Regional District of East Kootenay

Request for Decision

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Subject	Cranbrook Community Theatre Society Community Works Fund Request

REQUEST

Provide a Community Works Fund grant for the "Studio/Stage Door" Theatre Renovation project.

OPTIONS

1. THAT a Community Works Fund grant of $22,500 be provided to the Cranbrook Community Theatre Society for the "Studio/Stage Door" Theatre Renovation project; and further that the grant be included in the 2020 Financial Plan.

2. THAT a Community Works Fund grant of $_____ be provided to the Cranbrook Community Theatre Society for the "Studio/Stage Door" Theatre Renovation project; and further that the grant be included in the 2020 Financial Plan.

3. THAT the request for a Community Works Fund grant for the "Studio/Stage Door" Theatre Renovation project be denied.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The "Studio/Stage Door" was built in 1909, is owned by the City of Cranbrook and has been leased to the Cranbrook Community Theatre Society (CCT) for the past 45 years.

The CCT operates and maintains the heritage building as a community theatre and have carried out significant improvements over the years. The CCT is embarking on a large project to renovate the theatre and restore it back to the period: circa 1908.

The project is estimated at $150,000 and will include the removal of walls and ceilings, electrical upgrade, new flooring, window replacement, insulation, new drywall, paint, trim, crown moldings and hand railings. The project also includes the installation of new theatre lighting that was purchased in 2019.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Financial – Financial Plan

If approved, the funding contribution would be included in the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan.

Financial - Taxation

There would be no effect on taxation due to the funding being provided through the Community Works Funds.

Community Works Fund – Funds Available

The uncommitted balance of the Community Works Fund is $2,297,306. There is also a request for CWF in the amount of $120,000 for the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation that will be included in the January 2020 agenda package.

Community Works Fund Eligible Project Category

This project meets the criteria outlined in the Community Works Fund agreement under the Cultural Infrastructure category which includes facilities for the creation, production and presentation of the arts. The CWF grant request is for 15% of the project cost.

The percentage of total CWF grants awarded to date and the percentage of rural population is provided for each Electoral Area below:

Electoral Area	% of CWF $ Awarded	% of Total Rural Population
Area A	5%	9%
Area B	14%	13%
Area C	18%	38%
Area E	4%	11%
Area F	50%	20%
Area G	10%	9%

* Area A population adjusted to reflect the amalgamation of West Fernie into the City of Fernie.

* Projects with regional impacts excluded from this calculation are $500,000 for the Columbia Valley Office and $420,000 for future Broadband projects.

Attachment