

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Flood Recovery Manager / Regional Emergency Program**

Date: November 19, 2018

Subject: Amendment of funding approval for DMAF grant application from \$200,000 to a maximum of \$250,000.

Recommendation: **THAT Council amends resolution R295/18/10/22 from \$200,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 for development of planning and support documents for application to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.**

Background

The City received an invitation to proceed with a full grant application for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) 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 will require engineering, archeological assessments, First Nations engagement, and detailed cost estimates. The anticipated cost to develop the proposal was estimated to be approximately \$200,000 to engage a project manager and consultants.

After approval of the \$200,000 by Council on October 22nd, staff put this project out to Request for Proposal for engineering and planning documents and Request for Quotation for land appraisals for estimating acquisition costs under DMAF. The winning proponents came in with costs higher than the estimated budget amounts and staff are requesting an amendment to a maximum of \$250,000 to cover any contingencies. Staff anticipates that the final amount will be somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

These funds are not eligible for reimbursement by DMAF 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 work being proposed would have to be undertaken for any future grant applications or capital planning regardless of the DMAF application outcome. 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 \$250,000 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.

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 \$250,000 to develop.

Policy/Legislation

The Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw must be amended.

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Options

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

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