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Application – Asset Management Strategy

REQUEST

Submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities Asset Management Planning Program Grant for the development of an Asset Management Strategy.

OPTIONS

1. That an application be submitted to Union of BC Municipalities under the Asset Management Planning Program Grant Program for an Asset Management Strategy with ineligible or additional costs to be funded through the Community Works Fund (CWF).
2. That no Asset Management Planning Program Grant application be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Asset Management Planning program was created in 2014 through a \$1.5 million contribution from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Since that time, more than \$6.3 million has been contributed to the program for planning grants, training subsidies, and the development of asset management resources, and more than 380 grants and subsidies have been awarded. The program seeks to support local governments to take next steps on the path to better asset management practices. A further objective of the program is to support local governments in meeting their asset management commitments under the Canada Community-Building Fund.

The grant funds are going to be used to procure consulting services to develop an RDEK Asset Management Strategy. The Asset Management Strategy is a high-level document that describes how the asset management policy will be implemented. It describes the role of infrastructure asset management in supporting the Regional Districts vision, goals, and strategic objectives. A Request for Quotation is ready to be delivered to interested proponents with proponent selection occurring in May and final deliverables anticipated end of 2025.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

The 2025 Asset Management Planning program grant can provide up to 50% of total project costs to the grant maximum (\$25,000). The remainder (50%) is required to be funded through community contributions. The community contribution for a project must be directly related to activities approved in the application and can come from a number of sources, including Community Works Funds (CWF).

The current 2025 budget includes an Asset Management Strategy of \$60,000 fully funded from the CWF. If the RDEK were to receive this grant of \$25,000, it would then be able to utilize the \$25,000 for optional scope items for the Asset Management Strategy or fund a portion of the next phase of Asset Management planning project.

Strategic Priority

Asset and Infrastructure Management is included on the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.