

City of Port Moody Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 30, 2019

Submitted by: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division

Subject: 2019 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite

Fire Departments Equipment and Training

Purpose

To seek Council approval to apply for funding under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training program in 2019.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT staff be directed to apply for the CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training program as recommended in the report dated October 30, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2019 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training.

Background

UBCM has announced the availability of grant funding to municipalities to build the resiliency of volunteer and composite fire departments through the purchase of new or replacement equipment and to facilitate the delivery of training.

The Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$25,000. The 2019 Program and Application Guide is included as **Attachment 1**.

Grant monies will be paid at the completion of a project and when final reporting requirements have been met. The City is not required to match grant funding. If successful, the City will be required to complete its approved activities within one year of grant approval. In order to be eligible for the grant, UBCM requires the City to provide a Council resolution indicating support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.

Discussion

Staff are proposing that the City apply for the maximum funding amount of \$25,000 for the 2019 program. If successful, this funding will be used to accomplish the following activities:

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- Procuring approved wildland firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE). These shirts and pants are essential PPE required for staff and will replace out dated and inferior clothing protection. New PPE will enhance the ability to meet the needs of the community.
- 2. Procuring rescue manikins. This will enhance the ability to train both career and volunteer staff in several firefighter disciplines that PMFR is challenged to accomplish without functioning manikins. This includes: search, rescue, extrication, confined space, and live fire. These manikins, combined with structured training, will assist all PMFR staff to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities to meet the emergency response needs of the community.

Other Option(s)

THAT the report dated October 30, 2019 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2019 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training be received for information.

Financial Implications

Should Council not direct staff to apply for 2019 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding, staff will either be required to scale back the proposed initiatives, or seek out alternative funding sources.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

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

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Applying for grant funding also increases the City's ability to serve and engage the community, which supports the strategic plan objective of Exceptional Service.

Attachment(s)

1. CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training – 2019 Program and Application Guide.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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