

**REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

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**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 April 12, 2018.

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

**UBCM FireSmart Initiative (\$10,000)**

The CRD has been awarded a grant for the Saturna FireSmart Initiative. The total cost of the project is \$10,000.

**UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (\$25,000)**

The CRD has been awarded a grant for the region's Emergency Operations Center Upgrade. This total cost of the project estimated at \$97,400.

**BC HYDRO Sustainable Communities (\$31,350)**

The CRD has been awarded a grant for the Capital Region Electric Vehicle and Electric Bike Infrastructure Planning Project. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$62,700.

**Federal Gas Tax – Strategic Priorities Fund (\$1,242,670)**

The CRD has been awarded a grant for expansion of the SEAPARC Leisure Complex fitness and multi-purpose space. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,742,670.

**Abandoned Boats Program (\$60,400)**

The CRD has been awarded \$50,000 to help increase public awareness about the environmental and safety risks posed by abandoned boats across the region. In addition, the CRD will receive \$10,400 in federal funding to assess the condition and removal costs of ten vessels. The total cost of each project is estimated at \$66,700 and \$10,400 respectively.

**BC Rural Dividend Grant (\$9,869)**

The CRD has been awarded \$9,869 for the Salt Spring Island Feasibility Study on Shared Service Options. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$14,869.

**Award under News Embargo**

One grant award for the region remains unreported due to a news embargo pending official public notice.

**Grant Applications Submitted or In Progress**

- *SSI Foundation*: \$1,050 for equipment to offer Youth Squash Camps;
- *SSI Foundation*: \$18,562 requested for the SSI Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre Youth Active Play Equipment project;

- *UBCM Community to Community Forum Grant:* Three applications have been submitted to help offset the costs of the following forums: (1) WSANEC Leadership Committee; (2) CAO-Band Administrators Lunch; (3) Pacheedaht MoU;
- *Abandoned Boat Program – Assessment Funding Request:* \$16,175 for assessment of vessels in the Sooke Harbour;
- *Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce:* \$124,000 requested for the Centennial Park Replacement Project.

### **New Grant Opportunities Announced Since the Last Grants Report**

New grant opportunities include:

- *Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Climate Change Staff Grant:* Available to municipalities with a population of 150,000 or less, this grant offers up to \$125,000 over 2 years to supplement the salary of a new or existing staff person working on climate change initiatives;
- *BCAA Play Here:* Three grants of \$100,000 are accessible to Service Organizations that CRD can work in partnership with to develop project proposals for children's' play facilities;
- *Low Carbon Economy Challenge:* A federal \$500M program to fund project that will generate clean growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- *Abandoned Boats Program:* Another program call for assessment and removal of abandoned boats opened April 3, 2018 and will run until March 31, 2019.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant – Grant Revenue**

To date, \$10.8M has been received in response to grant claims submitted.

### **Grant Forecast Update**

Based on reports in the media, a Canada-British Columbia agreement has been signed that will provide \$4.1 billion over the next decade for transit, green infrastructure, recreation facilities, and projects in rural and northern communities across the province. Details pertaining to the related grant programs have not yet been released. Currently available information is accessible in Appendix A (page 6) by clicking on the links provided in the **Federal Infrastructure Funding** section highlighted in yellow.

Additionally, the governments of Canada and B.C. have agreed to a five-year partnership to grow B.C.'s agricultural economy; it will result in an investment of \$115 million in B.C. programs that will offer widespread support to the farming, ranching and food-processing sectors. Specific funding initiatives under this agreement are yet to be announced and will be noted in the External Grants Dashboard (the Dashboard) as applicable to the CRD mandate. For now, the news release relating to this agreement is posted on page 6 of the Dashboard (see right-most column of the yellow-highlighted section).

**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: External Grants Dashboard