

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on external grants activity since April 21, 2020 through the submission deadline for this report of May 22, 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 External Grants Update was presented to the Board on May 13, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

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

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

1. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2020 Emergency Support Services Stream: Electoral Area ESS Modernization Equipment Procurement Project for \$24,983.
2. UBCM Housing Needs Report Program: Regional Housing Needs Report-Capital Region for \$150,000.
3. 2019 Community Child Care Space Creation Grant Program: Salt Spring Island Child Care Space Creation Project for \$832,725.

Three 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. During the month of April, the CRD received \$2.5M in grants. Cumulatively, we have received \$330M of the estimated \$459M. The remaining (up to) \$129M 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

Five new grant calls were issued during the reporting period. 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	Impact of COVID-19	Information
Broadband Fund Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission	30-Apr-20	Extended deadline to: 01-Jun-20	Provides funding to create/update infrastructure for broadband internet access service.
Connecting British Columbia Program – Phase 3 Intake in Support of COVID-19 Response	15-Jun-20	Short-term opening for applications where projects can start immediately.	Open to service providers, to help rural and Indigenous communities in accessing high-speed internet in Northern Development Service Region.
Public Legal Education and Information – Workplace Sexual Harassment Component – Family Violence	14-Sep-20	Not specified.	Provides funding to outreach projects through two streams: 1) Male Dominated Industries and Occupations and 2) Hospitality and Service Industries.
Municipal Asset Management Program-Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Continuous	Not specified.	Provides funding to help move forward asset management practices and program development.
Sustainable Affordable Housing-Green Municipal Fund-Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Continuous	Not specified.	Provides funding for affordable housing projects.

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

1. COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations: A program administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, through a donation by the Canadian Medical Association Foundation. The program will provide a one-time allocation to municipalities to help them offer support to vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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