

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 17, 2025

RE: Similkameen Recreation - BC Rehab Project Grant Application

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the board of Directors approve the 100% funded grant application of up to \$5,000 from the BC Rehab Foundation.

Purpose:

In alignment with Strategic Priority 25.034, focusing on prescribed recreation, this grant would support a trial of this initiative focusing on people with disabilities.

Reference:

BC Rehab Foundation: <https://bcrehab.org/applications/project-grant/project-grant-application/>

Business Plan Objective:

- 3.1 To develop a healthy and socially sustainable region
- 2.2 To meet public needs through the continuous improvement of key services
- 3.1 To develop a healthy and socially sustainable region

Background:

This is a new initiative while aligning with the recreation goal of “Healthy Individuals and Community”.

Analysis:

Grant application deadline is May 16th, with award date of June 13th.

The grant would be utilized through the 2025 summer months.

Grant will provide additional funding to the Similkameen Recreation and Pool operations for staff/instructors and equipment to execute prescribed swimming and fitness classes along with personal training and gym access. Activities included may expand depending on the client and prescription.

Two medical practitioners have been approached to prescribe activities and to complete regular check-in with the client. RDOS staff will not be providing medical direction, only physical activities.

Financial Implications:

No fiscal commitment from the RDOS for the grant, only usage of existing facilities, staff planning, admin time, and equipment usage - all within budget.

Alternatives:

Source other grants

Not proceed with this type of trial

Communication Strategy:

No foreseen communication required

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? Yes

Respectfully submitted:

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