

**REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 February 20, 2018.

Grants / Contributions Awarded

Age-Friendly Communities

The CRD has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 for improving public transit for older adults on Pender Island through a reliable community bus service.

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

The CRD has been awarded \$25,000 for the Electoral Area Group Lodging Readiness Project.

Green Municipal Fund – Pilot Project

The CRD has been awarded a grant of \$350,000 for the Zero Emissions Fleet Initiative.

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

- *FCM Green Municipal Fund Brownfield Feasibility Grant:* \$175,000 requested for the CRD McLoughlin Point Site Assessment and Remedial Action Plan.
- *Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Grant:* \$10,000 to support funding a FireSmart Campaign on Saturna Island.
- *BC Hydro Sustainable Communities Program:* \$31,350 requested for the Capital Regional EV and E-Bike Infrastructure Planning Project.

New Grant Opportunities Announced Since the Last Grants Report

- *2018 Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives:* A compilation of funding programs that support local government in energy planning, energy efficiency measures, renewable energy projects and sustainable transportation initiatives
- *Energy Innovation – Smart Grid, Energy Efficient Buildings and Emerging Renewable Power Program:* The program provides up to \$200 million to expand the portfolio of commercially viable renewable energy sources available to provinces and territories as they work to reduce GHG emissions from their electricity sectors

Grant Forecast

The Provincial Budget 2018 reveals the potential for funding related to housing initiatives and wildfire resiliency. Budget highlights can be accessed through the link provided on page 5 of the Grants Dashboard.

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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Appendix A: Grants Administration Dashboard