

CITY OF SALMON ARM

TO: His Worship Mayor Harrison and Members of Council

FROM: Brad Shirley, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Carmen Guidos, Fire Prevention Officer

DATE: October 5, 2023

SUBJECT: **Community and Emergency Preparedness Fund
Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments
Equipment and Training Grant 2023**

RECCOMENDATION:

THAT: The 2023 Budget contained in the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw be amended to include \$29,250.00 for firefighting equipment (\$8,290.00 – Forcible Entry Training Door Prop and \$20,960.00 - FireSmart Structural Protection Equipment), funded from the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.

AND THAT: Council authorize submission of a grant application under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training in the amount of \$29,250.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding streams intended to support First Nations and local governments to better prepare for disasters and reduce risks from natural hazards in a changing climate. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.

The Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant is a maximum amount of \$30,000.00 and is designed to help fire departments with equipment and training to their level of service in regards to the BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards. The Salmon Arm Fire Department is currently a “Full Service” level, which is the highest level of training. As well, it can be used to provide equipment required to support response to interface fires. (Note: this wildland interface stream, referred to as FireSmart Structure Protection, is a different stream than the regular FireSmart Grant)

The application deadline is **October 20, 2023**.

The 2 projects identified for this grant application are:

A new modular forcible entry door and window training prop that can be moved around between fire halls to practice structural fire entry procedures.

An initial supply of FireSmart Structural Protection equipment to enable the Salmon Arm Fire Department to better train all of our members in the use of this equipment.

The Salmon Arm Fire Department will use our team of skilled and dedicated in-house training team to provide the instruction and training on both of these items.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Based on a review of the projects above, staff recommend submitting an application for funding to the 2023 CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training grant for the equipment listed. Staff intend to train all of our fire department members to a basic level of FireSmart Structural Protection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmen Guidos, for Fire Chief Brad Shirley