

BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION

Date: October 28, 2020

Prepared For: Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Title: COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Amounts

Purpose: To approve the funding amounts to individual Local Governments under the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant, and to provide direction on timing of notification and payments to local governments.

RECOMMENDED OPTION:

- **OPTION 1** - provide payment to municipalities and regional districts as provided in Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND:

On July 22, 2020, the Province announced it was earmarking up to \$1 billion of additional provincial spending targeted to address COVID-19 impacts and restart plans of local governments and public transit services, conditional on matching federal contributions under a 50/50 cost-sharing criteria.

On August 10, 2020, Premier Horgan addressed a "Safe Restart Letter" to Prime Minister Trudeau which served as the basis of a funding agreement and included a term sheet for "Municipalities and Transit". The local government component of funding was approximately \$540 million equally shared between the Federal Government (\$270 million) and the Province (\$270 million).

Under an exchange of commitment letters, Canada and BC will support local governments with operating costs that will flow in this fiscal year (2020/21). The Province committed to direct and verifiable transfers to local governments with no clawbacks.

DISCUSSION:

On September 9, 2020, Treasury Board s.12; s.13; s.17
including \$425 million for local governments, s.12
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authorizing a number of items

On September 20, 2020, Cabinet approved an OIC (OIC Order 564 September 20, 2020 – Part 6 of Local Government Grants Regulation), under the *Local Government Grants Act*, authorizing the minister set payments plus any terms, conditions and reporting requirements associated with paying the local government grants (called the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant) under the "Safe Restart Letter". The regulation provides for the eligible use of funds based on direction provided by Treasury Board.

Under the section 36 of the Local Government Grants Regulation, the Minister may set the amount of the grant. This would be done at the discretion of the Minister but within the broad parameters of the Treasury Board Decision Minute, s.12
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The objective of this program is to inject needed liquidity into the local government system to help them address certain cost pressures caused by COVID-19, including:



- Preparation of associated correspondence for local governments, including the preparation and approval of a merge letter and merge database, and the send-out of correspondence to individual local governments.
- Final payment through EFT

LEGAL ADVICE:

s.13; s.14

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The approval of this note will provide for the payment of \$394M to municipalities and a further \$21M to regional districts. Half (50%) of this amount will be recovered from the Federal Government.

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Attachments:

1. Payments to municipalities and regional districts
2. s.13; s.14

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ATTACHMENT 1: Payments to Municipalities

Municipalities	Total Funding	Municipalities	Total Funding	Municipalities	Total Funding
100 Mile House	752,000	Kamloops	6,680,000	Port Moody	4,647,000
Abbotsford	8,338,000	Kaslo	480,000	Pouce Coupe	426,000
Alert Bay	315,000	Kelowna	7,884,000	Powell River	2,928,000
Anmore	882,000	Kent	1,826,000	Prince George	6,110,000
Armstrong	1,608,000	Keremeos	659,000	Prince Rupert	2,799,000
Ashcroft	659,000	Kimberley	2,087,000	Princeton	1,013,000
Barriere	730,000	Kitimat	2,176,000	Qualicum Beach	2,359,000
Belcarra	380,000	Ladysmith	2,343,000	Queen Charlotte	435,000
Bowen Island	1,273,000	Lake Country	2,947,000	Quesnel	2,503,000
Burnaby	9,827,000	Lake Cowichan	1,158,000	Radium Hot Springs	459,000
Burns Lake	732,000	Langford	4,878,000	Revelstoke	2,105,000
Cache Creek	461,000	Langley (C)	4,151,000	Richmond	9,331,000
Campbell River	4,618,000	Langley (D)	7,608,000	Rossland	1,257,000
Canal Flats	381,000	Lantzville	1,220,000	Saanich	7,453,000
Castlegar	2,184,000	Lillooet	880,000	Salmo	533,000
Central Saanich	3,455,000	Lions Bay	603,000	Salmon Arm	3,598,000
Chase	879,000	Logan Lake	816,000	Sayward	268,000
Chetwynd	955,000	Lumby	764,000	Sechelt	2,563,000
Chilliwack	6,488,000	Lytton	248,000	Sechelt (IG)	387,000
Clearwater	894,000	Mackenzie	1,244,000	Sicamous	927,000
Clinton	373,000	Maple Ridge	6,417,000	Sidney	2,758,000
Coldstream	2,623,000	Masset	429,000	Silverton	231,000
Colwood	3,476,000	McBride	366,000	Slocan	262,000
Comox	3,067,000	Merritt	2,005,000	Smithers	1,656,000
Coquitlam	8,293,000	Metchosin	1,540,000	Sooke	2,981,000
Courtenay	4,149,000	Midway	377,000	Spallumcheen	1,604,000
Cranbrook	3,765,000	Mission	4,964,000	Sparwood	1,282,000
Creston	1,648,000	Montrose	485,000	Squamish	3,760,000
Cumberland	1,312,000	Nakusp	692,000	Stewart	366,000
Dawson Creek	2,793,000	Nanaimo	6,693,000	Summerland	2,724,000
Delta	7,059,000	Nelson	2,613,000	Sun Peaks	387,000
Duncan	1,570,000	New Denver	323,000	Surrey	14,769,000
Elkford	938,000	New Hazelton	357,000	Tahsis	249,000
Enderby	1,062,000	New Westminster	6,052,000	Taylor	644,000
Esquimalt	3,538,000	North Cowichan	4,419,000	Telkwa	602,000
Fernie	1,597,000	North Saanich	2,711,000	Terrace	2,728,000
Fort St. James	666,000	North Vancouver (D)	6,484,000	Tofino	822,000
Fort St. John	3,778,000	North Vancouver (C)	5,434,000	Trail	2,115,000
Fraser Lake	485,000	Northern Rockies	1,507,000	Tumbler Ridge	827,000
Fruitvale	787,000	Oak Bay	3,589,000	Ucluelet	764,000
Gibsons	1,512,000	Oliver	1,591,000	Valemount	501,000
Gold River	557,000	Osoyoos	1,539,000	Vancouver	16,371,000
Golden	1,263,000	Parksville	2,861,000	Vanderhoof	1,438,000
Grand Forks	1,359,000	Peachland	1,650,000	Vernon	4,997,000
Granisle	264,000	Pemberton	987,000	Victoria	6,522,000
Greenwood	381,000	Penticton	4,711,000	View Royal	2,613,000
Harrison Hot Springs	675,000	Pitt Meadows	3,656,000	Warfield	710,000
Hazelton	268,000	Port Alberni	3,536,000	Wells	241,000
Highlands	897,000	Port Alice	386,000	West Kelowna	4,602,000
Hope	1,833,000	Port Clements	259,000	West Vancouver	5,068,000
Houston	1,066,000	Port Coquitlam	5,622,000	Whistler	2,685,000
Hudson's Hope	499,000	Port Edward	317,000	White Rock	3,769,000
Invermere	1,181,000	Port Hardy	1,376,000	Williams Lake	2,618,000
Jumbo Glacier	-	Port McNeill	888,000	Zeballos	200,000

ATTACHMENT 1 (continued) – Payments to Regional Districts

Regional Districts	s.13
Alberni-Clayoquot	485,000
Bulkley-Nechako	583,000
Capital	1,421,000
Cariboo	837,000
Central Coast	340,000
Central Kootenay	760,000
Central Okanagan	1,107,000
Columbia Shuswap	645,000
Comox Valley	723,000
Cowichan Valley	903,000
East Kootenay	641,000
Fraser Valley	1,362,000
Fraser-Fort George	747,000
Kitimat-Stikine	559,000
Kootenay Boundary	489,000
Metro Vancouver	2,325,000
Mount Waddington	367,000
Nanaimo	1,169,000
North Coast	390,000
North Okanagan	741,000
Okanagan-Similkamee	773,000
Peace River	700,000
Qathet	424,000
Squamish-Lillooet	502,000
Strathcona	539,000
Sunshine Coast	521,000
Thompson-Nicola	947,000

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