



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
606 MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input / Questions on Agenda Items
3. Media Inquiries - For Clarification Only
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Report – UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Grant Program
–Stream 2 (4.2.8)

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COUNCIL REPORT

Date: March 8, 2023
 File: 4.2.8
 To: Warren Waycheshen, CAO - for Mayor and Council
 From: Martin Gould, Director of Leisure Services
 Re: **UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES POVERTY
 REDUCTION PLANNING & ACTION GRANT PROGRAM – STREAM 2**



Recommendation:

THAT the application to the 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Grant Program Stream 2 be supported.

AND THAT a letter of support be written for the application to the 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program Stream 2.

Background:

In 2021, with the support of Council, the District of Kitimat applied for and received funding from the UBCM Poverty Reduction program Stream 1. The funding was used to complete a study/review and an action plan related to vulnerable populations. (i.e. poverty rates, homelessness, barriers to services/support.) The District of Kitimat, through the Vulnerable Populations Committee, hired the Tamitik Status of Women to complete this report.

This year the Union of British Columbia Municipalities is offering a second round of funding to further support vulnerable populations. The Vulnerable Populations Committee has recognized that the UBCM grant opportunity can provide funding to support an education/marketing program to destigmatize the issues around homelessness and poverty. In addition, the grant can provide the opportunity for a worker to be hired to help identify persons in the community who are vulnerable and provide support to access services available to identified persons.

The Stream 2 Grant provides 100% funding to a maximum of \$50,000 of eligible projects. Projects must relate back to issues identified through previously completed poverty action plan.

Council Support:

To make an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Grant Stream 2 Program a Council motion of support must be made and a letter of support be written. **Note:** The grant application must be received by Union of British Columbia Municipalities no later than March 17, 2023.

Alternative Options:

- 1) Pass the recommended motion.
- 2) Ask for additional information from Administration.
- 3) Provide another alternative as passed by Council.

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Budget Implications:

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Director of Finance Initials

All necessary funding would be provided through a successful grant application.

Budgeted: N/A**Unbudgeted:****Council Initiative/Other Relevant Plans: (Strategic Plan 2018-2022)**

Enhance Social Wellbeing

- Ensure issues within local government jurisdiction that affect under-represented and vulnerable groups are addressed by municipal policy and operations.

"Martin Gould"

"Warren Waycheshen"

Submitted by:

Martin Gould, Director of Leisure Services

Approved for Submission:

Warren Waycheshen, Chief Administrative Officer

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