

**REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE

This report provides an update since the previous Finance Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) summarizes grant calls and agreements in progress, as well as grants awarded since January 1, 2015. The information in this report is current as of the report submission deadline of January 15, 2018.

Grants / Contributions Awarded

Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing

The CRD has been awarded \$6.0 million for the 3816 Carey Road Affordable Housing Project.

BC Rural Dividend

The CRD has been awarded a grant of \$89,194 for construction of a tourism trail in Port Renfrew.

Green Municipal Fund: Climate and Asset Management Network (CAMN)

The CRD has been awarded a grant of \$51,411 for participation in CAMN which will enable the CRD to align Climate Action and Asset Management work with Canadian best practice.

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Additional funding in the amount of \$446,736 was awarded bringing the total 2014-2019 funding awarded to \$4,409,503.

Two Grant Awards under Embargo

Two grant awards for the region remain unreported due to a news embargo pending official public notice of the awards.

Grant Applications Submitted or In Progress

- *Age-Friendly Communities*: \$15,000 requested, in collaboration with the Moving Around Pender Transportation Society, for the Pender Community Bus Pilot Project;
- *Community Emergency Preparedness Fund*: \$25,000 requested for the Electoral Area Group Lodging Readiness Project;
- *Community Emergency Preparedness Fund*: \$25,000 requested for the CRD HQ Emergency Operations Centre Upgrade.
- *Abandoned Boats Program*: \$10,400 requested for the Capital Region Abandoned Boats Stewardship (CRABS) – Assessment Phase;
- *Municipal Asset Management Program*: \$50,000 application in progress to fund development of a corporate asset inventory and asset condition assessments;
- *BC Rural Dividend*: \$9,869 requested to conduct a feasibility study on shared business service model options for Salt Spring Island.

New Grant Opportunities Announced Since the Last Grants Report

The following grants opened for proposals; timelines have been short. The ones that are still open as of the submission deadline for this report still appear on the CRD Dashboard.

- *Evergreen Canada*: To support community engagement events;
- *BC Rural Dividend Program Round 4*: To support rural communities with populations of 25,000 in diversifying their economies;
- *Urban Deer Management Funding*: For operational and research projects to address urban deer management issues;
- *Clean Growth Program*: To fund clean technology projects in the areas of energy, mining and forestry;
- *Green Jobs – Science and Technology Internship Program*: To help fund internships in science, technology, engineering and math fields;
- *Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Round 2*: The second intake for vessel assessment and removal projects;
- *Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative*: The 2018 intake for the ongoing suite of strategic wildfire prevention programs;
- *BikeBC 2018*: For development of new active transportation infrastructure. The CRD is not eligible to apply in 2018 because the Salt Spring Island (SSI) Rainbow Road Separated Bike Path Project (Bike BC grant awarded in 2014) is in progress. Construction of this project has been held in abeyance due to historical drainage issues MOTI has been working to resolve. In order to apply for 2019 funding, the CRD must complete in 2018 both BikeBC funded projects it currently has in progress: SSI Rainbow Road and E&N Rail Trail Humpback Connector - Maplebank to Hallowell. CRD is on track to accomplish that goal, and on alert for participation in the BikeBC 2019 grant call anticipated for November/December 2018;
- *Transport Canada Rail Safety Improvement Program*: This request for proposal is for rail safety improvement projects to be funded in 2019-2020. CRD awaits response to its 2017 application;
- *Clean Energy Innovation – NRCan*: To support deployment of electric chargers, natural gas and hydrogen refueling stations, demonstration of new and innovative charging technologies, and development of codes/standards;
- *BC Accessibility Grants Program*: To support organizations that have been rated through the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ in completing accessibility improvement projects.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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