



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: March 22, 2021
Submitted by: Fire and Rescue Services
Subject: 2021 UBCM Emergency Operations Centre Grant Application

Purpose / Introduction

To seek Council approval to apply for grant funding under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2021 Emergency Operations Centres and Training stream administered by the UBCM.

Recommended Resolutions

THAT staff be directed to apply for UBCM Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant funding in 2021 as recommended in the report dated March 22, 2021 from Fire and Rescue Services regarding 2021 UBCM Emergency Operation Centre Grant Application.

Background

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) has announced the availability of 2021 grant funding to municipalities for Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) and training through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund provided by the Province of BC. The intent of the Emergency Operations Centres and Training stream of funding is to support eligible applicants in building local capacity through the purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve EOCs and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises.

For 2021, the Emergency Operations Centres and Training funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$25,000 and will be paid upon completion of a project when final reporting requirements of UBCM are met (one year from grant approval).

The 2021 Program and Application Guide is included as **Attachment 1**.

In order to be eligible for the grant, the UBCM requires the City to provide a Council resolution indicating support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.

Discussion

The City's ability to respond and recover in the case of a major emergency or disaster is vital. As such, staff continuously strive to properly maintain and improve the City's EOC. Council has been supportive of the City's emergency preparedness initiatives and staff are seeking approval to apply for the Emergency Operations Centres and Training grant once again to ensure operational readiness.

To improve the City's EOC and strengthen EOC capacity through training and exercises, the Emergency Operations Centres and Training grant, if awarded, would be used to partially fund the following:

- a functional EOC Exercise; and
- audio equipment enhancements to allow for a virtual platform.

Further information can be found in the completed application form included as **Attachment 2**.

Staff are proposing that the City apply for the maximum funding amount of \$25,000 for the 2021 intake year.

Other Options

THAT the report dated March 16, 2021 from Fire and Rescue Services regarding UBCM 2021 Emergency Operations Centres and Training Grant be received for information.

Financial Implications

Should Council not direct staff to apply for UBCM Emergency Operations Centres and Training grant funding, staff will be required to reduce EOC initiatives or seek out alternative funding sources.

Communications / Civic Engagement

There are no communications or civic engagement initiatives associated with this report.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

By applying for grant funding, the City increases its ability to provide a fully operational and functioning EOC, which allows the City to maintain business operations and remain responsive to residents. This supports the strategic plan objective of Service Excellence.

Attachments:

1. UBCM 2021 Emergency Operations Centre and Training Program and Application Guide.
2. UBCM 2021 Emergency Operations Centre and Training Application Form.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - UBCM 2021 Emergency Operations Centre and Training Program Application Guide.pdf - Attachment 2 - UBCM 2021 Emergency Operations Centre and Training Application Form.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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