
MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting
MEETING DATE: September 10, 2024
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DEPARTMENT: Protective Services
ITEM TITLE: UBCM-CEPF Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training 2024 Grant Intake
DESCRIPTION: RDCO application to the UBCM-CEPF to support EOC staff training in 2025.

PURPOSE

To seek Councils support for the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training 2024 intake for the development and delivery Emergency Operations Center staff training in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training 2024 intake for the development and delivery Emergency Operations Center staff training in 2025, be supported;
AND THAT the RDCO be authorized to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of Lake Country.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The [Union of British Columbia Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#) (UBCM-CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to various emergencies. This funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia and is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). The Regional District of the Central Okanagan (RDCO) Board and staff will be making an application for Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training stream for the 2024 intake. If awarded, the pooled funding will support the development and delivery of training for staff from all regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) partners to enhance cultural safety and humility in the delivery of local emergency management programs and services.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The intent of the UBCM-CEPF Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training funding stream is to support eligible applicants to enhance cultural safety and humility in the delivery of local emergency management programs and services. Eligible activities include cultural safety and humility training, adapting emergency management tools to be inclusive of Indigenous peoples, and activities related to partnering with and aiding, Indigenous communities during emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The RDCO application will combine the maximum \$40,000 per local government to a combined total of not more than \$240,000 to support EOC training and programs in 2025.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BYLAWS AND POLICY

This application supports compliance with the new [British Columbia Disaster and Emergency Response Act](#) which was passed into force by the Province of British Columbia in November of 2023. This application is also supports compliance with the [RDCO Emergency Management Program Bylaw 1444, 2019](#) which was last updated in 2019.

IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES AND STAFF CAPACITY (if applicable)

If the RDCO application to the UBCM-CEPF is successful, District of Lake Country staff who work in the RDCO EOC will be provided an opportunity to participate in Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None Budget Previously Approved Other (see below)

The total combined value of the RDCO application to the UBCM-CEPF will not exceed \$240,000. This estimated total is derived from RDCO Regional Emergency Program staff's financial analysis of eligible grant amounts for the Westbank First Nation, District of Peachland, City of West Kelowna, Regional District of the Central Okanagan, City of Kelowna and District of Lake Country. Combining and coordinating efforts will optimize the impact of EOC staff training.

CONSULTATION (Internal referrals, External Agencies, Committees, Stakeholders)

The application to the UBCM-CRI will require certified resolutions from the RDCO Board as well as supporting certified Council resolutions from each of the First Nations and member Municipalities and within the RDCO Regional Emergency Program.

COMMUNICATIONS (if applicable)

If communications are required for this the application to the UBCM-CEPF, this would be coordinated by RDCO communications staff and RDCO EOC staff.

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Explore Opportunities to Engage With Regional Local Governments for the Betterment of the Community
- Honour Reconciliation by Strengthening Relationships and Inclusiveness With Our Indigenous Partners

OPTIONS

The following options are presented for Council's consideration:

THAT Council refer this matter back to staff to provide additional information in a subsequent report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darren Lee, Fire Chief

Report Approval Details

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