

**REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2020**

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

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since October 12, 2020, through the submission deadline for this report of November 9, 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 November 18, 2020.

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

1. COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments, allocation-based grant for \$1,421,000.
2. Rapid Housing Initiative – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, for \$13,056,502
3. Canada Summer Jobs: Student funding, for \$54,951:
  - a. SSI – Parks & Recreation, for \$5,895
  - b. SEAPARC, for \$16,352
  - c. Panorama – Greenglade, for \$32,704.

Two grants remain under news embargo.

**Applications Submitted**

1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Stream: JDF: Port Renfrew Water Supply Line Replacement Project, for \$1,573,918.
2. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Stream: SGI: Lyall Harbour Boot Cove Water Service Improvements Project, for \$1,110,600.
3. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Rural and Northern Communities Stream: SSI: Maliview Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, for \$1,989,000.

4. Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program – Unique Heritage Infrastructure Stream: Regional and SGI: Goldstream Powerhouse Roof & Emma and Felix Jack Park Cultural Heritage Project, for \$92,060.
5. Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program – Community Economic Resilience Stream: Revitalization of Greenglade Community Centre Outdoor Space, for \$329,520.
6. Active Transportation Planning-UBCM: Active Transportation Plan for the Southern Gulf Islands, for \$10,000.
7. Community Efficiency Financing-Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Capital Regional Residential Energy Retrofit Program, for \$175,000.
8. New Horizons for Seniors: Community Garden Improvements at the Greenglade Community Centre, for \$25,000.

### **Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update**

The CAWTP project is partially funded by the Federal Government and the Province of BC. During the month of October, the CRD did not receive any grant payments for this project. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$339M of the estimated \$459M. The remaining (up to) \$120M is expected to be received throughout 2020 and into 2021 based on timing of eligible expenditures and achievement of target milestones.

### *Service Delivery Implications*

### **New Grant Opportunities**

Fifteen 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:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Information</b>
Housing Needs Report Program-UBCM	16-Oct-20 (Extended to 13-Nov-20)	Provides funding to produce, publish or update housing needs reports.
Emergency Community Support Fund	30-Oct-20	Second intake: Provides funding for vulnerable population projects at the community level who have been affected by COVID-19.
Dementia Community Investment	03-Nov-20	Funding supports community-based projects that focus on people living with dementia and caregivers in the current COVID-19 context.
Celebrate Canada	23-Nov-20	Provides funding for activities for the following events: National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), Saint-Jean-Baptist Day (June 24), Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27), and Canada Day (July 1)
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Crime Remediation Grant	25-Nov-20	Provides funding under multiple streams for crime prevention/remediation projects

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Treemendous Communities	30-Nov-20	Provides funding for community tree planting projects.
Edible Trees	30-Nov-20	Provides funding to projects that plant fruit and nut-bearing trees and shrubs in communities.
Early Learning and Child Care Innovation	03-Dec-20	Provides funding to innovative projects for early learning and child care programs and services.
Community to Community Forum	04-Dec-20	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum
Rapid Housing Initiative	31-Dec-20	Provides funding under an allocation and an application based stream. Application based stream provides funding for new construction and conversions/rehabilitations,
Documentary Heritage Communities Program	12-Jan-21	Provides funding to support local documentary heritage projects.
CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program	1. 12-Jan-21 2. 14-Jan-21	Two streams: Provides funding for organic waste processing infrastructure and residential organic waste collection programs. 1. Residential Curbside Collection. 2. Organic Processing Infrastructure.
Housing Supply Challenge: Data Driven	20-Jan-21	Funding to projects that provide conceptual data solutions to improve decision-making for housing supply.
Young Canada Works	1. 22-Jan-21 2. 03-Feb-21	Provides wage subsidies for summer student funding. 1. Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations 2. Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages
Green Municipal Fund-Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Continuous (for select programs)	Capital project programs and pilot projects under various streams.

### **Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

Canada-BC Safe Restart Plan – Details are still forthcoming on several of the streams below.

1. \$540M in funding for local governments
  - a. Development Services: \$15M.
  - b. Strengthening Communities: \$100M.
  - c. COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments: \$425M.
    - i. Informed of CRD's allocation of \$1.421M, payment forthcoming.
2. Community infrastructure: \$418M.
3. Transit, TransLink, and ferries: \$1B.

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

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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard