

Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative

Why is Social Procurement Important?

Communities today are facing complex social, economic and environmental challenges. Every year, local governments across BC award contracts for goods and services with significant public funds.

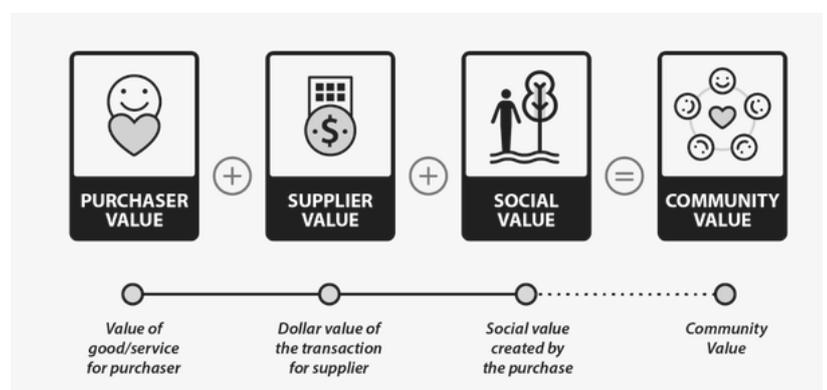
Social procurement focuses on 'best value for money' beyond just a financial transaction. Procurement becomes a tool for building healthy communities.

It is becoming an increasingly expected practice that RFPs include local community and environmental impact assessments and goals, at all levels of government.

What is Social Procurement?

Social procurement is an additional way that local governments can direct resources towards community benefit. Since 2016, local coastal governments have been identifying ways to integrate social procurement principles and actions into their processes.

From November 2018 - October 2020, the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative will assist coastal communities to advance local social procurement.

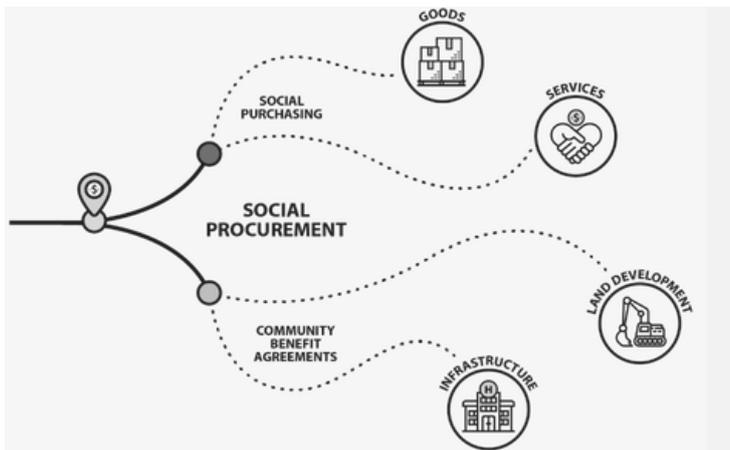


Social Procurement means leveraging a social value from your existing procurement.

HOW CAN SOCIAL PROCUREMENT CREATE ADDITIONAL VALUE?

Social procurement can be adapted to meet specific community needs. Some communities have integrated into RFPs criteria such as employment of marginalized population groups, local food, housing affordability, community engagement, local economic revitalization, beautification and cultural amenities.

The first step is identifying what your community's challenges and needs are, and how procurement can help address them.



What is the Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI)?

CCSPI is a 2-year initiative to assist local governments in the AVICC region to implement social procurement assessments, policies, strategies and measurement.

Launching in February 2019, member organizations will have access to:

- Education and training of elected officials and staff
- Communication and networking to collect and share stories of success and learning
- Awareness raising, education and training for suppliers and contractors

How do we become a member organization?

Contact Mayor Josie Osborne at osborne@tofino.ca

How can I learn more about CCSPI?

Contact Beth Schmidt, CCSPI Project Coordinator at bschmidt@scalecollaborative.ca

CCSPI services will be delivered by a partnership between four expert organizations in social procurement, supply chains, social enterprise and local community development.

