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**Subject** Kootenay Employment Services Funding Request

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### REQUEST

Kootenay Employment Services has requested a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to meet application contribution requirement for the Regional Childcare Project funding application submitted to the Rural Diversification and Infrastructure Program.

### OPTIONS

1. THAT a grant of \$15,000 in 2025 from general administration to Kootenay Employment Services be provided to meet the applicant contribution requirement for the Regional Childcare Project funding application submitted to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program, subject to resubmission of the updated project budget.
2. THAT a grant of \$15,000 in 2025 from general administration to Kootenay Employment Services be denied.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

#### Previous Board Action

The request from Kootenay Employment Services for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to meet application contribution requirement for the Regional Childcare Project funding application submitted to the Rural Diversification and Infrastructure Program was brought to the Board in December of 2024, with the decision to refer the request to the 2025-2029 Financial Plan process for consideration. (Resolution 52041)

At February 14, 2025, Board meeting it was resolved that a grant of \$15,000 in 2025 from general administration, be provided to Kootenay Employment Services to meet the applicant contribution requirement for the Regional Childcare Project funding application submitted to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program, subject to funding from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Columbia Basin Trust. (Resolution 52129)

#### Revisiting the Motion

Kootenay Employment Services was unsuccessful in securing funding from Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Columbia Basin Trust but were successful in securing alternative funding of \$30,000 from the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation.

If they are successful in securing funding from the RDEK, they will have sufficient funds to execute the project as presented to the Board in December.

## **SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Bylaws**

Procedure Bylaw 2020, 2007 part 11.2 notes that “a motion that was adopted can only be re-visited if it is possible to reverse or modify the action that was authorized by that motion.” Since it is possible to modify the action by changing the subjects of the motion, the funding request is being re-visited.

### **Financial - Budget**

A grant to Kootenay Employment Services for \$15,000 in 2025 from general administration is included in the adopted 2025-2029 five-year financial plan.

Attachments