



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant
Application

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: January 26, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Fire Rescue Service on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$29,864.94 grant from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for training, equipment, and modernization of existing processes for Emergency Support Services.

PURPOSE:

The Langley City Fire Rescue Service administers the Emergency Support Services through the Langley Emergency Program. This program had been a jointly administered program in partnership with the Township of Langley until recently when the Township of Langley decided to withdraw from this program. The City of Langley will now be required to establish its own Emergency Management Program. The new Emergency Management Program will be based on an updated HRVA and an All-Hazards Approach to support our Emergency Management Plan. Emergency Support Services is a vital component of our program, and the modernization of the Emergency Support Service is key for the success of the City of Langley Emergency Management Program moving forward.

The following recommendations are based on the eligible projects. The project title for the fund submission shall be:

“Emergency Support Services Serving the Community”.

The application to the UBCM Community Preparedness Fund, Emergency Support Services shall be in a total of \$29,864.94.

The funding requests includes the following:

Training Subjects

- Incident Command System Level 100
- Introduction to Emergency Operations Centres
- Introduction to Emergency Management in Canada
- EM Custom Training Day
- Community Emergency Management Foundations Workshop
- Hazards, Risks and Vulnerabilities

Equipment

- Dedicated ESS equipment trailer
- Digital hardware (tablets)
- ESS vests and jackets

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Langley Emergency Program will now need to function as a stand-alone program for the City of Langley. The Community Preparedness Fund will help this program to establish a strong foundation of Emergency Support Services through education, training, and modernization of procedures. This funding allows for our budget to be enhanced with the subjects listed and to further our initiatives in community safety and Emergency Preparedness

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

none

ALTERNATIVES:

Not apply for a grant under the BC Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and look for funds in existing and future departments budgets.

SUMMARY:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services is an alternative to funds outside of the budget that provide opportunity for communities

to develop and enhance their Emergency Program and Emergency Support Services.
This is an opportunity to support restructuring and development of our program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Attachment:

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Support Services 2023 Application Form

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer