

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting  
From: **Regional Emergency Program**  
Date: October 22, 2018  
Subject: Budget for DMAF grant application preparation  
Recommendation: **THAT Council approves \$200,000 to be used for the DMAF grant application preparation and directs staff to include it in the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw amendment.**

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## Background

The City received an invitation to proceed with a full grant application for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund after submitting an Expression of Interest in July 2018. The scope of the grant includes multiple flood protection structures (dikes), bank stabilization, and property acquisition for the project. The budget submitted with the Expression of Interest was for approximately \$48 million. The full grant application requires a much more developed proposal that may require engineering, archeological assessments, First Nations engagement, and detailed cost estimates. The anticipated cost to develop the proposal is approximately \$200,000 to engage a project manager and consultants. The work being proposed would have to be undertaken for any future grant applications or capital planning regardless of the DMAF application outcome.

Staff will put this project out to tender once funding has been approved. These funds are not eligible as a part of the grant funds, but a request for funding was submitted separately to the Province. No response has been received and work must start on the grant application to meet the January deadline. The City and the Regional District cannot afford to miss the opportunity to receive up to \$48 million in grant funds because of a delay in preparing the application. Therefore, staff are asking Council to approve the \$200,000 now while they pursue other avenues of recouping the cost. In pursuing funding from other avenues, a request for funding will be submitted to the RDKB for the proportional costs associated with the work to be completed outside of the City.

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

The City could receive up to \$48,300,000 for Critical Infrastructure of the flood recovery with a successful grant application that will cost \$200,000 to develop.

### Policy/Legislation

The Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw must be amended.

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## **Recommendation**

**THAT Council approves \$200,000 to be used for the DMAF grant application preparation and directs staff to include it in the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw amendment.**

## **Options**

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

### Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**David Reid - Oct 17, 2018 - 2:48 PM**

**Diane Heinrich - Oct 17, 2018 - 3:10 PM**