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Corporate Report

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FROM: General Manager, FILE: 4803-905

Engineering

SUBJECT: SHaRP 2003 - Update on Funding

RECOMMENDATION

For information.

BACKGROUND

This Corporate Report is to provide a status update on funding for the 2003 SHaRP program. Key to the success of the program is securing funding partners from outside sources. This Report is intended to appraise Council of the external funding secured prior to the commencement of the 2003 SHaRP program.

Due to changes in the Provincial Government in the past few years, our previous funding sources, such as E-Team and Youth Options programs, were eliminated. Also this year, the Surrey School District was unable to continue its direct financed support of the program but has offered in-kind assistance through recruitment screening, loaning of equipment and general support.

The SHaRP program did, however, receive funding from the provincial Agricultural Environment Partnership Initiative through the B.C. Agriculture Council in the amount of \$20,000 and also from the Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection in the amount of \$20,000.

As in 2002, the Human Resources Development Canada, HRDC, a Federal Government program is forwarding the funding directly to our program consultant, Dillon Consulting Ltd. Their contribution was \$34,000.

A new partner in the 2003 SHaRP initiative is the Pacific Salmon Foundation. They have provided the City with \$10,000 worth of funding towards instream projects proposed in the 2003 program.

In total, the SHaRP program has obtained \$84,000 from outside sources for 2003. This does not include the many businesses and organizations in Surrey who give smaller products or services in kind to the SHaRP initiative. In addition to this external funding and assistance is the core funding of \$200,000 provided by the City's drainage utility.

The City is also awaiting word from the Real Estate Foundation on whether they will join as a funding partner to the SHaRP program from 2003.

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