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REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

SUBJECT Salt Spring Island Electoral Area 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application – Spring Intake

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to review the Spring 2026 Grant-In-Aid (GIA) application submissions for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District's (CRD) GIA Program are one-time grants to fund special projects and activities, awarded to community non-profit organizations who deliver projects benefiting electoral areas (Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands) that are not already funded by requisition.

Funding may be provided to non-profit organizations or community groups that are considered to contribute to the general interests, wellbeing, and advantage of the community. This governance framework ensures that public funds are allocated transparently, equitably, and in alignment with the CRD's mandate and the priorities of each electoral area.

In 2023, the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) directed staff to establish two annual GIA intake periods, one in the spring and one in the fall, to better support community organizations and provide predictable funding windows. This structured intake process helps ensure consistent evaluation, accountability, and alignment with community needs.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

1. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix A in the amount of \$50,317; and
2. Approve the Grant-in-Aid application to the applicants listed in Appendix B in the amount of \$7,839.20 subject to the application change listed under Table 5.

Alternative 2

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

1. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix A with specific direction on amendments; and
2. Approve the Grant-in-Aid application to the applicants listed in Appendix B with specific direction on amendments subject to the application change listed under Table 5.

Alternative 3

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission refer the Grant-in-Aid applications back to staff for more information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The approved 2026 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) budget for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is \$90,230.

Table 1: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Overall Summary

2026 GIA Overall Summary	Budget
SSI	\$70,230
SSI Foundation Donation	\$20,000
Total Budget	\$90,230

The Transition Salt Spring Society application was brought forward ahead of the GIA Spring Intake at the direction of the LCC.

Table 2: Salt Spring Island Grant-in-Aid Awarded for 2026

2026 Project Summary		
Applicant	Project Title	Award
Transition Salt Spring Society	To organize the collection and chipping of invasive plants in spring 2026.	\$ 3,500
GIA Total		\$ 3,500

CRD Salt Spring Island Electoral Area staff recommend that the total Grants-in-Aid budget be allocated using a 70/30 split between the Spring and Fall intake periods. After awarding \$3,500 to the Transition Salt Spring Society, the remaining balance for the Spring Intake is \$59,661.

Table 3: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Summary

2026 GIA Spring Intake Summary	Core GIA		
	Budget	Spent	Remaining
SSI (\$)	\$63,161	\$3,500	\$59,661

The Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary lists GIA application submissions received by April 17, 2026, intake deadline.

Table 4: Salt Spring Island Eligible 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary – Spring Intake
2026 Grant-In-Aid Application - Spring Intake

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Requested	Guideline \$5,000 Max
Beaver Point Hall Community Association	Equipment replacement of electronic ignition propane stove and ventilation hood installation.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Bandemonium Music Society	Assistance with the costs associated with three performances (two concerts, one dance)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Copper Kettle Community Partnership	To purchase Country Grocer gift cards.	\$5,000	\$5,000

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Requested	Guideline \$5,000 Max
DAISSI Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island	SS Pride 2026 Community Special Events	\$9,000	\$5,000
Graffiti Theatre	Convergence Festival (expanded to 1.5 days) Community Event	\$3,500	\$3,500
Lookout Housing and Health Society	On-site Community Garden	\$3,817	\$3,817
Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society	Support the Tour des Iles 2026 2-day festival	\$5,000	\$5,000
Salt Spring Community Hall Society	Re-roofing the Hall & rebuilding roof structure on the two flat roofs.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Salt Spring Community Services Arts Grants	Publicly assessable photographic exhibition celebrating Salt Spring Island's live music culture.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society	Indigenous engagement & collaboration with organizing Indigenous Peoples Weekend on June 19-21, 2026.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society	One-year on-site assessment of Burgoyne Valley Community Farm Composting system.	\$5,000	\$5,000
SSI Community Services Art Grants (Art Craft)	SS Groove Photo Arts Association publicly accessible photographic exhibition.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts	Upgrade of tools and technology for the Film Department within the Performing Arts School.	\$9,800	\$5,000
Spring Intake 2026 GIA Total		\$59,117	\$50,317

Patricia Blanchard

The purpose of this application is to support a liveaboard-led beach and harbour cleanup and safety initiative. The CRD Corporate Grants Department advised that the Grants-in-Aid (GIA) application would be considered eligible, subject to resubmission by an eligible society or non-profit agency, as GIAs are intended for non-profit agencies and societies, not governments.

Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association

The purpose of this application is to purchase tarps to help maintain field quality, reduce maintenance demands, and support safe field use. The CRD Corporate Grants Department advised that the Grants-in-Aid (GIA) application would be considered eligible, subject to the submission of a budget estimate.

Table 5: Salt Spring Island Eligible 2026 Grant-In-Aid Application Summary – Spring Intake – Other

2026 Grant-In-Aid Application – Spring Intake – Other		
Applicant	Project Title	Award
Patricia Blanchard	Liveaboard-Led Beach & Harbor Cleanup and Safety Initiative	\$5,000
Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association	The purchase of tarps that will maintain field quality, reduce maintenance demands and support safe field use.	\$2,839.20
GIA Total		\$7,839.20

Sufficient funds exist to approve all applications, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,504.80

Table 6: Post Approval Funds Remaining

2026 GIA Overall Summary	Core GIA			
	Budget	Spent	Spring Intake	Remaining Funds
SSI (\$)	\$63,161	\$3,500	\$58,156.20	\$1,504.80

RECOMMENDATION

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission:

1. Approve the Grant-in-Aid applications to the applicants listed in Appendix A in the amount of \$50,317; and
2. Approve the Grant-in-Aid application to the applicants listed in Appendix B in the amount of \$7,839.20 subject to the application change listed under Table 5.

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- Appendix A: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Application
 – Approval Recommended
- Appendix B: Salt Spring Island 2026 Grant-In-Aid Spring Intake Application
 – Approval Recommended / Subject to Changes
- Appendix C: GIA – 2026 Spring Intake Applications