



Standing Committee Report Electoral Area Services Committee

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Director of Financial Services
Date: March 5, 2026
Subject: 2026 Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Applications

Objective: To present the 2026 Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid applications for consideration and to recommend funding amounts to the Regional Board, in accordance with Regional Board Policy BP 22-2025 Grant-in-Aid.

Background:

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) provides Grant-in-Aid funding to eligible non-profit and community organizations delivering cultural, charitable, recreational, or service activities that support community well-being, volunteerism, and RDCO priorities. Applications are evaluated in accordance with Regional Board Policy BP 22-2025 Grant-in-Aid.

All applications were received by the Electoral Area deadline of February 28, 2026 and include the required supporting documentation.

Discussion:

Four (4) Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid applications were received for 2026. Applications were reviewed for completeness and general alignment with Policy BP 22-2025.

Available Grant-in-Aid funding for 2026 is as follows:

- Electoral Area East: \$4,000
- Electoral Area West: \$5,400

The total amount requested across all applications is \$80,900, which exceeds available Electoral Area funding. Funding allocations will require prioritization based on eligibility.

Based on the applications:

- Telemark Nordic Club – Electoral Area West
- North Westside Communities Association – Electoral Area West
- Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society – Electoral Area not clearly identified
- Kelowna District Fish and Game Club – Electoral Area not clearly identified

Applicant Organization	Project / Program	Amount Requested
Telemark Nordic Club	Panorama Cabin Project	\$65,000
North Westside Communities Association	Community Events and Youth Sports Programs	\$3,400
Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society	Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Rehoming Program	\$5,000
Kelowna District Fish and Game Club	Youth Outdoor Education Programs	\$7,500
Total Requested		\$80,900

Application Summaries

Telemark Nordic Club – Panorama Cabin Project

Request of \$65,000 to construct a destination warming cabin at the Telemark Nordic Centre. The project supports public recreation, volunteer engagement, youth programming, and winter tourism and represents a defined capital project.

North Westside Communities Association – Community Events and Youth Sports Programs

Request of \$3,400 to support community events and youth sports programming in Electoral Area West, promoting social connection and accessible recreation.

Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society – Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Rehoming Program

Request of \$5,000 to support volunteer- led animal rescue and rehoming services within the RDCO, supporting community well- being and public safety.

Kelowna District Fish and Game Club (with BC Wildlife Federation) – Youth Outdoor Education Programs

Request of \$7,500 to deliver youth conservation and outdoor education programs promoting recreation, environmental stewardship, and volunteer mentorship.

Next Steps:

Following Committee consideration, the recommended funding amounts will be forwarded to the Regional Board for approval, subject to Policy BP 22- 2025 Grant- in- Aid and adoption of the applicable annual financial plan.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee receives the 2026 Electoral Area Grant in Aid Applications Report from the Director of Financial Services dated March 5, 2026 for information.

AND THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends that the Regional Board approve the following 2026 Electoral Area Grant- in- Aid funding allocations, as outlined in the report from the Director of Financial Services dated March 5, 2026, subject to compliance with Policy BP 22- 2025 Grant- in- Aid and adoption of the applicable annual financial plan.

- Telemark Nordic Club (Electoral Area West): \$ _____
- North Westside Communities Association (Electoral Area West): \$ _____
- Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society (Electoral Area _____): \$ _____
- Kelowna District Fish and Game Club (Electoral Area _____): \$ _____

Report Approved by: Tania McCabe, CPA, CA, Director of Financial Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

- Attachment(s):
1. BP 22-2025 Grant in Aid
 2. Telemark Nordic Club Application
 3. North Westside Community Association Application
 4. Paws It Forward Dog Rescue Society Application
 5. Kelowna District Fish and Game Club Application
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