



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund
Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and
Training Grant Application

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From: Scott Kennedy
Fire Chief

Date: April 13, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council support the application by the Langley City Emergency Program on behalf of the City of Langley for a \$29,800.00 grant from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for purchase of equipment, supplies and training for the Emergency Operation Centre.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to seek Council's support for the Langley City Emergency Program's application for grant funding from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to further develop the City of Langley's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) through training and new equipment purchases.

POLICY:

Not applicable.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Langley City Emergency Program continues to work to provide training opportunities to Langley City staff who would likely be needed in an EOC if one were activated for the City of Langley.

Training

Training courses for staff include the following JIBC emergency Management courses:

- Introduction to EOCs (EMRG-1300)
- EOC Essentials (EMRG-1320)
- EOC Operations (EMRG-1330)
- EOC Planning (EMRG-1331)
- EOC Logistics (EMRG 1332)
- EOC Finance (EMRG 1333)
- Introduction to Emergency Management in Canada (EMRG-1100)
- Radio Communications Station Management (EMRG-1133)
- Station Management (e.g., EMRG-1133)

In addition, training activities may include exercises designed to increase EOC capacity, such as tabletop walkthroughs of EOC roles and responsibilities and simulated emergency scenarios (e.g., earthquake, fire, or flood events) to practice activating an EOC and coordinating response efforts.

Communication Equipment

As the Langley City Emergency Program continues to update and enhance the EOC, grant funding would be used for the following communication equipment:

- Meeting Owl system(s) to support hybrid EOC coordination's and briefings
- Starlink satellite internet equipment to ensure redundant connectivity during outages
- Portable handheld radios and base radio equipment for emergency communications

Other Equipment

In the case of an extended EOC activation, it may be necessary for staff to remain overnight at the EOC location. Grant funding would be used to purchase accommodation supplies including cots, pillows and blankets.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

none

ALTERNATIVES:

Not apply for grant funding from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and look for funds in existing or future department budgets.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Title Fire Chief

Attachment

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training application.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer