

**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE

This report provides an update on external grants activity since the previous submission deadline of January 14, 2019 for the Capital Regional District (CRD) External Grants Update report presented at the February 13, 2019 CRD Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) summarizes grant applications and calls in progress, as well as grants awarded since January 1, 2015 that are still in progress. The information is current as of this report's submission deadline of February 11, 2019.

Grants / Contributions Awarded

No grants were awarded during the period and two grant award notifications remain unreported due to a news embargo pending official public notice.

New Applications Submitted

Seven (7) applications were submitted spanning five (5) grant programs:

1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure-Community, Culture and Recreation: Two applications submitted including: Mayne Island Regional Trail Phase 1 (\$2,778,393) and SSI Fernwood Playing Field (\$584,850).
2. Investing in Canada Infrastructure-Rural and Northern Communities: Two applications submitted including: Wilderness Mountain Supply Improvements (\$4,566,673) and Miners Bay Dock – Mayne Island (\$247,423)
3. Child Care Space Creation Program: For the SSI Preschool Program space (\$214,600).
4. CRD Traffic Safety Commission Grant: For Walk and Wheel to School Week (\$3,000).
5. Reaching Home: For operation of the Reaching Home program in the region (\$4,674,705).

New Applications in Progress

Five (5) new applications are in progress spanning four (4) grant programs:

1. Jumpstart Community Development: Request for Panorama swim program for Indigenous Children and Youth.
2. Jumpstart Accessibility Enhancement: Two applications in progress, one each for SEAPARC and Panorama Recreation Centres.
3. Rick Hansen Accessibility Grant: Request for Panorama Recreation Centre accessibility enhancements.
4. Bike BC Cycling Infrastructure Program: Request for E&N Rail Trail – Phase 3 construction.

Partnerships in Progress

This is a new section in the CRD Dashboard designed to highlight the significant work CRD accomplishes through partnerships. In this work, grant revenue may not accrue to the CRD; nonetheless, work of great value to the region is carried out by working with partners who are eligible to access and process the funding. In launching this new section, three (3) partnerships are featured (see Appendix A – Page 3):

1. Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program – Transition 2050 Partner Grants: This partnership has resulted in a grant of \$400,000 for Vancouver Island-wide partners to collaborate on carbon-reduction strategies.
2. UBC Sustainability Scholars Program: The CRD has been awarded its request of two (2) UBC Scholars to conduct data analysis and research related to deep home energy retrofits. This work supports the aims of the Transition 2050 initiative outlined in item 1 above.
3. Stewardship Centre of BC – Green Shores Restoration and Demonstration Project: The CRD is continuing its long-standing collaboration with the Stewardship Centre of BC (SCBC) to secure funding from the Fisheries and Oceans Coastal Restoration Fund for coastal restoration demonstration projects.

New Grant Opportunities

Two (2) new grant calls were issued during the reporting period with deadlines as noted. Grant calls in progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see page 6).

1. BC Family Day Event Grant (Jan. 15, 2019): Up to 1,000 is available to fund community-based family day events.
2. Regional Community to Community Forum (Feb. 6, 2019): The program offers up to \$5,000, on a 50% cost-sharing basis for forum events that provide an opportunity for dialogue to support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility and to advance tangible outcomes.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

The previous report noted the appointment of a new Federal Minister to oversee the Rural Economic Development portfolio. To build on that information, a link to this Minister's mandate letter has been added to the FORECAST section of Appendix A page 7 (see notation **NEW**).

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Grant Revenue

As of the deadline for this report, funding received on grant claims remains unchanged since the last report at \$51 million.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard