

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 02, 2025**

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To provide the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board a bimonthly update on external grants activity for the period between April 22, 2025 and June 10, 2025.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented in March 2025. The External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details applications submitted, updated, awarded and declined as of June 10, 2025. Appendix B provides a summary of grant alerts for 2025 referencing CRD grant applications approved, pending and declined.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants/Contributions Awarded

1. \$100,000 through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Transit Minor Betterments Program to build bus shelters on Salt Spring Island.
2. \$79,200 through the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's Community Grants Program to construct two crosswalks on Pender Island as part of the Schooner Way Trail project. The project has a total cost of \$2,200,000.
3. \$42,300 through Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's Community Grants Program to construct two crosswalks as part of the Merchant Mews Pathway Project. This project has a total cost of \$177,000.
4. \$40,000 through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training stream of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. This project will support modernization and training of the CRD Emergency Support Service team.
5. \$35,000 through Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's Community Grants program to assess traffic and formulate options in Ganges on Salt Spring Island to improve pedestrian safety using crosswalks. The project has a total cost of \$71,500.

There are three grants under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

No known CRD applications were submitted during this reporting period.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Nine grant calls (including programs with multiple streams) were issued during the reporting period and are summarized in Table 1. Appendix B details relevant active grants (as of June 10, 2025) and lists recently closed grants for 2025. Appendix B also references CRD grant applications approved, pending and declined/withdrawn.

Table 1: Grant Calls Issued

Grant	Deadline	Information
2025 BC Trails Day Community Micro-grants – Outdoor Recreation Council of BC	30-Apr-25	Funding to help outdoor groups organize BC Trails Day events in their community.
Hosting BC Program – Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	31-May-25	Funding to help communities, organizations, and volunteers enhance their event hosting capacity, generate economic and tourism impact, and support sport excellence and athlete development pathways.
Community Development Grants – Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities	6-Jun-25	Funding to help organizations who provide programming for kids between the ages of 4-18 in financial need or youth with disabilities between the ages of 4-25. This funding is delivered through two streams: 1. Programming Support 2. Operational Support
Infrastructure Planning Grant Program – Province of BC	11-Jun-25	Funding to help local governments develop or improve long-term comprehensive plans including, and not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset management plans • Integrated stormwater management plans • Water master plans • Liquid waste management plans
Community Housing Fund – BC Housing	31-Jul-25	Funding to build affordable rental homes for people with moderate and low incomes by 2031-32.
Strategic Priorities Fund – UBCM	12-Sep-25	Funding to support infrastructure and capacity-building projects that are either large in scale, regional in impact, or innovative, and that align with the program's objectives of supporting productivity and economic growth, a clean environment, and strong cities and communities.

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		This funding is delivered through two streams: 1. Capital Infrastructure Stream 2. Capacity Building Stream
Operation ReLeaf – Tree Canada	15-Oct-25	Funding to support tree planting projects.

CONCLUSION

The CRD recognizes grants as 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 grant opportunities relative to service needs. Local partners are informed of these opportunities through the Grants Dashboard and Grants Alerts. The CRD will continue to provide a bimonthly summary of activities and outcomes in the External Grants Update.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2025 External Grants Dashboard
Appendix B: 2025 Grant Alerts