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## REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

**SUBJECT**     Capital Regional District External Grants Update

**ISSUE**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since the submission deadline for the previous report (September 16, 2019) through to the deadline for this report of October 16, 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

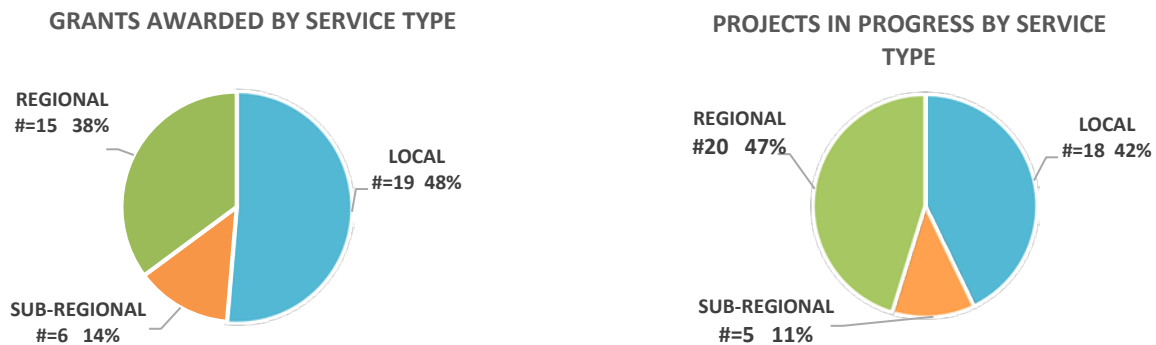
The CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) summarizes grant applications and calls in progress, awards, and the status of projects still in progress. The CRD Grants Meter (Table 1) summarizes grant activity and outcomes since the 2018 External Grant Outcomes Report presented to committee on June 6, 2018.

As grant cycles typically span more than one year and each project moves through a cycle unique to its respective grant program, input totals such as funding requested and output totals such as funding awarded will not balance in any reporting period or year. In other words, a grant application in one year may be awarded in the following year; therefore the input/output reporting for this project will occur over two years causing a gap in the input/output totals in both years.

TABLE 1: CRD Grants Meter: Year-to-date External Grants Activity (*As of April 30, 2018*)

MEASURE	REGIONAL	SUB-REGIONAL	LOCAL	TOTAL	CHANGE
Grant Opportunity Alerts				95	9
Applications Submitted	15	7	21	43	0
Grants Awarded:					
Publicly announced	15	6	19	40	0
Embargo in progress	1	1	0	2	2
Partnerships In Progress	8	0	0	8	no change
Applications Declined	3	2	5	10	no change
Applications pending outcome	8	1	6	15	no change
Total funding requested	\$55.325 M	\$ .897 M	\$9.075 M	\$65.297 M	\$ .704 M
Total funding awarded:					
Publicly announced	\$58.727 M	\$ .031 M	\$2.42 M	\$61.178 M	\$ . M
Embargoed	\$3. M	\$ .02 M	-	\$3.02 M	\$3.02 M
TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED	\$61.727 M	\$ .051 M	\$2.42 M	\$64.198 M	\$3.02 M

*Note: This excludes CAWTP and RHFP grants of \$489 M that have also been awarded.*



### Grants / Contributions Awarded

Two (2) grant award notification totalling \$3,020,000 remains under news embargo.

### New Applications Submitted

No new applications submitted during this period.

### New Applications in Progress

1. *Provincial Urban Deer Cost – Share Program:* (Applicant: Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area) A Provincial program to help local governments manage conflicts between humans and deer in urban areas. The Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area of the CRD is applying into the PUDOCs program to reduce fallow deer populations on Mayne Island.
2. *National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Alliance Grant:* (Applicant: Capital Regional District – Watershed Protection Division) The project is modelling to assess the effects of climate change on forest vegetation and wildfire behaviour within the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area and how management activities may reduce any associated risks. This project is in collaboration with the University of Victoria and the National Resources Canada-Canadian Forest Services

### Partnerships in Progress

No new partnerships launched during the period:

### New Grant Opportunities

Nine (9) 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 7–8).

1. *Anti-Racism Action Program:* (Deadline: December 17, 2019) The program is intended to help address barriers to employment, justice, and social participation among indigenous peoples, racialized communities, and religious minorities. The program will prioritize projects that target online hate and promote digital literacy
2. *Aboriginal Languages Initiative – Aboriginal Peoples' Program:* (Deadline: December 5, 2019) The program supports the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages through community-based projects and activities.

3. *Age-Friendly Communities*: (Deadline: January 17, 2019) The program provides funding to 2 different streams. Stream 1 – Age-friendly assessments, action plans and planning and Stream 2 – Age friendly projects.
4. *Community Wellness and Harm Reduction Grants – Community Action Initiative*: (November 1, 2019) This program funding is intended to support development and implementation of local projects or initiatives that address the overdose crisis to help save lives and improve community wellness.
5. *Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training – UBCM*: (Deadline: December 13, 2019) The intent of this funding stream is to support eligible applicants to provide emergency management personnel with cultural safety and humility training in order to more effectively partner with and provide assistance to Indigenous communities during times of emergency. This includes increasing opportunities to educate emergency management personnel, those training to become emergency management professionals, and others working in the emergency management system on the history of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the concepts of cultural safety, cultural humility and the relevance to Indigenous Peoples.
6. *Child Care – UBCM*: (Deadline: November 22, 2019) The Community Child Care Space Creation Program will provide funding to local governments to create new licensed child care spaces within their own facilities for children aged 0-5, with a focus on spaces for infants and toddlers.
7. *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Environmental Quality Program* (Deadline: February 26, 2020) This funding program supports funding projects with one of the following outcomes; Increased capacity to treat and/or manage wastewater and/or stormwater, Increased access to potable water, Increased capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants.
8. *Health Promotion Program: Pan-Canadian Suicide Prevention* (Deadline: October 31, 2019) The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is providing funding to support the implementation and sustainability of pan-Canadian suicide prevention service that will provide people in Canada with access to 24/7/365 bilingual crisis supports from trained responders via voice, text, or chat capabilities.
9. *Childcare BC New Spaces Fund: Create New Spaces*: (Deadline: Open year round) This funding program provides funding to support the creation, expansion and relocation of child care facilities proposing to create new licensed child care spaces in various categories of child care (i.e. Pre-school, Group childcare (School Age), etc.)

### **Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

Universal Broadband Fund: The Government of Canada is inviting input from local governments on a new a new, coordinated plan: High Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy. Through this plan, the Government of Canada are delivering up to \$6 billion in investments in rural broadband over the next 10 years. A key tool will be the new Universal Broadband Fund, which will support broadband projects across the country.

The Universal Broadband Fund will be designed to meet the unique needs of rural and remote communities. This is consistent with the Government's roadmap for supporting strong and resilient rural communities: Rural Opportunities, National Prosperity: An Economic Development Strategy for Rural Canada. The Government is committed to strengthening rural perspectives in the design of federal policies and programs. Ways to provide feedback will be provided in fall 2019.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant – Grant Revenue**

As of the deadline for this report, funding received on grant claims is \$92,369,159.

**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