



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-333

From: Community Services

Date: July 18, 2024

**Subject: Function 300 – UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Services to allow for the one-time supplement to the 2024 FireSmart program to:

- Increase Grant Revenue - \$100,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Contract for Services - \$100,000.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The Regional Board, at its March 21, 2024 meeting, resolved the following:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,*

*That the Regional Board authorize the submission of a request to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) - FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS) Program funding stream for supplemental funding available for recipients directly impacted by the 2023 Wildfires for the maximum amount of \$100,000.*

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Union of BC Municipalities through supplemental funding in the Community Resiliency Investment Program awarded an additional one-time supplement to the FireSmart program of \$100,000. This is in addition to the Board-approved Financial Plan amendment of \$400,000 to the 2024 FireSmart program through the Community Resiliency Investment Program.

The Regional Board, at its June 20, 2024 meeting, resolved the following:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,*

*That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Services to:*

- *Increase Grant Revenue - \$400,000; and*
- *Increase General Expenditures – Contract for Services - \$400,000*

On November 2023, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) announced supplemental funding for eligible applicants with existing FireSmart programs, and that were directly impacted by the 2023 wildfire. Eligible applicants may apply to exceed the base funding maximum in order to support incremental FireSmart activities due to increased local demand for wildfire risk reduction.

This funding allows the FireSmart Program to reach even more residents looking to take part in Fire Smarting their properties.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

This is currently a one-time supplement to the base funding for the 2024 FireSmart program.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

External Links:

1. [Function 300 – UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program, CS-BRD-328](#)