



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 14, 2020 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors
Regional Board

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM "SRD DELIVERS"

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To provide the Board with information on the response to the "SRD Delivers" program that was established to provide emergency funding to organizations during the initial phases of COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the *Emergency Program Act* local authorities can apply to receive financial assistance for eligible emergency response costs that they incur. For COVID-19, Emergency Management BC provided additional eligible response costs such as food delivery to vulnerable populations.

On April 2, 2020 the Regional District implemented the 'SRD Delivers' program following approval by EMBC. This initiative recognized the value of organized response to assist vulnerable members of our communities with food and other essentials. Through this program, funding was provided to organizations that offered assistance with grocery shopping, the delivery of food, prescriptions and other essentials for the benefit of the elderly (65+) and other vulnerable persons who were required to self-isolate in accordance with Public Health Orders. In total, \$10,370 was provided to organizations in Campbell River, Cortes Island, Gold River, Surge Narrows and Tahsis (as shown below) to assist approximately 230 households with the delivery of food and other essentials. Applications were also received from the Sayward Futures Society, Tahsis Senior's Society, Cortes Island Co-Op, and Linnaea Farm but these proposals were rejected by Emergency Management BC for various reasons. The Province of B.C. ended food delivery as an eligible response cost in July 2020 when the provincial Restart Phase began.

Overall, the program was well received by the public and the Regional District has been complimented for its efforts to assist vulnerable populations through this program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:

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David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

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BACKGROUND

The following tables provides greater detail about the funding received by each organization from the 'SRD Delivers' program.

Partner Organization	Volunteer Campbell River
Funding Timeframe	April – July 2020
Amount of Funding Provided	\$1,000
Number of Households Served	100

Partner Organization	Cortes Community Economic Development Association
Funding Timeframe	May-June 2020
Amount of Funding Provided	\$2,000
Number of Households Served	To be determined

Partner Organization	Surge Narrows Community Association
Funding Timeframe	April – July 2020
Amount of Funding Provided	\$5,500
Number of Households Served	40

Partner Organization	Gold River Revelers
Funding Timeframe	May - June 2020
Amount of Funding Provided	\$370
Number of Households Served	50

Partner Organization	Tahsis Community Cupboard
Funding Timeframe	April – July 2020
Amount of Funding Provided	\$1,500
Number of Households Served	40