

Request for Decision

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Subject CEPF – Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility Training Grant Application

REQUEST

To approve the submission of a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application to deliver Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility training to emergency program staff and volunteers.

OPTIONS

1. That a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application for \$25,000 be submitted for Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility training to emergency program staff with the RDEK to provide overall grant management.
2. That a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments and their residents in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

The most recent addition to the stream of grants available through the CEPF is the Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility Training. The intent of this stream is to support eligible applicants to provide emergency management personnel with cultural safety and humility training in order to more effectively collaborate with and provide assistance to Indigenous communities during times of emergency.

The need for such training has been identified in Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia (2018) and in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #57.

The Ktunaxa Nation, through the St. Eugene Mission Resort facility, offers Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility training and it is our intent to provide this training to as many emergency management personnel, volunteers and staff throughout the region as we are able to facilitate with the CEPF funding.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

The estimated project total is \$25,200. The maximum eligible amount that can be requested is \$25,000. All grant funds received will be used as indicated on the application attached. The \$200 excess would be absorbed by the East Kootenay Emergency Program training budgets for 2020.

Partnerships

While the RDEK did not formally identify any partnerships for the subject grant application, should the grant application be successful, and the training provided will be for the benefit of the entire region.

Attachment