

**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 02, 2022**

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

A bi-monthly update on external grants activity for the period of December 14, 2021 through February 7, 2022.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented at the January 2022 Board meeting. Additionally, the CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details grant applications, awards, and status of projects in progress.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

Five grants are under news embargo.

1. \$148,400 through Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund – Community Buildings Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study Grant to support the Reducing Emissions at Capital Regional District Recreation Centres Project.

Applications Submitted

Two applications were submitted:

1. \$2,500 through Scotts' Gro for Good Grant to support the Greenglade Community Garden Enhancement Project.
2. \$22,502.40 through UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services 2022 intake to support the ESS Modernization 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. As of the deadline of this report, the CRD has received the P3 Funding from Infrastructure Canada in the amount of \$35.8M. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$456.5M of the estimated total of \$462M in grant revenues.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Twenty-seven new grant calls were issued during the reporting period and two grant programs extended their deadlines. Grant Calls in Progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see pages 6-7), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
150 Time Immemorial Grant Program – Heritage BC	24-Dec-21	Three streams to support projects that advance reconciliation, learning, diversity and inclusion: 1. Cultural Heritage Infrastructure 2. Cultural Heritage Awareness 3. Community and Heritage Planning
CleanBC Building Innovation Fund	10-Jan-22	Provides funding through five streams to support building sector innovation projects: 1. Material, Component and System Manufacturing 2. Digital Technology Solutions 3. Demonstration Projects 4. Open Call for Innovations 5. Information Sharing and Market Transformation
Young Canada Works	1. 21-Jan-22 2. 03-Feb-22	Provides wage subsidies for summer student funding: 1. Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations 2. Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages
Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk	25-Jan-22	Provides funding for habitat projects for species at risk.
Canada Summer Jobs – Employment and Social Development Canada	25-Jan-22	Provides grant funding to organizations who employ youth (ages 15-30) for summer work.
Celebration and Commemoration Program — Reopening Fund	31-Jan-22	Provides funding for commemorative / celebratory events and educational/awareness materials to support local economics impacted by COVID-19.
Funding for Great Lakes Protection	31-Jan-22	Provides funding to support projects that address environmental challenges affecting Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem.

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Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2022	31-Jan-22	Provides funding to support an annual event to prepare for Wildfires.
Early Learning and Child Care small projects component – Enabling Accessibility Fund	Extended to 14-Feb-22	Provides funding to improve accessibility and safety in regulated/licensed ELCC centres.
Environmental Quality Program Stream – Green Infrastructure – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Extended to 23-Feb-22	Third intake to provide infrastructure funding to support stormwater, wastewater, potable water, solid waste, and remediation projects.
Emergency Operations Centres & Training – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – UBCM	25-Feb-22	Provides funding for supplies, equipment, and capacity for Emergency Operations Centres.
Scotts' Gro for Good	28-Feb-22	Provides funding to projects that create or maintain a garden with a beneficial purpose.
Low Carbon Economy Challenge – Expressions of Interest	25-Mar-22	Supports projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions towards Canada's 2030 target.
Active Transportation Fund	31-Mar-22	Two streams to support active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement projects as well as new or enhancing active transportation infrastructure: 1. Planning and Design Projects 2. Capital Projects
Canada Arts Presentation Fund – Professional Arts Festivals and Performing Arts Series Presenters	01-April-22	Provides funding to support existing professional arts festivals and performing art series presenters.
Capital Projects Stream – Rural Transit Solutions Fund	07-Apr-22	Provides funding to support delivery of rural transit solutions.
2022 Strengthening Communities' Services – UBCM	22-Apr-22	Part of Safe Restart Funding to provide support to unsheltered homeless populations and address community impacts.

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Community Anniversaries – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage	30-Apr-22	Provides funding for one-time events/capital projects that celebrate the 100th (or 125th/150th /175th, etc.) anniversary of a significant historical event/personality.
CleanBC Communities Fund – Green Infrastructure – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	25-May-22	Third intake to fund renewable energy, clean energy transportation, energy efficiency, and clean energy infrastructure projects.
Zero Emission Transit Fund	Continuous	Two components to support public transit and school bus operators to electrify their fleets: 1. Planning projects 2. Capital projects.

Forthcoming Grants

1. CleanBC Go Electric Public Charger Program Spring 2022 intake (TBA).
2. UBCM Asset Management Planning Program 2022 intake (TBA).

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

The Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information.

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard