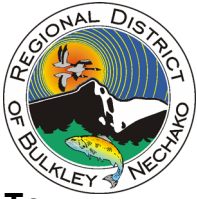


**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplemental Memorandum

To: Chair and Board of Directors
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: May 27, 2021
Subject: COVID-19 Relief Funds

RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

That the Board approve the following Applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds.

Background:

The following applications have been received from community groups for COVID-19 Relief Funding. The requests support operational expenses that are a challenge to bear due to decreased revenue as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Additional requests are anticipated and will appear on upcoming RDBN Board Agendas.

Community Group	Project	Amount
Area 'A' (Smithers Rural)		
Smithers Multicultural Society	Virtual Festival	\$1,250.00
Round Lake Community Hall	Hall Insurance	\$3,014.00
Friends of the Smithers Library	Operational (Books for Community Programs)	\$2,500.00
Smithers Bikes	Virtual GoByBikeBC Active Transportation	\$2,500.00
BV Search and Rescue	Equipment Replacement	\$2,500.00
Area 'B' (Burns Lake Rural)		
Burns Lake Legion	Operating Expenses	\$3,045.09
Eagle Creek Recreation Commission	Insurance	\$1,317.00
Area 'C' (Fort St; James Rural)		
Fort St. James Curling Club	Hydro	\$6,326.16
Stuart Lake Seniors Association	Kitchen Improvements for Sanitization	\$3,500.00
Fort St. James Music Makers	Natural Gas and Hydro Expenses	\$4,436.00
Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op	Hand washing station	\$2,466.45
Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)		
Fraser Lake Public Library	Meeting Expenses	\$150.00
Fort Fraser Community Hall	Hall Insurance	\$2,920.00

Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society	Insurance	\$2,371.00
Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Rural)		
Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)		
Vanderhoof Children's Theater	Insurance and Rental	\$3,000.00
Mapes Blackwater Lake Community Club	Insurance	\$3,104.00
Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce	COVID-19 Safety Supplies	\$2,000.00
Area 'G' (Houston Rural)		

COVID-19 Relief Funds Allocated (up to May 26, 2021 – includes requests on this memo)

Electoral Area	Starting Balance	Funding Allocated	Funds Remaining
A – Smithers Rural	\$42,732.00	\$18,988.00	\$23,744.00
B – Burns Lake Rural	\$15,756.00	\$4,362.09	\$11,393.91
C – Fort St. James Rural	\$11,504.00	\$16,728.61	(\$5,224.61)
D – Fraser Lake Rural	\$11,967.00	\$5,441.00	\$6,526.00
E – Francois/Ootsa Rural	\$12,951.00	\$5,654.00	\$7,297.00
F – Vanderhoof Rural	\$29,796.00	\$12,395.14	\$17,400.86
G – Houston Rural	\$7,341.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,341.00

Some groups have made more than one request – for example Hydro costs and Insurance costs. In these cases, the larger request has been put forward first, and the second remains in the queue for subsequent Board memos to ensure as many groups as possible have access to funding. Calls and emails from community groups continue to arrive, and staff have begun outreach to additional groups like Farmers' Markets to encourage applications.

At this time, some Rural Directors are close to fully allocating the initial COVID-19 Relief Funding (Area C is over-subscribed). It is possible, should the Board desire, to allocate some or all of the \$383,207.00 from the Regional allocation to Rural Directors, either by population, fixed amount, or a combination of both.

There has been an extensive outreach campaign, with about 50% of contacted groups submitting an application (by May 17, 2021). Additional outreach continues. If Directors have inquiries about a particular group, staff are available by phone or email to provide those updates.