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# Council Report

**Report Date:** November 15, 2018

**Meeting Date:** November 20, 2018

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Council Projects Initiatives Coordinator

**Subject:** UBCM grant applications

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## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to confirm Council's support of applications to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Age Friendly Communities and Evacuation Route Planning grants.

## Summary

The Age Friendly Communities Stream 2 grant supports local governments to implement actions outlined in Age Friendly plans. With this funding, the City of Quesnel will be able to hire a Senior Coordinator to assist with developing a Seniors' Council, and to work with local businesses to become more senior friendly.

Evacuation Route Planning funding stream will allow the City of Quesnel to develop an emergency evacuation route to be used in the event that a local state of emergency is declared. The plan will include communications methods to be used and a plan for re-entry when it is safe to do so.

## Recommendation

### Recommendation #1

**THAT Council supports the application to the Union of BC Municipalities for the \$25,000 Evacuation Route Planning grant.**

### Recommendation #2

**THAT Council supports the application to the Union of BC Municipalities for the \$15,000 Age Friendly Communities Stream 2 grant.**

## Strategic Objective

3.6 Continue to maximize access to Northern Development Initiative Trust, Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition and Rural Dividend grant funds.

## Financial Implications

The total cost to the City of Quesnel associated with these grants is \$2,500 in-kind support made up of staff time and the use of meeting space.



Grant	UBCM Contribution	City of Quesnel Contribution
Age Friendly Communities Grant	\$ 15,000	-
Evacuation Route Planning	\$25,000	\$2,500 In-Kind
Total	\$40,000	-

## Background

### Age Friendly Communities Stream 2 Grant

- The intent of this funding stream is to support local governments to undertake local projects that enable seniors to age in place and facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities.
- The project proposed in the 2019 application is to implement the recently adopted Age Friendly Assessment Plan.
- The maximum grant under Stream 2 is \$15,000.

### Evacuation Route Planning

- The intent of this funding stream is to support eligible applicants to develop Evacuation Route Plans for communities that would otherwise be challenged to successfully undertake an evacuation operation during an emergency.
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan provides strong rationale for Quesnel to have an evacuation route plan.
- The maximum grant is \$25,000.