

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	March 17, 2020
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ADD-IN: A.W.E.S. ALBERTA SHELTERBELT CAP PROJECT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with information from Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) seeking municipal endorsement and funding support for a CAP grant application for modernizing the Alberta Shelterbelt Program.

BACKGROUND:

Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) is endeavoring to create a website containing comprehensive information regarding shelterbelts and are seeking a letter of support and a one thousand dollar contribution to the cause.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AWES email

OPTIONS:

1. Support the application and recommend including \$1,000 in the 2020 operating budget as the County's contribution to the project.
2. Not support the application (accept for information)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society (AWES) request for municipal endorsement and funding support for a CAP grant application for modernizing the Alberta Shelterbelt Program.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

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AgFieldman:

GC

Audrey Bjorklund

From: Greg Coon
Sent: March 12, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Audrey Bjorklund
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for AWES' "Comprehensive and Enhanced Shelterbelt Guidance" Project

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Subject: RE: Letter of Support for AWES' "Comprehensive and Enhanced Shelterbelt Guidance" Project

Hi Greg,

Thank you for your inquiries and interest!

The overarching goal of the program is to create a single location to access comprehensive up-to-date information on shelterbelt management. This initiative will only come to fruition through CAP funding which requires an equal ratio of in-kind services to funding request.

- 1) a letter of support for the project to send with the CAP grant application – template attached; **A letter from each supporting community. I suspect the ones currently running shelterbelt programs would be most supportive of the initiative.**
- 2) to contribute \$1000.00 in-kind support dollars to the project over the 1 year duration of 2020-2021; **This is a one-time request for 2-3 days of work which would include the review of the final proposal, the draft guidance package, the final guidance package version and also promoting the use by creating a link from own website to the AWES website.**

The larger number of supporters the better to design the final guidance so it will reflect the extent of the province. I know I will use the resource not only for the shelterbelt program, but also for our other environmental programs. Great resource for our County for \$1000 in-kind services!

Hope this helps clarify. If not, please let me know and I'll have Noel give you a call 😊

Respectfully,
Becky

From: Greg Coon <Greg@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>

Sent: March 12, 2020 2:10 PM

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So I can take this to our ASB meeting next week but I have some questions.

Are they looking for all 3 of the types of support listed from each muni, or one or a combination of?

Will the \$1000 be expected annually?

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Cc: Noel St Jean <nstjean@awes-ab.ca>

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Importance: High

Hello PRAAAF members,

At present in the province there is no longer assistance provided for shelterbelt management by either the provincial or federal governments. There are counties that are still administering their own form of shelterbelt program, but all are still relying on guidance information from either the Agriculture Canada website (8-10 years old), Alberta Agriculture website (12-15 years old), older publications or information created and information provided by AWES (5-8 years old) through the website or directly. This is a disorganized and outdated approach to assist clients and landowners in managing their current shelterbelts or establishing new ones.

This initiative originally started in 2018 by Alberta Agriculture was to review and update all the information and guidance documents on shelterbelt management and create a comprehensive package to be housed on an external website that would be available to all through a number of linkages to that one site. This site was proposed to be the AWES website due to the nature of the work.

This project will be initiated in the spring of 2020 with the anticipation of completion by the end of 1st Quarter 2021. The comprehensive guidance package would be available for use by April 2021.

The type of support required would be:

- 1) a letter of support for the project to send with the CAP grant application – template attached
- 2) a commitment to be on an advisory and review committee as part of the project; review of the final guidance package version and promote the use by creating a link from own website to the AWES website
- 3) to contribute \$1000.00 in-kind support dollars to the project over the 1 year duration of 2020-2021

****Due to timeline restraints, it would greatly appreciated if you could forward your *Letter of Support* to AWES Director, Noel St. Jean (nstjean@awes-ab.ca) prior to March 23, 2020.**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Noel at nstjean@awes-ab.ca for complete details.

Best regards,



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