

District of Barriere

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: February 24, 2025	
To: Council	From: A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief
Re: UBCM (CEPF) - Emergency Operations Centers 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 support the purchase of equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises.

This grant could potentially cover the costs to purchase the following for our Emergency Operations Centre and may include additional purchases:

- Equipment:
 - Tables and chairs
 - Shelving and storage containers for EOC preparation kits, equipment and contractor fees to install the shelving
- Training:
 - Several different EOC training courses including:
 - Intro into EOCs
 - EOC Operations Sections
 - EOC Logistics Section
 - Incident Command System (100 & 200)
 - Emergency Management Meetings and Tabletop Exercises
 - This would include pre-incident meetings for our Emergency Responders and establish clear and defined tasks for each organization in the event of an emergency
 - Create or work with Simpcw First Nations to work together in emergencies and pull resources where applicable
- Admin fees to cover additional tasks taken on under the Grant

The Grant application will be for (up to) \$40,000 in total. This grant will cover 100% of the costs that are applied for.

A Council resolution is required for the application.

Recommendation: *THAT staff be directed to apply for funding up to the amount of \$40,000 under the UBCM Emergency Operations Centers Equipment and Training Grant.*

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