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REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2026

SUBJECT 2025 Grants-In-Aid Annual Report

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of Electoral Area (EA) Grants-In-Aid (GIA) activity for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Under the Supplementary Letters Patent (SLP), dated March 24, 1977 and amended April 17, 1985, the Capital Regional District (CRD) had authority to deliver GIA within the EAs. In 2025 the CRD converted the EA GIA function under SLP into three separate services through service establishment bylaws, one for each electoral area. These are one-time grants provided through annual tax requisition to community groups that deliver projects in the Juan de Fuca (JdF), Salt Spring Island (SSI) and Southern Gulf Islands (SGI) EAs.

GIA applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed and approved throughout the year in JdF and SGI. In SSI, projects are reviewed and approved during two annual intake periods. EA Directors of JdF and SGI and the SSI Local Community Commission (LCC) support projects that are selected based upon demonstrated benefit to the community respectively, and in alignment with GIA guidelines and grant program criteria. In principle, GIA fund special projects and activities beyond the scope of existing CRD services. Organizations that receive annual requisition funding through CRD established services are excluded from the GIA program. Appendix A details GIA projects awarded in 2025.

IMPLICATIONS

Service Delivery Implications

The one-time funding through GIA provides much needed relief to organizations that provide key services to the community beyond the scope of CRD services. In 2025, many of these projects included special events, capacity building and small capital projects related to recreation, housing and education.

Financial Implications

Table 1 provides a summary of 2025 GIA awarded within each EA.

Table 1: GIA Awarded for 2025

| | 2025 | | | 2024 | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | Budget (\$) | # of Applications | Amount Awarded (\$) | Budget (\$) | # of Applications | Amount Awarded (\$) |
| JdF | 28,806 | 4 | 9,356 | 27,822 | 2 | 10,000 |
| SSI | 68,986 | 24 | 68,986 | 53,986 | 18 | 53,986 |
| SIG | 112,719 | 26 | 105,110 | 105,081 | 20 | 99,895 |
| Total | 210,511 | 54 | 183,452 | 186,889 | 40 | 163,881 |

Remaining funds at the end of 2025 are carried over to 2026 GIA budgets for each EA.

CONCLUSION

Grants-in-Aid are awarded year-round in each electoral area under respective service establishment bylaw. For JdF and SGI, applications supported by the EA director are reviewed as they are received throughout the year and assessed against eligibility criteria. For SSI, applications are accepted and assessed during spring and fall intake periods and must be supported by the SSI LCC. Organizations who deliver projects in the EA can access the funding for special projects, including events and small capital requests. Remaining funds at the end of 2025 are carried over to 2026 GIA budgets for each EA.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: 2025 Electoral Areas Grants-In-Aid Awarded