



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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ADDITIONAL - Report

REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: VAL 1.2

FROM: Bonnie Seitz, Community Services Leader

DATE: February 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Columbia Basin Trust – Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grant Application

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Supporting Grant Application

Attachments:
None

Previous Reports:
None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated February 14, 2025 regarding “Columbia Basin Trust – Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grant Application” be received for information.
2. THAT the Regional Board supports the application submitted by the Regional District to the Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grants Program through Columbia Basin Trust for grant funding to support the Valemount & District Fire Protection Service in acquiring wildland firefighting equipment.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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ISSUE(S):

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) Public Safety Administration took the opportunity to apply for funding offered through the Village of Valemount Resident Directed (ReDi) Grants through Columbia Basin Trust intended to support local projects that provide additional value to Columbia Basin communities and that benefit the broad community and public good.

The grant was brought to the attention of Public Safety Administration at the end of January by the Valemount Fire Chief. The application was due February 13, 2025, and Administration did not want to miss the opportunity to be considered for the funds, so an application was submitted and an extension requested to provide supporting documentation.

Board is being asked to support the grant application that was submitted under the ReDi Grant Program funding through Columbia Basin Trust to support the Valemount & District Fire Protection Service to complete equipping the Structural Protection Unit (SPU) trailer that was procured in 2024 with wildland firefighting equipment.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. Policy RD-03-09: Procurement of Goods and Services
 - to establish a consistent approach for the procurement of goods and services which ensures best value is obtained when spending public funds

2. Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Delegation Bylaw No. 3276, 2022

- provides for the delegation of authority to the Chair and Corporate Officer to execute contract as per Bylaw

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The Valemount & District Fire Protection service was established in 1983 and provides fire protection to the Village of Valemount and a portion of Electoral Area H surrounding the Village.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Columbia Basin Trust allocated \$248,486 to the Village of Valemount and Fraser-Fort George Regional District Rural Area H to distribute through the ReDi application process to support local projects that provide additional value to Columbia Basin communities and that benefit the broad community and public good. The Valemount & District Fire Protection is requesting \$15,046 to purchase wildland firefighting equipment to prepare their SPU for response.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Public Safety Administration is currently working with the Valemount & District Fire Protection Service Fire Chief to establish a list of eligible equipment to be sourced from this grant funding, should the Regional District’s application be approved.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - supporting documentation will be submitted to complete the grant application.

Other Options:

- a. do not approve providing Board support for the grant application
 - the grant application will be considered incomplete and not be considered for funding.

COMMENTS:

ReDi Grants are flexible and incorporate community-based funding decisions. They support local projects that provide additional value to Columbia Basin communities and that benefit the broad community and public good.

Each year, Columbia Basin Trust distributes program funds to its local government partners to be distributed through application process. The amount allocated for the Village of Valemount and the Fraser Fort George Regional District Rural Area H in 2025 is \$248,486.

Eligible applicants include First Nations, registered school or local government. Projects must meet community and public needs, not private needs.

Public Safety Administration is seeking Board’s support for the submitted grant application on behalf of Valemount & District Fire Protection Service, potentially providing up to a maximum of \$15,046 of funding.

Respectfully submitted,

“Bonnie Seitz”

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Community Services Leader

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