

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Fire Department

**Date:** December 5, 2024

**Subject:** 2025 Emergency Support Services Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council supports an application of up to \$40,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training grant;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if successful, any related documentation.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The intent of the Emergency Support Services Grant Program offered by the UBCM is to support communities while building capacity to provide emergency support services through training, volunteer recruitment and retention, and the purchase of equipment.

The District of Mackenzie plans to use the funding for wages towards the District of Mackenzie Emergency Management staff when performing Emergency Support Services duties. This may include scheduling and participating in community engagements, training, personal development, equipment purchasing for ESS facilities, operations, and building program capacity. Funding will also go toward training responders and equipment purchasing.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

This project will have no budgetary impact to the District of Mackenzie and will be funded through the Emergency Support Services Grant.

### **COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

#### **Community and Social Development**

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.



**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Micaiah Taylor, Assistant Emergency Program / Fire Smart Coordinator

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer