



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

Approved for Board Consideration

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To: Regional Board

Jodie Foster, Acting CAO

From: David Komaïke, Director of Engineering Services

Date: March 28, 2022

Subject: UBCM - EOC Regional Application - 2021

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Corporate Vote – Majority (LGA s.208)*

Purpose: To seek Board support for staff to apply for a grant application under the UBCM - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Executive Summary:

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) offers grants to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to and recovering from emergencies. Staff has prepared an application to request funding for the modernization of Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Modernization includes the purchase of a large format printer and other equipment vital to the operation of the facility during an emergency.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board supports a submission of an application under the 2022 UBCM-Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$24,959 under the 2022 Emergency Operations Centre Regional Emergency Response Program.

Respectfully Submitted:

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David Komaïke, Director of Engineering Services

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priorities: Sustainable Communities, Choose an item.

Values: Collaboration, Regional Perspective

Background:Modernization of the Central Okanagan Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

The Regional Emergency Program is coordinated by the Kelowna Fire Department on behalf of the Regional District, the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Westbank First Nation. The program supports the electoral areas, member municipalities and the Westbank First Nation during an emergency and creates a unified, collaborative approach to ensure the safety for all residents of the RDCO.

The Program is intended to assist staff and officials with emergency response activities. The four phases of disaster and emergency management include mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

UBCM – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centres and Training

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), supports local governments and their communities with grant opportunities for disaster response and recovery.

The CEPF has seven streams of funding. This application is for the Emergency Operations Centre and Training stream. “The intent of this funding stream is to support eligible applicants to build local capacity through the purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises. Ongoing operational costs are not eligible” .

The RDCO is applying for funding to continue modernizing the response capabilities of the EOC. Modernization of the EOC allows for effective emergency response in unpredictable situations. The proposed application will be for:

- 1 - Plotter/Large Scale Printer
 - 4 - Laptops
 - 1 - HUB
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Considerations:

Organizational/External:

The proposed project will build emergency response capacity by increasing the knowledge of staff, allowing for practiced and efficient work flow in a virtual environment during emergency events.

Financial:

Staff is requesting that 100% of the project costs be covered by this grant. Should this application be supported and successful, staff will bring forward a request to amend the 2022 to 2026 Financial Plan in order to include this project.

Projected Project Costs: \$24,959

Legal/Statutory Authority:

The RDCO operates the regional EOC on behalf of all members communities. Training, support, program development and equipment are managed by the Regional District for the benefit of the Central Okanagan.

Considerations not applicable:

Alternate Recommendation:
