



**Capital Regional District**  
**Grant-In-Aid Application Form**  
**FOR ELECTORAL AREAS ONLY:**

**Juan de Fuca**

**Salt Spring Island**

**Southern Gulf Islands**

[Revised November 16, 2012]

## CRD GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

Grants-In-Aid are for the CRD Electoral Areas only: Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands

### ***Application Submitted By***

Name and Address of Applicant: Salt Spring Community Energy

Salt Spring Island, BC,

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Email address

### ***Application Summary***

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:  
Salt Spring Community Energy Agrivoltaics Project

Amount of grant requested \$ 5,000.00

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is:

- **NOT** being made on behalf of an industrial, commercial, or business undertaking
- **NOT** available for the personal benefit of any individual, proprietor, member or shareholder

Kjell Liem  
(signature of authorized signatory)

Project Manager  
(title)

Kjell Liem  
(print name)

## Applicant Profile

1. Please describe the services / benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services / benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Salt Spring Community Energy is a group of local citizens concerned about sustainability, encouraging renewable energy and clean technology on Salt Spring. Our strategy includes developing partnerships with local organizations to create renewable energy projects that will inspire and educate our community. We are a registered non-profit society.

2. Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.  
Salt Spring Island

3. Is your organization voluntary and non-profit? ☒ NO ☐ YES

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.

All Board Members are volunteers.

Please indicate the number of members / volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.

There are nine board members and we have been in operation since 2013

## Project / Proposal Profile

1. Assistance is being requested for:

capital project and / or equipment

special event

other purpose (Capital project equipment)

2. Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. Attach additional information if required.

Agrivoltaics solve a key sustainability issue. Solar energy development is essential in the fight against climate change but the traditional footprint of large-scale solar installations can compete with agriculture as both rely on available sunlight. By testing this in our experiment, we intend to produce documentation and methods for other farmers to use to prepare cost-benefit analysis for their farm operations. This is regionally relevant for energy transition. An outcome of this project is to provide nutritious organic food to food-insecure locals and members of Cowichan and WSÁNEĆ communities.

Salt Spring Community Energy is requesting funds to fulfil the vision of planting a food crop underneath solar panels that are installed in the farm field, thereby testing the yield effects of growing crops under panels. By testing this on Salt Spring Island, we hope to show that the shade created by the panels can act as a benefit to growing during climate change (e.g. summer drought conditions), adding to the electrical energy produced.

This grant-in-aid would be used for installation of donated solar panels that are on-site. The racking supports for the panels would be completed with these funds.

3. Please describe how this proposal will benefit the community.

Combining solar energy production with food production is relatively unknown in the Gulf Islands and surrounding regions. Food and energy production have long been major components of the SS Climate Action plan and SSCE have been tasked with the local energy challenge. "Goals of Climate Action Plan: Food Security, Water Security, Energy Security, Emissions reduction, Climate adaption. Our project responds to Climate Action Report Card need of: "Preparing for long-term power outages and building on-island renewable energy sources with battery storage." We are emphasizing on-farm, behind-the-meter energy production to reduce farming expenses and power value-added processes.

Energy produced on the farm is already being offered to the SSI Abattoir/CRD community composter and could power something like a refrigeration truck for community farm food storage needs. Another outcome nutritious organic food to food-insecure locals and members of Cowichan and WSÁNEĆ communities for free.

## Funding and Financial Information

1. Attach supporting financial information, i.e., budget / financial report. Ensure the following information is clearly itemized;
  - o project budget,
  - o grants / funding from other sources,
  - o funding contributed by applicant through fund raising activities or other sources of revenue and,
  - o financial statement that itemizes total expenses for the fiscal year, including any monies and/or benefits paid to members or officers.

2. Have you applied for a grant / funding from another source(s)? ☐ NO ☒ YES

**If yes**, complete the following chart. **If no**, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Grant or Funding Agency	\$ Amount Applied For	Status of Grant Application		
		Approved (Y)	Denied (Y)	Pending (Y)
Salt Spring Island Foundation	\$ 15,000.00	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Donations	\$ 4,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Have you received assistance (grant in aid / waiving of fees, etc.), from the CRD in previous years?

☐ NO ☒ YES..... **If yes**, please complete the following chart.

Year	\$ Amount	Purpose for which assistance was used
2023	\$ 4,600.00	Electrify Salt Spring Event

4. Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide services that fall within the mandate of either  
a senior government or a local service agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct  
Contributions to the project (e.g., fundraising for the project)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Or, is your organization:

part of a Provincial or National fund raising campaign? ☐ Yes ☒ No

The information provided in Section 4 is for data collection purposes.

**Followup:**

Please refer to Page 6 of the ***Grant-In-Aid - Application Completion Guide*** regarding the following:

**1. Acknowledgement**

**2. Reporting**

***Please remember to attach:***

1. Project budget
2. Financial statement for your organization

**SSI Foundation Agrivoltaics Total Project Grant Application (April 1 2025 - March 31, 2026)**

Description	SFoundation	CRD [1]	First West [2]	Make Way [3]	In-Kind	#	Total
Wages & Salaries - Project Coordinator 25 hr/month @ \$50/hr			15,000	15,000			30000
Professionals - Farmland Trust staff grant administration				750			750
Professionals - Agrivoltaics Research Expert				1500		30000	31500
Professionals - SSCE Board & volunteers						23000	23000
Professionals - Lawyer [4]				2700		6000	8700
Professionals - Farming & Irrigation Expert						3000	3000
Materials & Supplies - Solar Installation - solar panels, racking, installation		5000	13540	4000		6477 [5]	29017
Materials & Supplies - Farm Installation - seeds, ammdments, tilling, fencing	14000			750		2523	17273
Materials & Supplies - Microclimate Measurement for Agrivoltaics Research				3800			3800
Admin Overhead - Insurance, printing, rent, WCB	1000		460	500		4000	5960
Honorarium - Indigenous Elder per diem \$500 ( honoraria and travel stipend)			500	500			1000
Travel - ferry and km			500	500			1000
	15000	5000	30,000	30,000		75000	155000



[1] confirmed

[2] unconfirmed

[3] unconfirmed

[4] Carole Crotty Lawyer

[5] 5477 plus 1000 shipping

**Salt Spring Community Energy**  
**YE Balance Sheet**

**09/30/2024**

**ASSETS**

ISCU bank account	11235
Paypal A/C	0
Petty cash	0
ISCU share	6
Prepaid Expenses [Composter]	40
Advance to Kjell Liem	0
SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (restricted funds) 22370	21864
Education (restricted funds) \$1261	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$33,145.00</b>

**LIABILITIES**

SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (accounts payable)	0
Accounts payable [Composter -Off grid project]	156
GISS Solar Scholarship	0
Other Liabilities	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$155.58</b>

<b>Owner's Equity</b>	<b>\$32,989.42</b>
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**Salt Spring Community Energy**  
**YE Balance Sheet**

**09/30/2023**

**ASSETS**

ISCU bank account	15078
Paypal A/C	0
Petty cash	0
ISCU share	6
Prepaid Expenses [Composter]	46
Advance to Kjell Liem	436
SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (restricted funds) 22370	21246
Education (restricted funds) \$1261	0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$36,812.15</b>

**LIABILITIES**

SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (accounts payable)	0
Accounts payable [Argivoltaics -estimate only]	1818
GISS Solar Scholarship	0
Other Liabilities	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,818.34</b>

<b>Owner's Equity</b>	<b>\$34,993.81</b>
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**Salt Spring Community Energy****YE Balance Sheet****09/30/2022****ASSETS**

ISCU bank account	8456
Paypal A/C	0
Petty cash	0
ISCU share	5
Prepaid Expenses	0
SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (restricted funds) 22370	21266
Education (restricted funds) \$1261	
Agrivoltaics YR1 (restricted funds) \$4000	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$29,728</b>

**LIABILITIES**

SD64 Solar Scholarship Account (accounts payable) 0	0
Accounts payable	150
GISS Solar Scholarship	0
Other Liabilities	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

**Owner's Equity****\$29,577.59**

**Salt Spring Community Energy**  
**Income/Expense Statements**  
**YE Fiscal 2023-24 Sept 30, 2024**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
Projects	160.87
Donations	1175.75
Events	0
Admin Fees	153.65
Country Grocer	172.61
Sponsorships	0
Interest/Dividend	0
BCUC	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,662.88</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Insurance	0
Board Expenses	52.34
Project Expenses	1473.15
Agrivoltaics	2772.32
Office/Equipment	0
Website	0
Bank & Eventbright charges	3.75
Zoom account	0
Event Expenses	0
BCUC	0
Petty Cash	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,301.56</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$2,638.68</b>

<b>Salt Spring Community Energy</b>	
<b>Income/Expense Statements</b>	
<b>YE Fiscal 2024-25 for Sept 30, 2025 YE</b>	
<i>To Mar 8th, 2025</i>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
Projects	0
Donations	0
Events	0
Admin Fees Charged	0
Country Grocer	60.89
Sponsorships	0
Interest/Dividend	0.24
BCUC	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$61.13</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Insurance	0
Board Expenses	69.99
Project Expenses	0
Agrivoltaics	810
Bookkeeping	
Office/Equipment	57.97
Website	0
Bank charges	1.25
Dues & Subscriptions	0
Event Expenses	0
BCUC	0
Petty Cash	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$939.21</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$878.08</b>