



**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
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United Way BC Awards Grant Funding to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Burns Lake, B.C. – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has been awarded grant funding from United Way British Columbia for the purchase of air scrubbing units that will be used to create clean-air spaces around the region during periods of poor air quality.

The \$25,000 in funding was received from the United Way BC Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund and has allowed for the purchase of 14 air scrubbers, which will be strategically distributed to smoke-affected areas.

Poor air quality has been an ongoing issue around the RDBN during this summer's very active wildfire season. Clean air centres will allow those affected by smoke to spend some time in an environment with fresh air and find some relief during times of reduced air quality.

"We are very thankful to United Way BC for their support with this project. They have given us the opportunity to assist our communities in times of need, and to bring relief to those suffering from the smoke that has affected our region. We are very glad to have these units available for this season and in years to come."

- Mark Parker, RDBN Chair

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