



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant
Application, EOC and Training

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: March 30, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Fire Rescue Service on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$30,000 grant from the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for modernizing equipment and training for the Emergency Operation Centre.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek support from City Council for the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for modernizing equipment and training for the Emergency Operation Centre. The application to the UBCM Community Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centre and Training shall be in a total of \$30,000.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The City of Langley recently received notice that the Township of Langley will be discontinuing its participation in the joint Langley Emergency Program. The City of Langley was traditionally the back up Emergency Operations Centre for the Langleys and relied on the Township for infrastructure and capacity for the Emergency Operations Centre functions.

The City of Langley has now commenced to build the requirements for our independence which includes the City of Langley Emergency Management Bylaw;

Emergency Plan; Hazard, Risk & Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA); additional Emergency Management training; and the establishment of an improved Emergency Operations Centre.

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

“City of Langley Emergency Operations Centre Preparedness Project”

The application to the UBCM Community Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centre and Training shall be in a total of \$30,000.

The funding requests includes the following:

Equipment

- Video Conferencing Equipment
- Large monitors, TVs and Smart Boards
- Power Supply and Charging Equipment for portable electronic equipment.

Training Subjects for staff

- Introduction to Emergency Operations Centres
- Introduction to Emergency Management in Canada
- Introduction to Support Services
- Business Continuity
- EOC Essentials

The Community Preparedness Fund will help provide funding for the development of this infrastructure through equipment and training to enable the Langley City Emergency Operations Centre to function as a stand-alone facility.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

A budget of \$60,000 was allocated in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan for EOC Upgrade with \$30,000 from Grants and \$30,000 from Capital Works Reserve.

This funding will allow for our budget to be enhanced with the subjects listed and to further our initiatives in community safety and Emergency Preparedness through the development of our own Emergency Operations Centre.

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 Operations Centres and Training is an alternative to funds outside of the budget that provide opportunity for communities to develop and enhance their Emergency Program and Emergency Operations Centres and training. This is an opportunity to support restructuring and development of our Emergency Operations Centre.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Attachment

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centres and Training 2023 Application Form.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer