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**REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026**

SUBJECT **Grant-In-Aid Application – Transition Salt Spring Society**

ISSUE

To review one Grant-in-Aid application submission prior to the spring intake for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District's (CRD) Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Program are one-time grants to fund special projects and activities, awarded to community non-profit organizations who deliver projects benefiting electoral areas (Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands) that are not already funded by requisition.

Funding may be provided to non-profit organizations or community groups that are considered to contribute to the general interests, wellbeing, and advantage of the community. This governance framework ensures that public funds are allocated transparently, equitably, and in alignment with the CRD's mandate and the priorities of each electoral area.

In 2023, the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) directed staff to establish two annual GIA intake periods, one in the spring and one in the fall, to better support community organizations and provide predictable funding windows. This structured intake process helps ensure consistent evaluation, accountability, and alignment with community needs. However, the LCC also recognized that certain community initiatives may require consideration outside the standard intake timelines. The current request is being advanced ahead of the spring intake because Transition Salt Spring Society requires timely funding to deliver the Salt Spring Island Invasive Chipping event. Given the event's early-season timing and community benefit, the request is being brought forward for consideration in advance of the scheduled GIA distribution.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

Approve the Grant-in-Aid application to Transition Salt Spring Society in the amount of \$3,500, pending eligibility and financial review.

Alternative 2

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

Deny the Grant-in-Aid application to Transition Salt Spring Society in the amount of \$3,500.

Alternative 3

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

Approve a different amount in support of the Grant-in-Aid application to Transition Salt Spring Society, pending eligibility and financial review.

Alternative 4

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

Refer the Grant-in-Aid application back to staff for more information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The purpose of this application is to request \$3,500 to support the SSI Invasives two-day Drop-off Program scheduled for late spring. The application includes a program budget and the Transition Salt Spring Society Statement of Activity.

Transition Salt Spring Society received \$3,500 in Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding in 2025 to support this program, with additional funding provided through donations and other grants. The 2025 program was also supported by a significant amount of volunteer time.

Table 1: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Overall Summary

The approved 2026 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) budget for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is \$70,230 with a pending donation of \$20,000.

2026 GIA Overall Summary	Budget
SSI (\$)	70,230
SSI Foundation Donation (\$)	20,000

Table 2: Salt Spring Island Grant-in-Aid application for 2026

The Transition Salt Spring Society application is being brought forward in advance of the GIA spring intake at the direction of the LCC.

2026 Project Summary		
Applicant	Project Title	Award (\$)
Transition Salt Spring Society	To organize the collection and chipping of invasive plants in spring 2026	\$ 3,500
GIA Total		\$ 3,500

Table 3: Post Approval Funds Remaining

Approval of this request would leave a remaining GIA balance of \$96,730.

2026 GIA Overall Summary	Core GIA		
	Budget	Spent	Remaining
SSI (\$)	70,230	3,500	66,730
SSI Foundation (\$)	20,000		20,000

RECOMMENDATION

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

Approve the Grant-in-Aid application to Transition Salt Spring Society in the amount of \$3,500, pending eligibility and financial review.

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Appendix A: GIA – Transitions Salt Spring