



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: May 9, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Asset Management Planning Grant Program Application**

Report Prepared by: Jason Luciw, Customer Service Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council direct staff to apply to the 2023 Asset Management Planning Grant Program to support the ongoing advancement of the City of West Kelowna's Asset Management Program;

THAT Council approve a matching City contribution, of up to \$25,000, to be allocated from Future Expenditures per Item C2023-31 in the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and/or Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contribution agreement as required for a successful grant application.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The B.C. Ministry of Municipal Affairs' Asset Management Planning Program, which the Union of BC Municipalities administers, supports local governments in further developing their asset management resources to ensure the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and related services over the long-term.

A Council resolution must accompany any application under the program. The application deadline is May 12.

DISCUSSION

Asset management best practices ensure that engineering, finance, geographic information systems, operations and planning collaborate effectively to manage existing and new infrastructure to maximize long-term use, mitigate associated risks, and provide socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable community services.

Asset management integrates the skills, expertise, and actions needed to ensure our City's physical assets and financial resources align and that informed decisions can be made regarding the delivery of sustainable services today and well into the City's future.

The provincial Asset Management Planning Program provides funding to help local governments complete such activities as capacity and risk assessments, performance measures and training. Staff would use the provincial grant funding to continue to implement the recommendations of the City's Asset Management Plan, including the creation of a framework that will determine asset criticality and condition, to assist in long-term financial planning and to help inform future decision-making.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2023 Asset Management Planning Program offers matching grants of up to \$25,000. The Council-adopted 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan allocated \$100,000 from Future Expenditures for the advancement of the City's Asset Management Program (Item C2023-31), which would provide the funds required to match any grant funding.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
2017-04-18	UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund Grant Application	C261/17
2020-06-23	FCM Asset Management Grant Application	C170/20
2022-07-26	UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund Grant Application	C215/22

CONCLUSION

Asset Management Planning Program funding will help the City implement Asset Management Plan recommendations and advance the Asset Management Program for the sustainability of civic infrastructure and the future delivery of respective community services.

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