



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-379

From: Financial Administration

Date: July 23, 2026

Subject: 2026 Search and Rescue Grant Allocation – July 6, 2026 Meeting Recommendation

The following recommendation from the July 6, 2026, Search and Rescue Grant Allocation Meeting is presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the following 2026 Search and Rescue Grant contribution amounts from Function 180 – Health Related Services Grants-in-Aid for the provision of search and rescue grants:

Organization Name	Grant Amount
North Peace Search and Rescue Society	\$ 48,500
South Peace Emergency Response Team	\$ 30,000
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue Society	\$ 21,500
Total	\$100,000

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Each year, the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) assists eligible Search and Rescue (SAR) organizations that provide search and rescue services in the region with grant funding to support operational and minor capital costs. Three (3) active SAR organizations currently operate and provide SAR services in the region: the North Peace SAR Society, South Peace Emergency Response Team, and the Tumbler Ridge SAR Society. These organizations work independently and collaboratively alongside one another in an effort to offer the best possible approach to the delivery of SAR services within the region. The work is carried out solely through the efforts and dedication of volunteers. All SAR teams in BC operate under the policies, procedures, and guidelines set out by Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), such as safety plans and standards for training and rescue equipment.

In accordance with Section 5.1(e) of the policy, grant funding is distributed by consensus of each applicant group and one Director of the Regional Board. At the Regional Board Meeting held on June 25, 2026, the Regional Board appointed the Electoral Area D Director, Director Hiebert to Chair the 2026 Search and Rescue Grant Allocation Meeting and invite all 3 eligible SAR Applicants. The result of this meeting is then presented above for the Regional Board's ratification.

All applicants are registered non-profit societies in good standing with the *Societies Act* of BC. The attached '2026 Search & Rescue - Summary of Recommendations' outlines the details of the amounts proposed for approval by the Regional Board.

Click [here](#) to access the June 25, 2026 Regional Board Meeting Agenda and see Item 8.11 to review the full details of the 2026 SAR grant application review.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Grant funding for this service is obtained through taxation in the benefiting area (the entire region), as set by Health Related Services Grant in Aid Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 2021.

For 2026, the Regional Board has allocated \$100,000 within Function 180 – Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid for the provision of SAR grants in the 2026 PRRD Annual Financial Plan.

The table below summarizes the amounts requested, eligible amounts, and maximum funding permitted under the policy.

Applicant Organization	Total Amount Requested	Total Eligible Amount	Maximum Funding per Policy
North Peace Search And Rescue Society	\$ 67,540	\$ 67,540	\$ 67,540
South Peace Emergency Response Team	\$180,921	\$129,871	\$ 75,000
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue Society	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500
Total	\$269,961	\$218,911	\$164,040

Approved grant contributions are payable upon ratification of the Regional Board, unless an alternate payment process is identified as a condition of the grant at the time of approval.

Financial contributions must be utilized within one year of ratification by the Regional Board.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will notify each applicant of the Board's decision. Successful applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application and provided with information regarding applicable grant conditions, including recognition and reporting requirements in accordance with the Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid Policy.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachment(s):

1. 2026 Search & Rescue - Summary of Recommendations
2. 2026 Search & Rescue - Total Allocation
3. 2026 Search & Rescue - Grant Allocation Draft Meeting Minutes July 6, 2026

External Link(s):

1. [Health Related Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2445, 2021](#)
2. [Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid Policy #0340-64](#)

3. [2026 Search and Rescue Grant Applications, FN-BRD-377](#)– See Item #8.11 on the Regional Board Meeting Agenda dated June 25, 2026.