



FIRE SERVICES

TO: Council
DATE: March 22, 2022
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: STARS Air Ambulance Presentation and Funding Request

DIVISION: All
APPLICATION: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 1991, Rocky View County Council has approved an annual donation to the STARS Air Ambulance program. Glenda Farnden of STARS will present an update on their program and services as part of their funding request for 2022 of \$79,000.00.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

STARS Air Ambulance has been in operation for over 36 years and flown over 45,000 missions. They provide 24/7 air ambulance service and carried out almost 3,000 missions last fiscal year from six bases located in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. On average, the STARS Air Ambulance service responds to eight missions per day, five of those located in Alberta. STARS Air Ambulance is a charitable organization with STARS fundraising augmenting their critical care services for Albertans, at no cost to the patient.

In 2021, STARS Air Ambulance flew 18 missions into Rocky View County, and air ambulance service is a critical component of emergency healthcare in the municipality.

The STARS Air Ambulance Service Update & Funding Request presentation is submitted as Attachment 'A'.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for a potential \$79,000 contribution to STARS Air Ambulance was included in the 2022 Fire Services operational budget.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

Council's actions on this matter will be communicated through a media release, on the County's website, and through social media channels.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The STARS Air Ambulance program adheres to Council's strategic objective of embracing partnerships.

Administration Resources

Randy Smith, Fire Services



OPTIONS:

- Option #1: Motion 1 THAT the STARS Air Ambulance Service Update and Funding Request presentation be received for information.
- Motion 2 THAT Administration be directed to provide STARS with a \$79,000 donation for 2022.
- Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Kent Robinson"

"Byron Riemann"

Executive Director
Corporate Services

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 'A': STARS Air Ambulance Service Update & Funding Request Presentation