

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Paul Gipps, CAO

**Meeting Date:** June 17, 2025  
**Meeting Type:** Regular Council Meeting

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**Department:** Finance & Administration

**Title:** PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness  
**Description:** PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness Application

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## RECOMMENDATION

THAT an application to the PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Community Connectedness for up to \$5,000, be supported;  
AND THAT staff be authorized to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of Lake Country.  
AND THAT if successful, the 2025 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt and expenditure of the grant funds.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff are seeking Council's support to apply for a \$5,000 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant under the *Community Connectedness* stream for 2025. If successful, the funding will be used to engage local students in the Official Community Plan (OCP) review process. This youth engagement would supplement the broader OCP public engagement strategy and ensure younger voices are included in shaping the community's future. The grant is administered by the BC Healthy Communities Society with support from the B.C. Ministry of Health.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The PlanH Healthy Communities Grants are administered by the BC Healthy Communities Society (BCHC) as part of the broader PlanH program, with funding support from the B.C. Ministry of Health. The program is designed to help local and Indigenous governments, in partnership with health authorities, plan and implement strategies that promote healthier, more equitable communities.

In 2025, PlanH is offering grant funding under two streams: *Community Connectedness* and *Healthy Public Policy*. With Council's support, staff plan to apply to the *Community Connectedness* stream for the 2025 intake. If successful, the \$5,000 grant will be used to support youth engagement—through collaboration with local schools—as part of the ongoing Official Community Plan (OCP) review. This engagement initiative would be in addition to the existing OCP public engagement strategy and would create a dedicated space for younger voices to contribute their perspectives on the future of Lake Country. This approach aligns with both PlanH's goals and the community's commitment to inclusive planning and offers an opportunity to build civic awareness and participation among youth.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

☐ None      ☐ Budget Previously Approved      ☒ Other (see below)

There are no significant financial implications associated with this grant application. If successful, the \$5,000 grant will provide additional funding to enhance youth engagement efforts as part of the OCP review. If the application is unsuccessful, the project will proceed as planned using existing resources, with no impact on the overall budget.

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**COMMUNICATION**

This application was referred to the CAO and internal departments.

**ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION(S)**

THAT the application to the PlanH Healthy Communities Grant be referred back to staff for additional information as identified by Council.

Respectfully Submitted.

**Lauren Sanbrooks, Grant Funding Specialist**

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

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