



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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2024 BUDGET REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole File No.: BUD 1.0

FROM: Renee McCloskey, Manager of External Relations

DATE: November 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Regional Grants-in-Aid – 1951

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider and Approve Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan

Attachments:

1. 2024 Proposed Budget
2. 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT the 2024 budget for Regional Grants-in-Aid be approved.
3. THAT the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan for Regional Grants-in-Aid be approved.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All Weighted	Majority
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SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The Regional District established a Regional Grants-in-Aid Service in 2003, under the provisions of Bylaw No. 2010, 2003. This Bylaw converted the Regional Grants-in-Aid function under Supplementary Letters Patent to an established service.

Under this Service, grants are provided to organizations serving the Regional District as a whole that have the potential to affect the positive identity of culture, community spirit, and quality leisure experiences, and encourage co-ordination and co-operation amongst regional organizations and agencies. Funding for reconciliation initiatives is also funded through this budget.

The Regional District provides funding commitments to the Two Rivers Art Gallery and the Whistle Stop Gallery as part of the Regional Cultural Plan.

The budget also provides grants to Fraser Basin Council and the Prince George Air Quality Management Plan.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- ☐ Climate Action ☐ Economic Health ☒ Indigenous Relations ☒ Strong Communities
- ☐ None – Statutory or Routine Business

SERVICE DETAILS:

Participants: All Municipalities and Electoral Areas

Requisition Limit: \$0.10 per \$1,000 (2023 – \$2,096,007)

Debt Balance: None

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- support initiatives described in the 2023 – 2027 Regional Cultural Plan to work with affiliated agencies to promote cultural tourism opportunities and support cultural organizations.
- participate in, and assist with, the Prince George Air Quality Management Plan and support the Fraser Basin Council.
- continued implementation of the revised policy for receiving, reviewing and awarding Regional Grants-in-Aid.

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2023	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 685,600	\$ 708,648	\$ 23,048	3.4 %
Requisition:	\$ 652,938	\$ 691,479	\$ 38,541	5.9 %

BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

- increased funding for Two Rivers Gallery (4.4%) and Whistle Stop Gallery (\$5,000)
- the 2024 budget for miscellaneous grants is set at \$20,000 to respond to requests for financial support from non-profit organizations
- funding has been increased to support Indigenous organizations and reconciliation initiatives

Respectfully submitted,

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