BC Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund up to a maximum of \$240,000 under the Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training 2025 funding stream.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Brittany Seibert, Regional Emergency Manager

Approved 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 type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input 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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Background:

This project aligns with the RDCO's strategic priority of Emergency Preparedness. It aims to strengthen the region's ability to respond effectively to emergencies, ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents.

Considerations:**Organizational/External:**

The proposed project will build EOC competencies by increasing the knowledge of staff, local government stakeholders, and First Nation partners to respond in an efficient and uniform manner while safeguarding the mental health of those entrusted to work in the EOC.

Financial:

Offsetting tax requisitions

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Provision of emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery is mandatory under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act

Considerations not applicable:

- Alternate Recommendation
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