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REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 09, 2025

SUBJECT 2024 Electoral Areas Grants-In-Aid Annual Report

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of Electoral Area (EA) Grants-In-Aid (GIA) activity for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Under the Supplementary Letters Patent (SLP), dated March 24, 1977 and amended April 17, 1985, the Capital Regional District (CRD) has authority to deliver GIA within the EAs. These are one-time grants provided through annual tax requisition to community groups that deliver projects in the Juan de Fuca (JdF), Salt Spring Island (SSI) and Southern Gulf Islands (SGI) EAs.

GIA applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed throughout the year. In JdF and SGI, projects are approved year-round. In SSI, projects are approved during two annual intake periods. EA Directors and the SSI Local Community Commission (LCC) support projects that are selected based upon demonstrated benefit to the community respectively, and in alignment with GIA guidelines and grant program criteria. In principle, GIA fund special projects and activities beyond the scope of existing CRD services. Organizations that receive annual requisition funding through CRD established services are excluded from the GIA program. Appendix A details GIA projects awarded in 2024.

IMPLICATIONS

Service Delivery Implications

The one-time funding through GIA provides much needed relief to organizations that provide key services to the community beyond the scope of CRD services. In 2024, many of these projects included special events, capacity building and small capital projects related to health, housing and community safety and engagement.

Financial Implications

Table 1 provides a summary of 2024 GIA awarded within each EA.

Table 1: GIA Awarded for 2024

	2024			2023		
	Budget (\$)	# of Applications	Amount Awarded (\$)	Budget (\$)	# of Applications	Amount Awarded (\$)
JdF	27,822	2	10,000	31,144	2	3,192
SSI	53,986	18	53,986	43,484	12	39,000
SIG	105,081	20	99,895	100,000	22	100,762
Total	186,889	40	163,881	174,628	36	142,954

Remaining funds at the end of 2024 are carried over to 2025 GIA budgets for each EA.

CONCLUSION

JdF and SIG Grants-in-Aid are awarded throughout the year under the authority of SLP. Applications with EA Director support are reviewed on a continuous basis and are assessed against eligibility criteria. SSI Grants-in-Aid are awarded during spring and fall intake periods, with exceptions being considered on a situational basis. Applications must be supported by the SSI LCC. Organizations who deliver projects in the EA can access the funding for special projects, including events and small capital requests. Remaining funds at the end of 2024 are carried over to 2025 GIA budgets for each EA.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: 2024 Electoral Areas Grants-In-Aid Awarded