



## 2022 Oceanside Community Safety Grant

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for the Arrowsmith Independent School for purchase of a generator, be approved.
2. That a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Mid Island Air Search and Rescue Society, be approved.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H are committed to supporting organizations which help to increase the safety of their community. Grants are provided to non-profit organizations that apply and meet the funding criteria, including non-profit organizations that provide programs and services working towards increasing the safety of their community, are local in nature and can be identified within the specific community. For the 2022 grant intake, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has received four applications: two eligible grant applications and two ineligible applications that do not meet the grant criteria (see Table 1).

For the two ineligible Oceanside Community Safety Grant applications, the NEPP Nanoose Bay – Andover Rd has indicated that they are not a registered non-profit society in BC, nor did the application include financial documents requested in the application. The second ineligible application was received from Oceanside Community Safety after the closure of the grant application intake. Grant eligibility criteria and application can be found in Attachments 1 and 2.

Two eligible Oceanside Community Safety Grant applications (Attachments 3 and 4) were received, the first from the Arrowsmith Independent School, who have not previously applied for this grant, for the purchase of a generator for use during power interruptions. The second eligible application is from Mid Island Air Search and Rescue Society (MIASARS) for computer equipment for the support trailer, and who received \$1,000 from the 2021 Oceanside Community Safety Grant.

Table 1. Grant Applicant assessment

Appl. #	Eligible	Organization	Amount requested	What \$ will be used for	Received by August 26	Registered as Non-Profit	List of Members & Positions	Financial Documents
1	Y	Arrowsmith Independent School	2,500	Generator for school for use during power outages for safety	Y	Y	Y	partial
2	Y	Mid Island Air Search and Rescue Society (MIASARS)	1,000	Computer equipment for new Mobile Air SAR Support Unit for communication between air SAR and ground SAR.	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	N	Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) Andover Rd	6,130	Purchase equipment to communicate with each other and identify hazardous situations ie. Generator, power supply, water, shelter, safety hard hats, gloves, first-aid supplies	Y	N	Y	N
4	N	Oceanside Community Safety	5,000	Technology upgrades, computers, printers (update old technology purchased in the 1990s). Two computers required, two printers and Microsoft software.	N	Y	N	N

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H raise up to \$9,000 to support organizations which help to increase the safety of their community. The two eligible grant applications total \$3,500.00 and will be included in the 2023 budget.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Oceanside Community Safety Grants program directly supports the community to provide funding to organizations working to ensure that members of the community can benefit from an enhanced level of safety. Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

## **REVIEWED BY:**

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Oceanside Community Safety Grant Criteria
2. Oceanside Community Safety Grant Application
3. Mid Island Air Search and Rescue Society (MIASARS) Application Redacted
4. Arrowsmith Independent School Application Redacted