



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council File No: 1855-20
Date: May 12, 2025
From: Elia Nicoloyannis, FireSmart Coordinator
Subject: 2024 UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Grant – Additional Funding

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to seek Council's approval to apply for additional funding, up to \$100,000, under the current 2024 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) grant intake to enhance wildfire mitigation efforts within the community.

Recommendation:

THAT Council authorize staff to apply for additional funding of up to \$100,000 under the current 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Grant to support wildfire risk reduction and community resiliency initiatives;

AND FURTHER, that if successful, Council authorize Administration to execute the grant agreement, provide overall grant management, and amend the 2025 budget contained in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for the expenditure.

Background:

- a. Rationale: In 2024, additional funding of up to \$100,000 (for those directly impacted by the 2023 wildfire season) has been made available for eligible applicants in order to support incremental FireSmart Activities due to increased local demand for wildfire risk reduction.

If successful, the additional \$100,000 grant will provide an opportunity to enhance the municipality's wildfire preparedness and resiliency efforts.

- b. Relevant Policy/Bylaw/Resolutions/Legislative Authority: N/A

- c. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

d. Committee Recommendations: N/A

Financial Implications:

The CRI funding stream is typically delayed in relation to the current year's projects. The grant approval, review of project eligibility, and the receipt of funds can result in the City prefunding the FireSmart initiatives and/or covering the cost of ineligible projects. The current budget, which includes FireSmart initiatives, will proceed as is, and should the City be successful, allocation of grant funds will be redirected towards those projects.

Alternatives & Implications:

N/A

Communication:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Reviewed by: David Lind, Director, Fire Rescue Services
Reviewed by: Elma Hamming, Director, Financial Services
Reviewed by: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration
Approved by: Peter Weeber, Chief Administrative Officer