

**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE

This report provides an update on external grants activity since the previous submission deadline of January 14, 2019, for the Capital Regional District (CRD) External Grants Update report presented at the March 13, 2019, CRD Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

The CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) summarizes grant applications and calls in progress, as well as grants awarded since January 1, 2015, that are still in progress. The information is current as of this report's submission deadline of April 12, 2019.

Grants / Contributions Awarded

Eight (8) grants were awarded:

1. BC Family Day: (\$1000) for a Salt Spring Island Family Day Event.
2. Urban Deer Cost-Sharing Program: (\$18,500) for Mayne Island Fallow Deer Management.
3. BCRPA Recreation Spaces Grant: (\$750) for Out of School Care Program for Panorama Recreation.
4. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: (\$25,000) for evacuation route planning for the Electoral Area.
5. FCM Brownfield Renewal: (\$175,000) for the Delineation of Groundwater, Bedrock and Soil Contamination project.
6. Reaching Home: (\$4,337,499) for operation of the Reaching Home program in the region.
7. Jumpstart Community Development: (\$1870) awarded to Panorama Recreation for a swim program for Indigenous Children and Youth.
8. PARTICIPATION Community Better Challenge: (\$700) for a community event at Panorama Recreation.

In addition, seven (7) grant award notifications totalling \$1,394,250 remain unreported due to news embargo pending official public notice. Of these, (1) one award is from the previous reporting period, and six (6) occurred during the current period.

New Applications Submitted

Eight (8) applications were submitted spanning five (7) grant programs:

1. Bike BC Infrastructure Program: For construction of E&N Rail Trail Phase 3 (\$1,000,000).
2. Jumpstart Accessibility Enhancement: Two applications submitted, one each for SEAPARC (\$14,524) and Panorama Recreation (\$10,496).

3. FCM-GMF Capital Projects: (\$20M Loan combined with \$3M Grant) for Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project.
4. Co-op Spaces Program: (\$150,000) for the Greenglade Community Centre Playground Replacement project.
5. AgriSpirit Fund: (\$15,000) for the Greenglade Community Centre Playground Replacement project.
6. ICIP-CleanBC: (\$17,311,790) For the RNG Initiative at Hartland.
7. SSI Community Foundation: (\$6,146) for new soccer goals.

New Applications in Progress

Three (3) new applications in progress initiated during the period:

1. Infrastructure Planning Grant: North Salt Spring Water Works District assessment.
2. BC Hydro Sustainable Community Program: Regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory/modelling.
3. Community Resiliency Investment Program: Regional vegetation management to mitigate risks.

Partnerships in Progress

Five (5) new partnerships launched during the period:

1. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) – Climate Solutions Research Partnership: Led by the University of Victoria – Civil Engineering and in collaboration with Saanich, Victoria, Province of BC and other potential government partners, the partnership is seeking funding to connect top researchers with policy and industry leaders to develop climate change solutions.
2. Island Health Community Wellness: SEAPARC joined regional partners on a \$50,000 community health initiative grant award.
3. Michigan Square Housing Development Project: CRHC with a grant from the City of Victoria is redeveloping the Michigan Square housing complex.
4. Adapting Together Project: ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and Vancouver Island local governments are collaborating to integrate climate adaptation.
5. Abandoned Boats Removal: The Dead Boats Disposal Society and CRD are collaborating to remove abandoned boats in regional harbours.

New Grant Opportunities

Four (4) new grant calls were issued during the reporting period with deadlines as noted. Grant calls in progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see page 6).

1. Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative: (May 16, 2019) to cover up to 50% of costs for installation of electric vehicle chargers.

2. Asset Management Planning: (May 3 and October 4, 2019) Up to \$15,000 is available to support activities that advance a local government's asset management planning or practices.
3. Connecting BC Program: (Ongoing) Funding of the existing grant program increased (\$50M) for expanding rural connectivity.
4. Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation: (May 24, 2019) up to \$10,000 to create opportunities for in-person dialogue and relationship building.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

A number of new items have been added related to the Federal Budget 2019 (see notation **NEW**).

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Grant Revenue

As of the deadline for this report, funding received on grant claims is \$60,978,804.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance and 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