REGIONAL DISTRICT
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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO:	Chair and Directors
FROM:	Cindy Paton, Manager of Community Services
DATE:	March 4, 2025

File No.: COM 8.1 – COM 8.7

SUBJECT
SUMMARY:
Community Grants-In-Aid: District C Farmers' Institute – Annual Gathering
Purpose: Consider Grant Approvals

<u>Attachments:</u>
1. Grant Application Form
2. Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20
<u>Previous Reports:</u>
1. none

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 4, 2025 regarding "Community Grants-In-Aid: District C Farmers' Institute – Annual Gathering" be received for information.

2. THAT the Board consider the application received from the District C Farmers' Institute for a Community Grant-In-Aid valued at $2,000, as attached to the report dated March 4, 2025.

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

The District C Farmers' Institute has submitted a grant application to the seven electoral area community grants-in-aid funds requesting a total of $2,000 to support its Annual Gathering of Farmers' Institutes from within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The Board is being asked to consider this grant request. If approved, Administration is further recommending that the requirement of Policy RD-16-20, Section 8 (b) – "Award", be waived, for the issuance of the Community Grant-In-Aid to the District C Farmers' Institute, which would permit funding to be provided without the requirement of submitting a receipt summary and invoices.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20:
- provides a framework for consideration of Community Grants-In-Aid funding applications for the purpose of benefiting the community within the Electoral Areas of the Regional District.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

☐ Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships

☐ Organizational Strength and Adaptability

☒ Quality Community Services

☐ Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

☐ Awareness and Engagement

☐ Statutory or Routine Business

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The Regional District's current Community Grants-In-Aid program derives its authority from the *Local Government Act.* The purpose of these functions is to provide financial assistance to community groups or organizations which, in the opinion of the Regional District, provide a benefit to the community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The 2025 budget for Community Grants-In-Aid, Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, F G and H would have sufficient funds to support these expenditures.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

n/a

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.

   - approve grant as submitted and fund evenly from all seven Community Grants-In-Aid budgets ($285.71 each). The following motions would be in order:

     i. *THAT the Board approves a community grant-in-aid of $2,000 to be provided to the District C Farmers' Institute, in support of the initiative presented in their grant application attached to the report dated March 4, 2025, and that the total grant amount be funded equally between the seven electoral areas ($285.71 each).*

     ii. *THAT Policy RD-16-20 "Community Grants-In-Aid", Section 8 (b) – "Award", be waived for the issuance of the Community Grants-In-Aid for the District C Farmers' Institute for Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, F G and H.*

Other Options:

   a. do not approve grant request:
      - organization does not receive funding

   b. consider alternate amount of funding

   c. do not waive the requirements of Policy RD-16-20
      - organization must provide receipts in order to receive grant funds

COMMENTS:

This grant request meets the requirements of Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20. If the Board is supportive of providing Community Grants-In-Aid funds a motion would be in order to approve the grant request from the District C Farmers' Institute and funding source. Subject to the Board's support, Administration recommends that the requirement of Policy RD-16-20, Section 8 (b) – "Award", be waived which would permit funding to be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

"Cindy Paton"

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