

## Municipality of West Grey

### Budget Request

Request: CAO-04-22 – FCM Green Fund

Department: Chief Administrative Officer

Year: 2022

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Description
<b>Budget Request Form</b>
<b>Nature of request:</b>
Council requested staff report back on the waste reduction and diversion study grant (Resolution 489-2021)
<b>Justification:</b>
<p>The FCM Green Fund grant awards up to 50% of eligible costs for waste diversion feasibility studies – to a maximum of \$175,000. There are a number of steps in the grant process, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete the pre-application process – once submitted, the FCM will respond within 15 days to advise if it has been successful.</li><li>2. If the pre-application is successful, complete the rest of the application process, which includes:</li><li>3. Evidence of Consultation with upper-level government – i.e., prepare a letter and send to the provincial government, and receive a letter from the provincial government addressed to Municipality regarding the funding, etc.</li><li>4. Identify all sources of funding – all funding must be confirmed in writing from the funding source/partner and must be included in the application,</li><li>5. Evidence pertaining to level of Partnerships contributing to the initiative – evidence that funding is in place, list of funding partners, letters from those providing funding, etc.,</li><li>6. A letter from the Municipality confirming its cash contributions to the initiative – note that the municipal cash contribution must be at least 10% of the overall cost of the Study,</li><li>7. Complete the necessary application spreadsheet data entry</li><li>8. Submit the application – once submitted, it will take three to five months for the FCM to review and respond back to the municipality.</li></ol> <p>Once a waste diversion feasibility study is complete, the study can be included when applying for funding for a pilot project.</p>

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The total cost of a feasibility study for West Grey is estimated at \$20,000. West Grey could receive \$10,000 in FCM funding. West Grey has no other partners for this type of waste diversion feasibility study, and the project costs will need to be paid by the municipality before funding will reimburse costs.

#### Consequences of not funding:

West Grey council has allocated \$25,000 from the Municipal Modernization Grant program for a waste reduction/diversion study. Staff do not recommend 'grant stacking' and would advise that if council prefers to NOT allocate tax levy funds, then the modernization funds be used for the study and West Grey does not participate in the FCM program.

#### Alignment with council priority of strategic plan

Pillar: Build a better future  
Goal: Stewards of the environment  
Strategy: Find ways to divert waste from landfill sites

	2022 Mandatory	2022 One- time	2022 Growth	2022 Service level	2023 One- time	2023 Service level
Capital Expenditure						
Operating Expenditure		20,000				
Funding Source						
Tax Levy		10,000				
Reserve						
Grant		10,000				
Fees						
Other						