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**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2021**

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

A bi-monthly update on external grants activity for the period of June 14 through August 9, 2021.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented at the July 2021 Finance Committee and Board meetings. Additionally, the CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details grant applications, awards, and status of projects in progress.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

1. \$137,907 through UBCM's 2021 FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund-Community Resiliency Investment Program to support the Capital Regional FireSmart Economic Recovery project.
2. \$25,000 through UBCM's 2021 Emergency Operations Centres & Training-Community Emergency Preparedness Fund to support the CRD Electoral Area EOC Functional Exercises.
3. \$25,000 through UBCM's 2021 Community Emergency Support Services – Emergency Support Services: CRD ESS Drills and Equipment Funds.

Four other grants awarded are under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

Six applications were submitted:

1. \$600,000 through Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Revitalization of Centennial Park in Ganges Village.
2. \$457,500 (total) through Natural Resources Canada – Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program for the Capital Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Initiative.
 - a. Application submitted in partnership with the City of Victoria, Township of Esquimalt, and Town of View Royal.
 - b. 110 Level 2 charge points across 17 sites and includes public, fleet, and workplace charging.

- c. 63 of these chargers are allocated to CRD sites, with 56 for CRD fleet vehicles and 7 for public or mixed-use charging, grant request for CRD is \$315,000.
- 3. \$87,000 through the Province of BC’s Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program.
- 4. \$30,000 through BC’s Active Transportation Network Planning Grant Program for an Update of the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan – SSI edition with a focus on a Master Transportation Plan for Ganges Village.
- 5. \$6,500 through TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Program for the Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission Zuker Native Plant Restoration project.
- 6. \$3,000 through CRD Traffic Safety Commission for the CRD Walk and Wheel to School 2021 project.

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update

The Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant project is partially funded by the Federal Government, the Province of BC, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund grant/loan program. During the months of June and July, the CRD received the final \$5M holdback of federal funding from the Green Infrastructure Fund. The CRD also received the \$20M loan from FCM, and the additional \$2.75M in grant funding. The remaining payments remain subject to holdback until the project and reporting are complete. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$359M of the estimated revised total of \$462M in grant revenues. The remaining (up to) \$103M is expected to be received in 2021 based on timing of eligible expenditures and achievement of target milestones.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Sixteen 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 8-9), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
THRIVE – Small Capital Program- Island Coastal Economic Trust	Two intakes: 1. 09-Jul-21 2. 17-Sept-21	Provides funding for small capital projects to support downtown renewal or commercial area vitality.
BC Active Transportation Grant Program	Two streams: 1. 30-Jul-21 2. 30-Jul-21	Two streams to support active transportation: 1. Active Transportation Network Planning Grant. 2. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant.
Jumpstart-Sports Relief Fund	Extended to 08-Aug-21	Provides funding for operational and delivering program support for sports/recreational programming.
Local Food Infrastructure Fund	13-Aug-21	Provides funding to help improve access to food by funding infrastructure needs.
Zero Vehicle Awareness Initiative- Natural Resources Canada	16-Aug-21	Supports projects that promote education, outreach, and awareness activities for ZEVs, public charging, and refueling infrastructure.

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CleanBC Go Electric Public Charger Program	27-Aug-21	Provides funding (rebates) for public Direct Current Fast Chargers.
Community to Community Forum	Two intakes: 1. 10-Sept-21 2. 03-Dec-21	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum.
Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program-Natural Resources Canada	8-Sept-21	Provides funding for EV charging infrastructure for on-road, off-road commercial and public fleets.
Asset Management Planning Program-UBCM	24-Sep-21	Provides funding to support asset management development (planning/training/resources, etc.).
Clean Fuels Program-Building New Domestic Production Capacity	29-Sept-21	Provides funding for fuel production technology projects and studies for low carbon fuel production facilities.
Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund-Infrastructure Canada	Two streams: 1. 15-Oct-21 2. 15-Nov-21	Provides funding to infrastructure projects to mitigate climate-related risks and disasters. 1. Large-scale projects. 2. Small-scale projects.
2022 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports-UBCM	08-Oct-21	Provides funding to increase community resilience and reduce risk of wildfire.
Rural Transit Solutions Fund-Planning and Design Projects	08-Oct-21	Provides funding to rural and remote communities to support transit planning activities, including development of new solutions.
Active Transportation Fund	TBC	Provides funding to support active transportation infrastructure and planning projects.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

1. Rural and Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream, intake will open August 27 and will close October 28, 2021.

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 bi-monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard