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Policy Title Rural Crime Watch	Date February 25, 2021	Resolution No. C/77/21

Policy Statement:

Lacombe County recognizes that Rural Crime Watch can play an important role in keeping our community safe and therefore supports local Rural Crime Watch Groups and their ongoing efforts to reduce the incidents of crime in rural areas.

Guidelines/Procedure:

Operating Grants

1. Subject to budget allocations, Lacombe County will make available an annual operating grant in the amount of \$500 to Rural Crime Watch Groups that operate within Lacombe County and provide services to the residents of Lacombe County.
2. To be eligible for the annual operating grant the Rural Crime Watch Group must provide an annual report of its activities and confirm that they will be operational and active for the upcoming year.

Special Projects Grant

3. Subject to budget allocations, Lacombe County may be a funding partner with Rural Crime Watch Groups for special projects that emphasize education and extension relative to rural crime watch and crime prevention.
4. The following information must be provided as part of a special projects grant request:
 - a. Total cost of the special project
 - b. Explanation as to how the special project will be used to promote rural crime watch and safe communities
 - c. Other funding partners and the contribution from the other funding partners
 - d. Description of the target audience

Capital Grants

5. Subject to budget allocations, request for capital grants will be considered based on the merit of each request.
6. The following information must be provided as part of a capital grant request:

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- a. Total cost of the capital initiative
- b. Explanation as to how the capital initiative will be used to improve the safety of the community
- c. Other funding partners and the contribution from the other funding partners
- d. Life expectancy of the capital initiative
- e. Estimate of ongoing operational costs related to the capital initiative

Community Peace Officers

7. Subject to staffing resources being available, Lacombe County Community Peace Officers will act as a liaison between the Rural Crime Watch Groups and Lacombe County.
8. Subject to staffing resources being available, Lacombe County Community Peace Officers may participate in coordinated joint venture activities with Rural Crime Watch Groups.

Promotion and Dissemination of Information

9. Subject to availability of space and resources Rural Crime Watch Groups may, at no charge, advertise and/or publish articles relative to the promotion of safe communities in the County News and County web page.

Policy Administration

10. The County Manager is authorized to approve operational and capital grant applications made pursuant to this policy.