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REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

SUBJECT Grant-In-Aid Application – Salt Spring Island Groove Photo Arts Association

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to review one Grant-in-Aid application submission for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District's (CRD) 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.

This application was listed for approval in the May 21, 2026 Spring Grant-in-Aid intake review, but the application form was not included in the appendix provided to the LCC. As a result, the LCC voted to postpone consideration on this application until the full application was included in the agenda package for review.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve the Grant-in-Aid application to Salt Spring Groove Photo Arts Association in the amount of \$1,000.

Alternative 2

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission deny the Grant-in-Aid application to Salt Spring Groove Photo Arts Association in the amount of \$1,000.

Alternative 3

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve a different amount in support of the Grant-in-Aid application to Salt Spring Groove Photo Arts Association.

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 approved 2026 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) budget for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is \$90,230.

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

| 2026 GIA Overall Summary | Budget |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| SSI | \$70,230 |
| SSI Foundation Donation | \$20,000 |
| Total Budget | \$90,230 |

The Transition Salt Spring Society application was brought forward ahead of the GIA Spring Intake at the direction of the LCC and at the May 21, 2026 review of application additional applications were reviewed and awarded.

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

| 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 |
| DAISSI Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island | SS Pride 2026 Community Special Events | \$5,000 |
| Graffiti Theatre | Convergence Festival (expanded to 1.5 days) Community Event | \$3,500 |
| Lookout Housing and Health Society | On-site Community Garden | \$3,817 |
| Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society | Support the Tour des Iles 2026 2-day festival | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Community Hall Society | Re-roofing the Hall & rebuilding roof structure on the two flat roofs. | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society | Indigenous engagement & collaboration with organizing Indigenous Peoples Weekend on June 19-21, 2026. | \$5,000 |
| Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts | Upgrade of tools and technology for the Film Department within the Performing Arts School. | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association | The purchase of tarps that will maintain field quality, reduce maintenance demands and support safe field use. | \$2,839.20 |
| GIA Total | | \$ 38,656.20 |

CRD Salt Spring Island Electoral Area staff recommend that the total Grants-in-Aid budget be allocated using a 70/30 split between the Spring and Fall intake periods. After awarding **\$38,656.20** in the Spring intake, the remaining balance for the Fall Intake is \$51,573.80.

Table 3: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Summary

| 2026 GIA Spring Intake Summary | Core GIA | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Budget | Spent | Remaining |
| SSI (\$) | \$90,230 | \$ 38,656.20 | \$51,573.80 |

Table 4: 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application

| 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Applicant | Project Title | Amount Requested (\$) | Guideline \$5,000 Max (\$) |
| SSI Community Services Art Grants (Art Craft) | SS Groove Photo Arts Association publicly accessible photographic exhibition. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |

Sufficient funds exist to approve the application, leaving a remaining balance of \$50,573.80

Table 5: Post Approval Funds Remaining

| 2026 GIA Overall Summary | Core GIA | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| | Budget | Spent | GIA | Remaining Funds |
| SSI (\$) | \$90,230 | \$ 38,656.20 | \$1,000 | \$50,573.80 |

CONCLUSION

A Grant in Aid is a one-time financial contribution provided by the CRD to support community-led, non-profit projects that enhance the wellbeing and overall benefit of electoral areas. The biannual intake process established by the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission continues to promote transparency, consistency, and accountability in funding decisions. Following the deferral on May 21, 2026, the Commission now has a complete application package and may consider the request on its merits in accordance with established program criteria and available funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve the Grant-in-Aid application to Salt Spring Groove Photo Arts Association in the amount of \$1,000.

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