

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

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**SUBJECT     Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on external grants activity since May 22, 2020 through the submission deadline for this report of June 16, 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 June 10, 2020.

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

1. COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations. The CRD has been identified as an eligible recipient. The program will provide a one-time allocation to municipalities to help them offer support to vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 global pandemic.
2. Regional Housing First Program (Capital Regional District, the Government of BC through BC Housing, and the Government of Canada through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and its Affordable Housing Innovation Fund), has committed \$90M towards affordable housing: \$30M from each partner. It was recently announced that the program will extend by contributing additional matching grants of \$10M each, for a total of \$120M.

Two grants remain under news embargo.

**Applications Submitted**

1. Reaching Home: Request for additional Reaching Home COVID-19 Economic Response Plan Funding for Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness funding streams (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021) for \$710,000.

**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 May, the CRD received \$3.2M in grants. Cumulatively, we have received \$333M of the estimated \$459M. The remaining (up to) \$126M is 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**

Two new grant calls were issued during the reporting period, and 1 grant program has continues to have its deadline under review. 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
Good Food Access Fund – Community Food Centres Canada	10-Jun-20	Covid-related grant.	Provides funding (currently only for the purchase grocery gift cards) to help address food access needs due to COVID-19. Applications are granted by invitation only.
Green Municipal Fund: Community Energy Efficiency Financing	30-Jun-20	Date under review.	Provides financing to municipal programs for energy efficiency projects.
Emergency Community Support Fund	27-Jul-20	Covid-related grant.	Provides funding for vulnerable population projects at the community level who have been affected by COVID-19.

**Forthcoming Funding Initiatives**

1. Childcare BC New Spaces Fund: Create New Spaces, anticipated second intake: July 2, 2020 – November 1, 2020.

**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