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Mayor and Council,

The Prince George Alano Society is applying for a Grant from **Community Places Fund from Northern Development Initiative Trust.** The application introduction is as follows:

The Prince George Alano Society has been in operation since October 31, 1969. It currently operates at 725 Alward Street, Prince George, BC.

The Alano Society provides a safe place for Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous to host daily meetings in support of those individuals with addiction problems in the basement of our building.

We also provide affordable meals on the main floor of the building, to those individuals, Seniors, Indigenous People, Handicap Individuals, and the public in the Prince George area. We are seeing an increase in the number of patrons coming and more individuals from outside of the Prince George area. Our numbers have increased from 2000 to approximately 3000 in the past 6 months. We are open to the public from 8:30am to 7:30pm daily, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The Alano Society has been <u>deemed an essential service</u> by the Provincial Government and Northern Health.

To make our building more efficient and to reduce our carbon foot print we would like to replace and upgrade our existing equipment. The Hot water tank was installed in 2000. The two furnaces were installed in 1994. We would replace these with high efficiency units. The flooring in the meeting room in the basement is over 50 years old. The Lino flooring is cracked and has holes in it. We would cover the existing Lino(subfloor) and install vinyl plank flooring the same as is installed upstairs on the main floor.

I am requesting that the City Council pass the following resolution:

"That the City of Prince George support the application to the Northern Development Initiatives Trust from the Prince George Alano Society for a grant of up to \$26,116.76 for the installation of new flooring as outlined above and to replace the hot water tank and furnaces from the NDIT Community Places Fund."

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Al Spencer Alano Society House Manager Redacted