

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**

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

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since March 10, 2020 through the submission deadline for this report of April 21, 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 Board on April 8, 2020. Several external grant programs have updated their program requirements and deadlines to accommodate the impact of COVID-19.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

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

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

1. 2020 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports: Galiano Island FireSmart & CRD Regional FireSmart Committee for \$49,900.
2. 2019 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training: Joint CRD Volunteer Fire Department Equipment and Training Project for \$117,965.93.
3. Reaching Home COVID-19 Response Contribution Agreement (April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021) signed for \$1,312,852.
4. Reaching Home – Indigenous Homelessness (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2021) signed an amending agreement for \$674,512.

Four other grants remain under news embargo.

**Applications Submitted**

No new applications submitted.

**Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Update**

The CAWTP project is partially funded by the Federal Government and the Province of BC. In

2020, staff worked with 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 \$124M from the Province of BC in March 2020. This is a year earlier than forecast, resulting in an estimated short-term interest savings of about \$3.0M dollars for the project.

To date (March 31, 2020), the CAWTP project has received \$327.5M. Remaining grants of up to \$131.8M are expected to be received throughout 2020 and into 2021 based on timing of eligible expenditures and achievement of target milestones.

### *Service Delivery Implications*

### **New Grant Opportunities**

Three new grant calls were issued during the reporting period. Due to COVID-19, 12 grant programs updated their requirements or extended their application deadlines. 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>Impact of COVID-19</b>	<b>Information</b>
ParticipACTION-Community Better Challenge	28-Feb-20	Cancelled	Funds physical activity events and/or programs from June 1-21, 2020 (Challenge period). *Program cannot run their Challenge due to COVID-19.
Broadband Fund Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission	27-Mar-20	Extended deadline to: 30-Apr-20	Provides funding to create/update infrastructure for broadband internet access service.
AgriSpirit Fund-Farm Credit Canada	31-Mar-20	Extended deadline to: 17-Apr-20	Provides funding to capital and sustainability projects where the city or town's population is less than 150,000.
Canada Arts Presentation Fund	01-Apr-20	15-May-20	Two streams to strengthen the Canadian Arts sector: 1) Professional Arts Festivals and Performing Arts Series Presenters 2) Presenter Support Organizations.
Asset Management Planning Program-UBCM	04-Apr-20	Cancelled. 11-Sept-20 remains open	Provides funding to projects that will advance practices for asset management.
PlanH Healthy Communities	06-Apr-20	Extended deadline to: 15-Jul-20	Supports projects that promote equitable and inclusive and healthier communities. Two streams: Community Connectedness and Healthy Community Engagement.

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Community to Community Forum	09-Apr-20	Cancelled. 04-Sept-20 and 04-Dec-20 intakes remain open	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum
Commemorating the History and Legacy of Residential Schools Commemorate Canada	09-Apr-20	Extended deadline to: 29-May-20	Funding is for projects that commemorate history and legacy of residential schools, and to promote awareness.
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Evacuation Route Planning-UBCM	17-Apr-20	Postponed until further notice. Fall 2020	Provides funding for the development of Evacuation Route Plans.
Jumpstart Community Development Grant	01-May-20	Extended deadline to: 01-Jun-20	Provides funding to physical recreation and quality sports projects.
Zero-Emission Vehicle infrastructure Program	12-May-20	Extended deadline to: 11-Jun-20	Provides funding for charging stations.
Green Municipal Fund: Community Energy Efficiency Financing	30-Jun-20	Date under review	Provides financing to municipal programs for energy efficiency projects.
Canadian Experiences Fund	Not specified	Additional support	Provides funding to create and improve tourism-based products. Funding and flexible arrangements are being offered to help with COVID-19 impact.
Expansion of Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Designated Communities Stream	Not specified	Additional support for 2019-20 recipients	Contact if project is impacted by COVID-19.
New Horizons for Seniors	Final Report deadline for 2018-19 recipients extended to 31-Dec-20	Additional support for 2019-20 recipients	Funding can now be used for alternative activities to help with COVID-19 impact.

### **Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

1. Infrastructure Planning Grant - Province of BC: Provides funding for the development or improvement of plans. Expected intake summer 2020.

#### **UBCM Grants**

1. Age-Friendly Communities: next intake early 2021.
2. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Structural Flood Mitigation: next intake October 2020.
3. Community Resiliency Investment: next intake October 2020.

UBCM Grants, deadlines to be confirmed and subject to availability of funds

1. a. Community Child Care Planning  
b. Community Child Care Space Creation
2. a. Poverty Reduction Plans and Assessments  
b. Poverty Reduction Action
3. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund
  - a. Emergency Support Services
  - b. Emergency Operations Centres & Training
  - c. Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training
  - d. Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility Training
  - e. Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation Planning
4. Urban Communities Partnering for Reconciliation Pilot Program

### **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 informing 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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### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard