

**Date:** 13/01/2021

**To:** Chair and Directors, Finance/Budget Committee

**And To:** Choose an item.

**From:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Finance-Budget Committee\_Jan14\_2021

**File:** COVID-19 Restart

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## **Short Summary:**

Allocation of the COVID-19 Safe Restart Funds

## **Background:**

The Board has discussed this issue at the November 13th Regular and December 11th Special Board Meetings. The Cariboo Regional District has been allocated \$837,000, which according to the letter provided by the Province, must be allocated no later than December 31, 2021.

At the last meeting the Board discussed the following proposals (in no particular order):

- \* CRD Finance – Digitization and Digital Records
- \* North Cariboo Joint – Revenue Offset
- \* CRD Community Services – Community Hall Support
- \* CRD Community Support – Anahim Airport Support
- \* CRD Community Services – A/V for Recreation Facilities
- \* CRD Community Services – Recreation Facility Support
- \* CRD Emergency Programs – Capacity Building
- \* South Cariboo Mental Health Supports

The total ask of these projects is just over \$1.1 million.

At the last meeting there was general support for each of the projects, and the Board recognized that, in general that all projects met the criteria established by the Province. We remind the Board that there were a variety of viewpoints on whether the funds should be allocated immediately towards these worthy projects or whether it is advisable to maintain a contingency allocation for unforeseen issues.

We do note that, in general the proposal brought forward by the North Joint Committee and the Facility support proposal are generally the same proposal in spirit. Both proposals are aimed at helping ensure that we are still able to operate recreation facilities and offer

recreation services and programs. We have provided both here again for clarity and completeness.

In moving towards a resolution and direction to staff we offer the following recommendation for your consideration:

Recommended allocation of COVID-19 Safe Restart Funds

COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant	\$837,000
CRD Community Support - Recreation Facility Support	\$300,000
CRD Community Support - Community Hall Support	\$108,000
CRD Emergency Programs - Capacity Building	\$100,000
CRD Finance - Digitization and Digital Records	\$46,550
CRD Community Services - Anahim Airport Support	\$41,250
South Cariboo Mental Health Supports	\$70,000
CRD Community Services - Audio/Visual	\$171,200
	\$837,000

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This proposal would see all proposals being funded, albeit two would be reduced. We would propose to roll the proposal brought forward by the North Joint into the proposal made by Community Services. This would provide a pool of up to \$300,000 for the three Recreation Services to access to mitigate the impacts of loss revenues on the services and attempt to avoid catastrophic decisions made solely due to financial considerations. The second alteration is in reduced funding for the A/V project in the Recreation Facilities. We are applying for an applicable grant for this project, although timing is unknown and a delay may occur.

**Attachments:**

Proposals

Letter from the Province