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**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 04, 2022**

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

A bi-monthly update on external grants activity for the period of February 8, 2022, through April 11, 2022.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented at the March 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

Seven grants are under news embargo.

1. \$2,008,362 (total) through Reaching Home Agreements-Government of Canada, Designated Communities stream:
 - a. 2022-23: \$1,004,181
 - b. 2022-24: \$1,004,181
2. \$282,444 through UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment – 2022 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Program to support the Capital Region FireSmart Program Establishment Project.
3. \$224,000 through Natural Resources Canada Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative for the Capital Region E-Mobility Awareness Initiative.
4. Up to \$40,000 through Natural Resources Canada – Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, MURBS, Workplaces and LDV Fleets: Eight Level Two Electric Vehicle Chargers, for corporate fleet chargers.
5. \$35,000 through BC Hydro Implementation Offer Program for the Supporting Private Sector Investment in Public EV Charging: Guidelines and Resources Project.
6. \$25,000 through UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2021 Evacuation Route Planning Stream to support the Evacuation Route Planning: Juan de Fuca, Southern Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island Project.

Applications Submitted

Ten CRD applications were submitted and one partnership project:

1. \$1,766,905 through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program Stream to support the JDF: Anderson Cove Water Main Extension Project.
2. \$1,143,948 through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program Stream to support the SSI: Cedars of Tuam – New Well and Water Treatment Plant.
3. \$535,272 through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program Stream to support the SGI: Skana Water System Storage Tank Replacement.
4. \$97,508 (total) through Employment and Social Development Canada’s 2022 Canada Summer Jobs Program: 5 applications for 37 positions across CRD Services.
 - a. Panorama Recreation – Camps, for \$35,796.
 - b. SEAPARC, for \$28,576.
 - c. Panorama Recreation – Aquatics, for \$15,808.
 - d. Salt Spring Recreation, for \$13,680.
 - e. Regional Parks, for \$3,648.
5. \$70,000 through Enabling Accessibility Fund’s Early Learning and Child Care Program to support the Owl’s Nest Preschool Inclusive Outdoor Space Project.
6. \$35,000 through BC Hydro Implementation Offer Program for the Supporting Private Sector Investment in Public EV Charging: Guidelines and Resources Project.

Partnership Project

1. \$5,848,328 through Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund to support the Galloping Goose Regional Trail and Selkirk Trestle Enhancement Project. This application was submitted by Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, in partnership with the CRD (Regional Parks).

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 received the grant holdback from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$250K. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$456.75M of the estimated total of \$462M in grant revenues.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Thirty-one new grant calls (includes programs with multiple streams) 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 6-7), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
Jumpstart Community Development Grants	11-Mar-22	Provides funding for sport / recreational projects through two streams: 1. Operational stream 2. Programming stream
Family Violence Initiative Fund	11-Mar-22	Provides funding to organizations with a related mandate to support response to family violence.
Canada Service Corps	22-Mar-22	Provides funding through four streams to support youth-related projects: 1. Service Placements – National 2. Service Placements – Regional 3. Micro-Grants 4. Micro-Grants Diversity
2022/2023 Community to Community Forum – UBCM	08-Apr-22	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum.
Community Investment Program – Canada Internet Registration Authority	13-Apr-22	Provides funding to support community internet projects.
Community Grants Program – Victoria Foundation	14-Apr-22	Provides funding to support projects that benefits community well-being in the Capital Region.
Environmental Damages Fund	20-Apr-22	Provides funding through fines to projects for restoration, environmental quality improvement, research/development, and education/awareness.
Capacity Building for Water and Wastewater Operators – Indigenous Services Canada	25-Apr-22	Provides funding to water and wastewater operators capacity building projects on reserves.
Heritage Legacy Fund – Heritage BC	29-Apr-22	Provides funding through four streams to support heritage resources projects: 1. Heritage Conservation Program 2. Heritage Awareness Program 3. Heritage Planning Program 4. Indigenous Partnership Program
CleanBC Industry Fund	1. 29-Apr-22 2. 27-May-22 3. 03-Jun-22	Three streams to reduce GHG emissions in industries: 1. Emissions Performance 2. Innovation Accelerator 3. Project Feasibility Studies

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AgriSpirit Fund – Farm Credit Canada	29-Apr-22	Provides funding to capital and sustainability projects where the city or town’s population is less than 150,000.
Asset Management Planning – UBCM	06-May-22	Provides funding to support asset management development (planning/training/resources, etc.).
CleanBC Go Electric Public Charger Program	13-May-22	Provides funding (rebates) for public Direct Current Fast Chargers.
2022 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant Program	01-Jun-22	Provides funding through two streams to help advance policies, programs and strategies that improve health equity: 1. Community Connectedness 2. Healthy Public Policy
Strategic Priorities Fund	30-Jun-22	Provides funding for large and regional infrastructure and capacity building projects that support objectives of the Canada Community-Building Fund.
Infrastructure Planning Grant	13-Jul-22	Funding for local governments to develop/improve long-term plans.
Local Food Infrastructure Fund	15-Jul-22	Provides infrastructure funding to help create or expand a food system.
Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund-Infrastructure Canada	22-Jul-22	Provides funding to infrastructure projects to mitigate climate-related risks and disasters.
McConnell Foundation Fund	Continuous	Provides funding to support projects through three streams 1. Climate 2. Reconciliation 3. Communities

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

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

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard