

**REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2020**

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**SUBJECT**     **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since December 11, 2019 through the submission deadline for this report of January 17, 2020.

**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 Monthly Grants Activity (Table 1) summarizes activity and outcomes since the 2019 External Grants update was presented to the Committee.

Table 1: CRD Period Grants Activity (*Dec 11, 2019 through Jan 17, 2020*)

January	Applications Submitted	Amount Applied (\$)	Applications Successful	Amount Successful (\$)	Applications Declined
Regional	1	\$150,000.00	-	-	-
Sub-Regional	-	-	-	-	-
Local	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	\$150,000.00	-	-	-

At the end of each fiscal year, staff will prepare a cumulative report of the previous year's grant activities and outcomes. After four (4) years, staff will also produce an overall grant outcomes report that will be aligned with the Board term.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information.

*Alternative 2*

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

One (1) grant award notification totaling \$3,000,000 remains under news embargo.

One (1) grant award received an approval in principle notification. Funding contributions will be confirmed if final approval is secured.

In addition, the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project (CAWTP) is partially funded by the Federal Government and the Province of BC. In 2019, staff engaged the Province of BC to amend the funding agreement to receive grant funds sooner than initially agreed upon. As a result, the amendment was approved and the project received \$62M from the Province of BC in December 2019. This is one year earlier than the original funding agreement, resulting in estimated financing savings of \$1.5M.

### **New Applications Submitted**

Union of BC Municipalities – Housing Needs Reports Program: (Applicant: Capital Regional District). The CRD applied for funding to create housing needs reports for each jurisdiction. In doing so, the region will create a foundation for housing information that incorporates all local governments to align with legislation.

### **Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update**

As of the deadline for this report, funding received on grant claims is \$189,922,615.

### *Service Delivery Implications*

### **New Grant Opportunities**

Seven (7) 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), and in the table below:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Information</b>
Dementia Strategic Fund	24-Feb-20	Currently accepting proposals that support awareness raising initiatives for prevention, reducing stigma, and encouraging inclusivity
Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program	28-Feb-20	The program is part of the Province's Poverty Reduction Strategy to support activities that will reduce poverty at a local level in BC.
Multi-sectoral Partnerships to Promote Healthy living and Prevent Chronic Disease – Canada's Tobacco Strategy	Ongoing	To improve health nation-wide, the program is accepting Letters of Intent to promote healthy living and prevent chronic disease through a multi-sectoral approach. Specifically, this stream will fund projects that align with Canada's Tobacco Strategy.
National Housing Co-Investment Fund – New Construction Stream	Ongoing	The program provides both loans and financial contributions to develop accessible funding.
Family Violence Initiative	Ongoing	The program provides funding to help improve the justice's system response to violence, which may lead to the development of new tools, strategies, or models. The initiative will also support projects that raise awareness about family violence
Federal Lands Initiative	Ongoing	Federal property is used to help advance affordable housing to the benefit of the community.

Grant	Deadline	Information
Ecological Gifts Program	Ongoing	A land gift program that provides tax benefits to landowners who donate land to a qualified recipient.

### **Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

1. Canada Summer Jobs-Employment and Social Development Canada 2020 intake – details to be announced soon. The initiative is part of the Federal Government's Youth Employment Strategy to help youth, ages 15-30, gain valuable work experience to enter into the labour market.
2. Enabling Accessibility Fund-Employment and Social Development Canada 2020 intake – details to be announced pending Federal Budget. Municipalities are eligible to apply for capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities in both communities and the workplace.
3. Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage-Communities Anniversaries (Deadline April 30, annually). A program funded by Canadian Heritage where municipal administration can apply for non-recurring local events with/without a minor capital project that commemorate an anniversary of 100 years or greater (in 25 year increments).
4. Celebrate Canada-Canadian Heritage – details anticipated to be released in November 2020 for 2021 events, including National Indigenous Peoples Day, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Canada Multiculturalism Day, and Canada Day.

### **CONCLUSION**

The CRD recognizes grants are a supplement funding source to address the needs of our services we provide to our region. The External Grants Update Report outlines how the CRD continues to integrate and consider these grant opportunities into service needs as well as share these opportunities to our local partners through the grant dashboard. CRD will continue to update the External Grants Update Report on a monthly basis.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information

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### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard