



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2024-M-126

Memorandum to Council

Subject:	Temagami FD proposed use of the Fire Protection Grant (2024-25)
Agenda Date:	August 8, 2024
Attachments:	FP Grant – 2024-25 Instructions and Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive memo 2024-M-126 from the Temagami Fire Department regarding the Fire Protection Grant (2024-25) available from the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Fire Chiefs to submit an application for items that they deem required and eligible for the grant.

INFORMATION

The Fire Protection (FP) Grant program was announced in the government's 2024 Budget and year 1 of this three year grant initiative is designed to support cancer prevention efforts by municipal fire departments across Ontario in acquiring critical equipment to enhance firefighter health and safety, and minor infrastructure. **It is a 100% funded initiative – NO Municipal dollars required!**

Only projects aligning with at least one of the objectives in the list below will be eligible for funding. The scope of each of the three objectives is further defined on page 4 & 5 of the attachment

- (1) Cancer Prevention – Equipment and Supplies
- (2) Cancer Prevention – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- (3) Cancer Prevention – Minor Infrastructure
- (4) Minor Infrastructure Modernization – Enhanced Broadband and Internet Connectivity

All applications must provide past 3 fiscal (approved) operating and capital budgets; assessment of the application will weigh the approved operating and capital budgets. Fire chiefs are encouraged to identify if they have requested funding for the initiatives being applied for and what level of funding they received (full, partial or none) or not approved.

Currently, the Temagami Fire Department is considering the following projects for submission:

1. Cancer Prevention – Equipment and Supplies, respiratory protection program:
 - *Airline to fill Cascade Bottles utilizing the Marten River Compressor – currently we use Haileybury station to fill our cascade bottles – recent upgrades has reduced the amount of air we can fill our bottles to – this will increase our available air for on-scene SCBA cylinder fills.*
2. Cancer Prevention – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – flash hoods, and increased spare supply of Bunker Gear
 - *Flash Hoods – upgrade from non-particulate blocking hoods (\$65ea) to particulate blocking hoods (\$165-\$200ea) – potentially 12 sets + 6 spare*
 - *Spare sets of Bunker suits: 1-medium, 1-large, 1-Xlarge (+\$3,000ea)*
 - *Firefighter helmets, inner liners (soft goods) – spares for when these are being cleaned*

Deadline for submission is September 5th. The grant is being administered through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system, with the Municipality required to submit 1 combined application for both departments. Details on the application process is included in the attachment.

Approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 is available for each fire department/hall. Given the cost of our current list, a final decision on what Temagami Fire Department will be applied for has not been made, other than to say the items being applied for will be scalable, to maximize the amount of funding received.

Similarly Marten River Fire Chief is considering PPE supplies (*helmets, boots, hoods, gloves,...*)

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Sanderson

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