

Funding Opportunity

Date:	December 3, 2020
Funding Program:	COVID-19 Safe Restart funding
Broad purposes as stated in the funding program description:	To provide relief for unforeseen costs to local governments associated with the COVID-19 situation.
Proposal:	Allocate up \$250,000 to support purchase and installation of high definition cameras and audio systems over the ice surfaces at recreation centres in the region including the South Cariboo Recreation Centre in 100 Mile House, the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex in Williams Lake and the West Fraser Centre and Arena 2 in Quesnel. This would allow remote and online viewing of the events on the ice without spectators in the stands. The project also fits well under the COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure program recently announced by the provincial and federal governments. Staff propose to submit this regional project to that grant funding stream as well. If the CRI application is successful, the COVID Restart funding could then the allocated to another purpose. Based on the completion timelines in the CRI guidelines, it is expected that approvals will be granted in early spring.
What service will this application benefit?	North Cariboo Recreation and Parks, Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services, South Cariboo Recreation and Culture.
Who are the service participants?	Portions of all Electoral Areas of the Region with the exception of J and K in the Chilcotin and all municipalities with the exception of Wells.
Are we ready to proceed?	Final equipment design and procurement should be complete by April 2021. Once ice is removed, installation could proceed soon thereafter.
Does the proposal fit within the Board's	This proposal is aligned with Board's strategic objective to <i>Foster</i> an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.

Strategic Plan or the annual Business Plan?	The project is identified as a specific 2021 Business Plan goal in the South Cariboo Recreation and Culture function. It is not included in the Central or North Cariboo plans; however the goal was to be considered in the future following the proof-of-concept installation at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre.
What are the capital implications of the proposal?	The project would involve the purchase and installation of cameras and sound equipment as well as an outdoor viewing screen near the entrance.
What are the short, medium and long term operations implications of the proposal?	The equipment will require ongoing technical maintenance and eventual replacement. Day-to-day maintenance cost is expected to be minimal.
Are there implications to property taxation for the service?	None.
Does the proposal clearly fit in the guidelines of the funding program?	Yes.
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