

**REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2026**

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 October 22 and December 9, 2025.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented in November 2025. The External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details applications submitted, updated, awarded and declined as of December 9, 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. \$18,307,416 through BC Housing's BC Builds program to support the construction of 160 units of affordable housing at the Village on the Green complex in Victoria. This project has a total estimated cost of \$81,000,000.
2. \$10,743,077 through BC Housing's BC Builds grant program to support the construction of 119 rental units at Campus View. The project has a total estimated cost of \$45,061,900.
3. \$1,160,500 through the City of Victoria's Housing Reserve Fund to support the construction of a 158-unit affordable rental apartment at 926-930 Pandora Avenue. This project has an estimated total cost of \$114,300,000.
4. \$275,303 through Union of BC Municipalities' (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for fire department training and equipment for CRD Electoral Area fire services.
5. \$15,000 through BC Healthy Communities' PlanH program to conduct a health needs assessment for Salt Spring Island. The project has a total cost of \$21,500.

There is one grant under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

1. \$700,000 through UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program - 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program for the continued funding of the CRD's FireSmart activities. Funding will be used over two program years.
2. \$208,750 through UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to support CRD Electoral Area fire services with upgraded equipment and required training courses.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Seven 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 December 9, 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
British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program – Vision Zero BC	28-Nov-25	Funding for road safety projects, including infrastructure, policy and enforcement initiatives
2025-26 Civil Forfeiture Grant – Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	15-Dec-25	Annual, one-time funding to organizations from across British Columbia for the implementation of crime prevention and remediation projects
Environmental Damages Fund – Environment and Climate Change Canada	18-Dec-25	Funding for restoration, environmental quality improvement, research and development and education and awareness of natural environments
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant - Winter 25/26 – TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	15-Jan-26	Support for a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs - eligible projects include schoolyard greening, park revitalization, community gardens, park programming and citizen science initiatives

Grant	Deadline	Information
Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training – UBCM	30-Jan-26	Funding for Indigenous cultural safety and cultural humility training for emergency management personnel in British Columbia
Capital Project: Organic Waste-to-Energy – Green Municipal Fund	Ongoing	Funding for the construction and operation of organic waste to energy systems
Federal Lands Initiative – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	Ongoing	Discounted or no cost surplus land for affordable housing developments

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