REQUEST FOR DECISION

Mackenzie County

Meeting:	**Regular Council Meeting**
Meeting Date:	**February 28, 2024**
Presented By:	**Darrell Derksen, Chief Administrative Officer**
Title:	**High Level Agricultural Exhibition Association – Co-Op Community Spaces Grant- ADDITION**

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

The High Level Agricultural Exhibition Association are wanting to submit an application for the Co-Op Community Spaces grant for an Indoor Riding Arena project. Administration recommended that organizations that wish to apply for grants under the County shall have Council approval prior to application submission.

In order to receive these funds, Co-Op Community Spaces requires a municipal partnership to the High Level Agricultural Exhibition Association not being able to provide a charitable donation receipt for this grant.

As this request is outside of the Charitable Donation Policy in that the County does not have an agreement, or own and assets of the Association, if approved, administration requests that funds would not be released to the Association, until proof of capital items purchased for the Indoor Arena is provided.

If the grant is successful, a budget amendment will be required, as the County will hold the funds in trust until expenditures have been realized.

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Option –
    Approve the request to support the funding donation to the High Level Agricultural Exhibition Association.

Benefit –
    Non-profits are able to fund raise additional funds, and reduce some of the requests to the County for these projects.

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COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Co-Op Community Spaces grant

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

FIN034 Charitable Donation Policy

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

☐ Simple Majority ☑ Requires 2/3 ☐ Requires Unanimous

That a letter of support be provided for the High Level Agricultural Societies in support of the Co-Op Community Spaces grant application to assist with the construction of the Multi-use Indoor Riding Arena.

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