

REPORT TO GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2020

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on external grants activity since August 12, 2020, through the submission deadline for this report of September 14, 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 September 9, 2020.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants / Contributions Awarded

1. 2020 Emergency Operations Centres and Training Program- Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Electoral Areas (JDF, SSI, SGI) EOC Supplies Procurement Project, approved for \$25,000.

One grant remains under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

1. Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF): Construction of Regional and Sub-Regional Seismically Resilient Water Supply, for \$36.9M.
2. Community Efficiency Financing – Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Expression of Interest submitted for Regional Accessible Energy Retrofit Financing Study.

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 August, the CRD did not receive any grant payments for this project. Cumulatively, we have received \$339M of the estimated \$459M. The remaining (up to) \$120M 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

Eleven 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 | Information |
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| Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) Call for Expressions of Interest | Not Specified | Provides funding to help develop natural asset inventories. |
| Community-Based Trauma-Informed Empowerment Projects | 04-Sep-20 | Provides funding for 2020-21 human trafficking prevention projects for trauma-informed and culturally relevant supports. |
| Pilot Projects for At-Risk Youth | 04-Sep-20 | Provides funding for projects that raise awareness of human trafficking among at-risk youth. |
| Municipal Asset Management Program – Federation of Canadian Municipalities | Phase 1 22-Sep-20 Phase 2 19-Jan-21 | Phased deadline approach rather than continuous. Provides funding for a variety of asset management activities. |
| Natural Resources Canada ISO 50001 program | 07-Oct-20 | Provides funding for ISO 50001 projects. |
| Participatory Action Research Grants | 16-Oct-20 | Accepting applications for the Covene Stream and Investigate Stream for community led health-research projects. |
| Project Assistance: Arts Infrastructure Program - BC Arts Council | 19-Oct-20 | To support BC arts and cultural practitioners, for projects such as capital improvements and specialized equipment acquisition. |
| Active Transportation Planning program | 30-Oct-20 | Provides funding for new projects for research, consultation, engagement, policy development to incorporate/enhance active transportation. |
| Museums Assistance Program- Canadian Heritage | 02-Nov-20 | Provides operational funding to support heritage collections. |
| Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure- Climate Change Mitigation – CleanBC Communities Fund. | 12-Nov-20 | Second intake to fund renewable energy, clean-energy transportation, energy efficiency, and clean energy projects. |
| Infrastructure Planning Grant Program | 13-Jan-21 | Funding for local governments to develop/improve long-term plans. New 2021 intake. |

Forthcoming Funding Initiatives

1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Stream. Details to be released.

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

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

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard