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To Salt Spring Island LCC

Members of the SSI Agriculture Alliance are farming, food and community organisations that work individually and collectively to enhance agriculture and food production on Salt Spring Island.

This letter is in support of the applications for funding from the CRD's Sustainable Economic Development 2025/26 budget that have been submitted by our member organizations (see attached). These projects fall within the scope of Salt Springs Area Farm Plan & Climate Action Plan, and we believe they will help continue growth and development of local food production, bringing more land into production and supporting the marketing of local food products.

Our members have discussed priorities for this funding year and feel that, if supported, the following projects will have the most immediate impact:

1. Linking Land program & identifying host sites for Neighbourhood farmer training program \$7000 (FLT & ING project)
2. Abattoir Skills Training \$5000 (Abattoir Society)
3. Expanding the Reach of the Tuesday Market \$4500 (Community Market Society)
4. Removal and chipping of invasive plants/feasibility of linking with composter project \$3500 (Transition Salt Spring)

Members of the Alliance are committed to working collaboratively and synergistically to ensure agriculture and food production remains an important economic driver for Salt Spring Island.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Macey".

Anne Macey
President, SSI Agricultural Alliance

SSIAA Member organizations participating in this initiative:

Island Natural Growers
Salt Spring Island Community Market Society
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust
Salt Spring Abattoir Society
Transition Salt Spring