

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.5

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application DATE: November 1, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Fire PREPARED BY: Ian Josephson

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

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2. RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that Council approve the 2023 application for the volunteer and composite fire departments equipment and training funding under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and direct staff to submit the grant funding application.



Ian Josephson, Fire Chief

3. FINANCE COMMENTS:

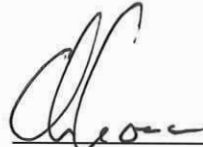
Should the grant application be successful, the approved funding will offset costs associated with the project.



Glen Savard, Director of Finance

4. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

Supports recommendation.



Chris Crosman, Chief Administrative Officer

**STAFF REPORT ON
UBCM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

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2. BACKGROUND & SUBSTANTIATION:

- 2.1 The CEPF is a suite of funding programs intended to support local governments, First Nations, and communities to better prepare for emergencies and reduce risks from natural hazards in a changing climate. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by UBCM.
- 2.2 The intent of the volunteer and composite fire departments equipment and training funding stream is to build local capacity through the purchase of materials to construct a situational awareness multi-purpose training building so firefighters can practice their skills required by the BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards. The fire department equipment and training funding stream can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$30,000.00.
- 2.3 The City of Chilliwack fire department constantly educates and trains our 180 firefighters for emergency incidents occurring within the City's boundaries. If successful, the grant funding will be utilized to acquire construction materials to help construct this multi-purpose training building. This training building can also be used by our neighbouring fire departments.

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