

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Decision

Date: October 7, 2024	
To: Council	From: A. Hovenkamp, Acting Fire Chief
Re: UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training	

Background: The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding streams intended to support First Nations and local governments to better prepare for disasters and reduce risks from natural hazards in a changing climate. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

Discussion: The intent of this funding stream is to build the resiliency of volunteer and composite fire departments in preparing for and responding to emergencies through the purchase of new or replacement equipment and to facilitate the delivery of training. Ongoing operational costs and the purchase of major fire apparatus are not eligible. The District of Barriere is eligible for this funding opportunity.

These funds could potentially cover the following for Barriere Fire Rescue;

- Training meeting the requirements for BC's 'Structure Firefighting Minimum Training Standards' (formally known as the 'Playbook').
 - This includes but is not limited to:
 - NFPA 1001 Written, Practical and Live Fire Testing
 - NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I & II Training
 - Fire and Life Safety Educator
 - any other training identified by the fire department
- Equipment:
 - 2 Sets of Full Turnout Gear (Jacket, Pants, Turnout Boots)
 - 2 SCBA Cylinders
 - Portable hand lights
 - Hydrant wrench
 - First Aid Kit
 - Portable Collapsible water tank
 - any other equipment identified by the fire department

This 100% funding grant application is for \$40,000 in total. A Council resolution is required for the application.

Recommendation: THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$40,000 under the *UBCM* Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant.

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