

Search and Rescue Funding

Provincial Workshop February 2017



Announcement of \$10m for SAR

January 27, 2016



Our Guidance

Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness, Naomi Yamamoto;

‘Over the coming months, the BC Search and Rescue Association will work with its membership to bolster ground search and rescue services throughout the province. Once allocated, the funding will be spent according to the needs of the local ground search and rescue teams, replacing or updating equipment, providing administrative support and paying for new or additional training.’

Budget for Announced Funding

Budget Line	Value
Disbursements to GSAR Groups	\$4,366,000
SAR Prevention/AdventureSmart	\$325,400
Assistance to SAR Health and Safety Committee	\$50,000
Leadership Training	\$25,000
Regional Training	\$39,600
Board and executive meetings	\$40,000
Website upgrades	\$10,000
Professional Fees (financial)	\$10,000
Balance held (if needed for revisions within disbursement)	\$134,000
Investment of funding (held for fiscal 2017-2018)	\$5,000,000
Total	\$10,000,000

Disbursement of Funds Process

- Confirming the 'capabilities' (search or rescue techniques each GSAR Group is recognized as having) for every GSAR Group
- Confirming the cost associated with being trained and equipped to provide each capability
- Revising the Allocation Spreadsheet to allow for entering budget numbers which would then automatically update the amounts to be disbursed, based on the percentage the formula assigned to each Group.
- Establishing an upper and lower 'cap' which recognized the disparity between groups with widely varying income levels.
- Developing criteria and a process for Groups to follow in submitting a plan for their allotted amount.

Plans Submitted by SAR Groups

Category	Number of Groups	Amount
Training	53	\$ 677,845
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	59	\$ 583,396
Equipment	64	\$1,671,343
Infrastructure improvements to enhance response effectiveness and efficiency.	58	\$1,122,469
Supplement fixed costs.	37	\$ 292,337
Total disbursed		\$4,347,390

Next Steps

- Collecting information from SAR Groups on actual expenditures (pictures would be great!) for report to the Province on first year
- Checking for any major changes in SAR Group status
- Follow similar process as last year, request plans from SAR Groups which will trigger the transfer of funds
- Renew the contract for AdventureSmart



Questions?

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have
the time; they just have the heart.”*

~Elizabeth Andrew