

**REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

SUBJECT Salt Spring Island Electoral Area 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application – Spring Intake

ISSUE

To review the Spring 2025 Grant-In-Aid application submissions for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

BACKGROUND

The Supplementary Letters Patent for Grant-In-Aid (GIA) requires Capital Regional District (CRD) approval to be obtained before any payments for GIA are made on behalf of one or more-member electoral areas to any organization deemed to be contributing to the general interests and advantage of the area.

This service covers the Electoral Areas (EA). Before exercising the powers described above, the Supplementary Letters Patent requires that the Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission (LCC) obtain the written approval of the Director of each EA to the proposed GIA for such EA.

In 2023, the LCC directed that two annual intakes for Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding be held for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area—one in the spring and one in the fall.

Table 1: Salt Spring Island 2025 Grant-In-Aid Overall Summary

The current 2025 GIA budget is \$65,486.

| 2025 GIA Overall Summary | Core GIA | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|
| | Budget | Spent | Remaining |
| SSI (\$) | 68,986 | 3,500 | 65,486 |

Table 2: Salt Spring Island Grant-in-Aid Awarded for 2025

The Transition Salt Spring Society application was brought forward ahead of the GIA Spring Intake at the direction of the LCC.

| 2025 Project Summary | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| Applicant | Project Title | Award (\$) |
| Transition Salt Spring Society | To organize the collection and chipping of invasive plants in spring 2025. | \$ 3,500 |
| GIA Total | | \$ 3,500 |

Table 3: Salt Spring Island 2025 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Summary

The CRD Salt Spring Island Electoral Area has allocated 75% of its 2025 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) budget to the Spring Intake, totaling \$51,739.50. After awarding \$3,500 to the Transition Salt Spring Society, the remaining balance for the Spring Intake is \$48,239.50.

| 2025 GIA Spring Intake Summary | Core GIA | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Budget | Spent | Remaining |
| SSI (\$) | \$51,739.50 | \$3,500 | \$48,239.50 |

Table 4: Salt Spring Island Eligible 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary – Spring Intake

The Salt Spring Island 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary lists GIA application submissions received by April 30, 2025, intake deadline.

| 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application - Spring Intake | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Applicant | Project Title | Amount Requested (\$) | Guideline \$5,000 Max (\$) |
| Salt Spring Historical Society | New large bed scanner to do the Grace Inlet and Bridgman Collections projects. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Gulf Islands Community Radio Society | Extending FM coverage to south end of SSI through repeater station on Mount Bruce. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Community Energy | Salt Spring Community Energy Agrivoltaics Project. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| The Circle Salt Spring Education Society | Paid intergenerational co-facilitator for the Pass It On Girls program. | \$3,840 | \$3,840 |
| Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association | Arena lighting for therapeutic riding lessons. | \$9,500 | \$5,000 |
| GISRA | Regulatory planning and approvals and financial feasibility/business planning for a 50-unit affordable rental project at 154-164 Kings Lane. | \$10,000 | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Rowing Club | Purchase of new, professional-quality oars for an expanding fleet of quad racing boats. | \$10,000 | \$5,000 |
| Restorative Justice Salt Spring Island | Build the organizational and volunteer capacity of restorative justice to respond to community conflict needs. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society | Further indigenous engagement - partners putting on the Indigenous Peoples Weekend on June 20-22, 2025. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Copper Kettle Community Partnership | To purchase Country Grocer gift cards. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Bandemonium Music Society | 50% off the cost of a piano dolly. | \$ 420 | \$ 420 |
| Bandemonium Music Society | Assistance with the costs associated with three performances and one workshop. | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| The Diverse Village | Improve access to education, information and resources for ND families on SSI and Gulf Islands. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |

| Applicant | Project Title | Amount Requested (\$) | Guideline \$5,000 Max (\$) |
|--|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| The Salish Sea Inter Island Transportation Society | Support the Tour des Iles 2025 2-day festival. | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association | Baseball and softball field tarping. | \$4,900 | \$4,900 |
| Spring Intake 2025 GIA Total | | \$79,660 | \$65,160 |

Table 5: Salt Spring Island Eligible 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary – Spring Intake – Other

| 2025 Grant-In-Aid Application – Spring Intake - Other | | |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Applicant | Project Title | Award (\$) |
| The Penelakut Council | Truth and Reconciliation Gathering on Salt Spring Island for the Penelakut Council on September 30 th , 2025 | \$2,500 |
| Patricia Blanchard | 6-month pilot program that provides free and accessible garbage disposal to individuals impacted by the housing crisis | \$5,000 |
| GIA Total | | \$7,500 |

The Penelakut Council

The purpose of the application is to assist with the costs for the Truth and Reconciliation Gathering on Salt Spring Island for the Penelakut Council on September 30th, 2025. The CRD, Corporate Grants department indicated that the Penelakut Council GIA application would be eligible subject to the following changes:

1. The application should be resubmitted by an eligible society or agency. GIAs are intended non-profit agencies and societies, not governments.
2. A financial statement for the applying organization needs to be submitted.
3. The applicant must confirm the organization applying is not directly funded on an ongoing basis by taxation.

Patricia Blanchard

The purpose of this application is to support a 6-month pilot program that provides free and accessible garbage disposal to individuals impacted by the housing crisis, living unsheltered and liveaboards. The program will remove barriers to safe and sanitary waste management by funding monthly replacement of 15-yard bins and covering the cost of individual bags. The CRD, Corporate Grants department indicated that the GIA application would be eligible subject to the following changes:

1. The application should be resubmitted by an eligible society or agency. GIAs are intended non-profit agencies and societies, not governments.
2. To provide an estimated annual budget in lieu of financial statements.
3. To complete the following two sections of the application:
 - a. Applicant Profile section

- i. Question 1: They did not describe the services or benefits that their organization provides to the community.
 - ii. Question 3 is blank.
- b. Project/Personal Profile section
 - i. Question 3 is blank.

Table 6: Post Approval Funds Remaining

Insufficient funds exist to approve all applications, leaving a shortfall of \$24,420.50

| 2025 GIA Overall Summary | Core GIA | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Budget | Spent | Spring Intake | Insufficient Funds |
| SSI (\$) | \$51,739.50 | \$3,500 | \$72,660 | \$24,420.50 |

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director:

1. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix A in the amount of \$39,096; and
2. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix B in the amount of \$7,500 subject to the application changes listed under Table 5.

Alternative 2

Refer the Grant-in-Aid applications back to staff for more information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director:

1. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix A, in the amount of \$39,096; and
2. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix B in the amount of \$7,500 subject to the application changes listed under Table 5.

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- Appendix A: Salt Spring Island 2025 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Application
– Approval Recommended
- Appendix B: Salt Spring Island 2025 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Application
– Approval Recommended / Subject to Changes

Appendix C: GIA – Salt Spring Historical Society
Appendix D: GIA – Gulf Islands Community Radio Society
Appendix E: GIA – Salt Spring Community Energy
Appendix F: GIA – The Circle Salt Spring Education Society
Appendix G: GIA – Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association
Appendix H: GIA – GISRA
Appendix I: GIA – Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
Appendix J: GIA – Restorative Justice Salt Spring Island
Appendix K: GIA – Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society
Appendix L: GIA – Copper Kettle Community Partnership
Appendix M: GIA – Bandemonium Music Society
Appendix N: GIA – Bandemonium Music Society
Appendix O: GIA – The Diverse Village
Appendix P: GIA – The Salish Sea Inter Island Transportation Society
Appendix Q: GIA – Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association
Appendix R: GIA – Patricia Blanchard
Appendix S: GIA – Penelakut Tribe