

**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2021**

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**SUBJECT**     **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since November 9, 2020, through the submission deadline for this report of December 14, 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 December 9, 2020.

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities-Green Municipal Fund-Water Capital projects: Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project, approved for \$3M grant in combination with a \$20M loan.
2. Building BC – Community Housing Fund: 2780 Spencer Rd project in partnership with the Capital Regional Housing Corporation, applied for \$5.9M.
  - a. Proposed project was approved to move forward through the selection process.
  - b. The grant funding is not fully secured at this time and is subject to final approval from BC Housing.
3. BC Hydro Sustainable Communities Implementation Fund: Capital Region Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Road Map, approved for \$36,000.
4. Canada Summer Jobs: Student funding:
  - a. Environmental Protection, for \$3,957.

One grant remains under news embargo.

**Applications Submitted**

Two applications were submitted:

1. Provincial Urban Deer Cost-Share Program: Enhanced Eco-Cultural Restoration Partnership Proposal – Fallow Deer Management on Mayne Island project, for \$18,000.

2. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Climate Change Mitigation – CleanBC Communities Fund: Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project, for \$1,972,430.

### Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update

The CAWTP project is partially funded by the Federal Government and the Province of BC. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities-Green Municipal Fund (FCM-GMF) recently announced their contribution to the project with a \$3M grant and a \$20M loan. The GMF fund is funded by the federal government and FCM delivers the grant to municipalities; the loan portion is funded and administered by the BC Municipal Finance Authority.

During the month of November, the CRD did not receive any grant payments for this project; final payments are subject to holdback until the project and reporting are complete. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$339M of the estimated revised total of \$462M in grant revenues. The remaining (up to) \$123M, plus the \$20M loan is expected to be received in 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 pages 7–9), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
Emissions Reduction Fund: Onshore Program: Natural Resources Canada	30-Nov-20	Provides funding to reduce/eliminate methane emissions.
Jumpstart: Community Development Grant	01-Dec-20	Provides funding for aspects of sports/ recreational programming.
Green Infrastructure Phase II, Energy Efficient Buildings Program	22-Dec-21	Provides funding for net-zero energy ready houses/buildings.
National Disaster Mitigation Program	07-Jan-21	Provides funding to address flooding projects, and to projects that reduce the risks of flooding.
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program- COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream: Adaptation, Resilience, and Disaster Mitigation	11-Jan-21	Provides infrastructure funding for flood mitigation projects.
Rapid Response Stream-Universal Broadband Fund: Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Ongoing until 15-Jan-21	Special stream to address immediate connectivity needs for households. Expected project completion date: 15-Nov-21.
Preventing and Addressing Family Violence: Public Health Agency of Canada	27-Jan-21	Provides funding for projects that both prevent/address family violence in relation to health impacts.

Grant	Deadline	Information
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream	27-Jan-21	Provides funding for public infrastructure projects in response to COVID-19, including retrofits, rehabilitation, upgrades, response infrastructure, active transportation, and disaster mitigation.
Universal Broadband Stream-Universal Broadband Fund: Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	15-Feb-21	Provides funding for broadband infrastructure projects in rural and remote areas. Expected project completion date 31-Mar-27.

### **Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

1. BC Active Transportation: applications for the 2020/21, anticipated intake for fall/winter 2020.
2. UBCM Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program, anticipated intake for spring 2021.

### **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 Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information.

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### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard