



STAFF REPORT TO BOARD

DATE OF REPORT: October 17, 2024
MEETING TYPE & DATE: Board of October 30, 2024
FROM: Emergency Management Cowichan (EMC)
Strategic Services Department
SUBJECT: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Support
Services 2025 Grant Application
FILE: 1855-40 DRIF EMCR 2024

PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for a regional application for the Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) Disaster Resiliency and Innovation Fund (DRIF) to continue the mitigation of risk in the Cowichan region.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

That a grant application in the amount of up to \$1,850,000 be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services.

BACKGROUND

A region-wide Hazard Risk Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment is nearing completion under the regional emergency program (Emergency Management Cowichan). Mitigation projects continue to be planned and implemented at the local authority level but may be supported by regional grant applications where funds are available and/or where a mitigation project has regional benefit.

The EMCR DRIF grant is available to local authorities and First Nations to help support risk assessment, mitigation, and resiliency building for natural hazards and climate-related risks in their region. This is accomplished through the development and implementation of activities that bolster community resilience by providing data, building partnerships, and supporting long-term disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation planning; and structural and non-structural disaster risk reduction projects.

ANALYSIS

This year's regional grant application proposes using the funding for a local authority mitigation project as put forward to EMC:

- Stream 2 structural project: City of Duncan 3rd Street Culvert replacement project to manage flooding and water scarcity under new climate projections.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

At this time, EMC is applying for up to \$1,850,000 for eligible activities (budget attached). After reviewing the expression of interest and application, the UBCM grant review committee may suggest minor amendments to activities proposed, resulting in adjustments to the project and an increase or decrease in the application total.

COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS

N/A


STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

As we continue in a regional emergency management model, where possible, emergency management grants will be used to support the growth and improvement of the full program benefiting all local authority and First Nation members.

Referred to (upon completion):

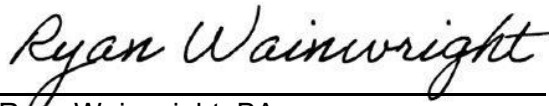
- ☐ Community Services (*Cowichan Community Centre, Cowichan Lake Recreation, South Cowichan Recreation, Arts & Culture, Facilities & Transit*)
- ☐ Corporate Services (*Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legislative Services*)
- ☐ Operations (*Utilities, Parks & Trails, Recycling & Waste Management*)
- ☐ Land Use Services (*Community Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Development Services, Building Inspection & Bylaw Enforcement*)
- ☒ Strategic Services (*Communications & Engagement, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Environmental Services*)

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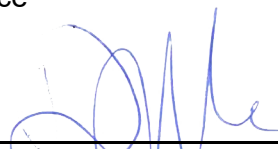
Resolution:

Financial Considerations:

☒ Corporate Officer

☒ Chief Financial Officer

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments / Concurrence



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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – DRIF EMCR 2024 Grant Budget

Attachment B – DRIF EMCR EOI & Application Summary