



Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
August 27, 2019

File Number: 1853

To: Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer

From: David Tomkinson, Fire Chief

Date: August 14, 2019

Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs staff to submit a grant funding application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund;

AND THAT Council directs administration to provide overall grant management.

Background:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a grant funding opportunity focused on enhancing the resiliency of local governments in responding to emergencies. The funds, provided by the Province, are administered through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

This current round of funding is being directed at Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments to assist with the purchase of new or replacement equipment, or to facilitate the delivery of training, providing 100% of eligible project costs up to \$25,000.00.

Reviewed by:			
Director, Corp. Services Approved - Sean Smith	Director, Finance & IT Approved - Sheila Thiessen	Director, Engineering & Development Approved - James Dinwoodie	Chief Administrative Officer: Choose an item.

A committee of Merritt Fire Officers was convened to assess projects that would best meet the grant application criteria and address our community's immediate needs, plus off-set future expenses.

The Merritt Fire Rescue Department (MFRD) is proposing a grant request for the purchase of specific equipment aimed at wildfire protection and equipping our Sprinkler Protection Trailer;

- 2 – 2500 IMP gallon water bladders
- 6 – Wildfire sprinkler kits with capacity to protect 24 residential structures or provide 4800 feet of perimeter protection.
- 24 lengths of 1 ½" forestry hose

We believe our application has merit as this equipment is, by grant application criteria, "transferrable" and able to be loaned/deployed to other communities in the Nicola Valley; namely areas of the Thompson Nicola Regional District and First Nations Communities when there is an imminent threat. The total project cost is just inside the \$25,000 limit.

Options / discussion

1. Council could resolve to support the grant proposals and in doing so agree to the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.
2. Council could reject the grant proposal.

Financial / Risk Implications:

This is a 100% Provincially funded, Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) grant funding opportunity.

Strategic Plan Reference:

N/A

Attachments:

Schedule "A": Grant proposal budget

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Tomkinson
Fire Chief