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REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2020

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on external grants activity since January 17, 2020 through the submission deadline for this report of March 10, 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 report summarizes activities and outcomes since the 2019 External Grants Update was presented to the Committee on February 5, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

Five (5) grant award notifications remain under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

Fifteen (15) applications were submitted during the reporting period through seven (7) different funding programs:

1. IWS-Infrastructure Operations submitted (2) applications to Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-Green Infrastructure-Environment Quality Stream. Regional Districts were permitted to submit one application for each community in their area. This could include an electoral area or proposed service area.
 - a) Juan de Fuca (JDF) Electoral Area: JDF Water Distribution Service for Anderson Cove Water Service Extension in East Sooke (JDF), grant ask: \$1,460,000.
 - b) Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area: Magic Lake Estates Wastewater Service (Pender Island) System Renewal, grant ask: \$5,390,000.
2. BC Hydro Sustainable Communities-Implementation Fund: Capital Region Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Road Map, grant ask: \$50,000.
3. Community Wellness Grant-Island Health: Lifeguard Academy for Indigenous Youth, grant ask: \$13,264.
4. Jumpstart Canada Tire-Community Development: Swim Program for Indigenous Youth, grant ask: \$2,692.

5. UBCM-Community Emergency Preparedness Fund-Emergency Support Services: Electoral Area Equipment and Training for Emergency Support Services Modernization, grant ask: \$24,983.
6. BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Program: Lower Ganges Road Pathways Phase 2: Booth Canal to Baker Road, grant ask: \$490,000.
7. Canada Summer Jobs: 8 applications were submitted across the CRD's services, total grant ask: \$110,376.
 - a) Two applications each from Environmental Protection and SEAPARC.
 - b) 1 application each from SSI – Parks & Recreation, Regional Parks, Panorama – Aquatics, and Panorama – Greenglade.

Applications Submitted by Other Organizations

1. Kiwanis Sidney & Saanich Peninsula, with support from Panorama (municipalities are ineligible), applied to Co-op Community Spaces Grant: Greenglade Community Centre Playground Replacement, grant ask: \$147,187.
2. TELUS applied to two (2) grant programs to extend fibre optic connectivity from Jordan River to Port Renfrew in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. No financial commitment was required on the part of the CRD. The CRD provided a resolution/letter of support as part of program requirements.
 - a) Connecting British Columbia.
 - b) Broadband Fund-Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update

As of the deadline for this report, funding received on grant claims is \$138,710,158.

The Province approved an amendment to the grant agreement to receive an advancement of \$62M in December 2019. This resulted in an estimated financial savings of \$1.5M.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Twenty (20) 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 7–8), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
Emergency Support Services-Community Emergency Preparedness Fund	14-Feb-20	Provides funding for emergency responses.
Connecting BC Program	15-Feb-20	Provides funding for infrastructure to help obtain high-speed Internet connectivity.
BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program	20-Feb-20	Provides funding for infrastructure and planning grants for active transportation projects.
Canada Summer Jobs	24-Feb-20	Provides grant funding to organizations who employ youth (ages 15-30) for summer work.
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality Program	26-Feb-20	Provides funding for infrastructure projects.
ParticipACTION-Community Better Challenge	28-Feb-20	Funds physical activity events and/or programs from June 1-21, 2020 (Challenge period).
Off-Road Vehicle Trail Fund	28-Feb-20	Supports maintenance, construction, and promotion of ORVs and its trails.
2020 Winter Spirit Grant-BC Sport Participation Program	29-Feb-20	Funds programs that lead to active and healthy lifestyles for new winter sport experiences.
Zero Plastic Waste Initiative	02-Mar-20	Provides funding to projects that support the reduction of pollution and plastic waste.
National Acadian Day	25-Mar-20	Provides funding to celebrate National Acadian Day events (August 15).
Broadband Fund Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission	27-Mar-20	Provides funding to create/update infrastructure for broadband internet access service.
Commemorating the History and Legacy of Residential Schools Commemorate Canada	27-Mar-20 and 09-Apr-20	Two deadlines: Projects under \$5,000 projects (March 27) and projects that are under \$50,000 (April 9). Funding is for projects that commemorate history and legacy of residential schools, and to promote awareness.
AgriSpirit Fund-Farm Credit Canada	31-Mar-20	Provides funding to capital and sustainability projects where the city or town's population is less than 150,000.
Grants for Community Groups from BC Hydro	31-Mar-20	Eligible applicants must have an operating base in BC, and fall under safety, workforce of tomorrow, and smart energy idea categories.

Grant	Deadline	Information
Sustainable Fisheries Solutions and Retrieval Support Contribution Program	01-Apr-20	Provides funding to projects that involve fisheries management and that help reduce plastic and waste in marine environments.
Asset Management Planning Program-UBCM	04-Apr-20	Provides funding to projects that will advance practices for asset management.
PlanH Healthy Communities	06-Apr-20	Supports projects that promote equitable and inclusive and healthier communities.
Community to Community Forum	09-Apr-20	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum
Childcare BC New Spaces Fund: Create New Spaces	11-May-20	Provides funding for childcare spaces that are licensed.
National Housing Strategy Demonstrations Initiative-Canada mortgage and Housing Corporation	24-Jul-20	Provides funding for projects that emphasize knowledge sharing on leading approaches in sustainability and affordable housing.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

No forthcoming funding initiatives.

CONCLUSION

The CRD recognizes grants are a supplementary funding source to address the needs of services provided to the region. The External Grants Update outlines how the CRD continues to integrate and consider these grant opportunities relative to service needs, as well as informs local partners of these opportunities through the grants dashboard. The CRD will continue to provide a summary of activities and outcomes in the External Grants Update on a monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional District External Grants Update be received for information

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard