

**REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2020**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on external grants activity since September 14, 2020, through the submission deadline for this report of October 12, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) summarizes grant applications and calls in progress, awards, and the status of projects still in progress. The report summarizes activities and outcomes since the External Grants Update was presented to the Board on October 14, 2020.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

1. Reaching Home: COVID-19 Response Funding, approved for an additional \$1,918,197.

Two grants remain under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream: Regional: Elk/Beaver Lake Oxygenation System Project, for \$700,000.
2. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream: SSI: Fernwood Elementary School Athletic Field Upgrades Project, for \$646,587.
3. Building BC – Community Housing Fund: 2780 Spencer Rd project in partnership with the Capital Regional Housing Corporation.

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update

The CAWTP project is partially funded by the Federal Government and the Province of BC. During the month of September, the CRD did not receive any grant payments for this project. Cumulatively, we have received \$339M of the estimated \$459M. The remaining (up to) \$120M is expected to be received throughout 2020 and into 2021 based on timing of eligible expenditures and achievement of target milestones.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Nine new grant calls were issued during the reporting period. Grant Calls in Progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see page 7–8), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
Provincial Urban Deer Cost Share Program	16-Oct-20	Provides funding to projects that address the challenges of urban deer management.
New Horizons for Seniors Program – Employment and Social Development Canada	20-Oct-20	Funding supports senior-led and volunteer-based eligible projects.
Dementia Community Investment	22-Oct-20	Funding supports community-based projects that focus on people living with dementia and caregivers in the current COVID-19 context.
Promoting Health Equity: Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund	22-Oct-20	Funding supports Black Canadians to develop culturally responsive knowledge, capacity, and programs that address mental health and its determinants.
Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program	29-Oct-20	Provides funding for public infrastructure projects through four streams: 1) Community Economic Resilience, 2) Destination Development, 3) Unique Heritage Infrastructure, and 4) Rural Economic Recovery.
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Structural Flood Mitigation Program	20-Nov-20 (Extended deadline)	Funding supports structural flood mitigation projects for the prevention/elimination/reduction of hazards.
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Support Services	29-Jan-21 April 2020 intake was postponed	Provides funding to enhance resiliency in responding to emergencies for local governments and other eligible applicants.
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning	26-Feb-21	Provides funding to local governments and other eligible applicants to ensure knowledge of flood hazards, develop strategies, and prepare for risks.
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Operations Centres & Training	26-Mar-21	Provides funding for supplies, equipment, and capacity for Emergency Operations Centres.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

Canada-BC Safe Restart Plan: Details to be released after Provincial Election.

1. \$540M in funding for local governments:
 - a. \$425M for local government operations – Funding for COVID-19 impacts.

- b. \$100M Strengthening communities – Funding for vulnerable populations/homelessness.
 - c. \$15M for development services (Development Approvals Process Review).
- 2. Additional \$418M for community infrastructure – i.e., Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (\$100M), tourism infrastructure, active transportation, connectivity, etc.
- 3. \$1.038B for Public Transit:
 - a. BC Ferries, BC Transit and TransLink will receive a one-time operating funding relief.

CONCLUSION

The CRD recognizes grants are a supplementary funding source to address the needs of services provided to the region. The External Grants Update outlines how the CRD continues to integrate and consider these grant opportunities relative to service needs, as well as informing local partners of these opportunities through the grants dashboard. The CRD will continue to provide a summary of activities and outcomes in the External Grants Update on a monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the CRD External Grants Update be received for information.

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard