

**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2022**

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

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

A bi-monthly update on external grants activity for the period of October 12 through December 13, 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented at the November 2021 Board meeting. Additionally, the CRD External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details grant applications, awards, and status of projects in progress.

**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

**Grants / Contributions Awarded**

Four grants are under news embargo.

1. \$11,290,921 through National Housing Strategy's – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Rapid Housing Initiative – Major Cities Stream to support the Catherine Street Supportive Housing Project, 45 units.
2. \$100,000 through Enabling Accessibility Fund – Small Projects Stream to support the Improving Accessibility – Panorama Recreation & SEAPARC Project. (Declined November 2020 and re-considered in Summer 2021).
3. \$100,000 through BC Hydro Community Energy Manager Program to support the CRD's Community Energy Specialist from September 2021 – September 2023.
4. \$89,912 through Canada Summer Jobs to support various services in youth employment.
  - a. \$31,757 for Panorama – Greenglade.
  - b. \$20,830 for SEAPARC.
  - c. \$16,609 for Panorama – Aquatics.
  - d. \$6,528 for SSI – Parks & Recreation.
  - e. \$4,450 for Panorama – Tennis.
  - f. \$3,374 for Panorama – Summer Camp.
  - g. \$3,192 for Regional Parks.
  - h. \$3,172 for Integrated Water Services.
5. \$65,000 through Canada Nature Fund's Species at Risk Priority Places – Environment and Climate Change Canada Program to support the Species at Risk Assessment,

Planning and Habitat Restoration at Mill Hill Regional Park (2021-2023). (2021-2022 \$25,000; 2022-2023 \$40,000).

6. \$3,000 through CRD Traffic Safety Commission to support the CRD Walk and Wheel to School 2021 Project.
7. \$3,000 through Salt Spring Island Foundation to support the Child Care Space Creation – Equipment Project.

### **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Application Update**

1. Declined: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Climate Change Mitigation – CleanBC Communities Fund: Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project, for \$1,972,430.

### **Applications Submitted**

Eleven applications were submitted:

1. \$37,329,573 (total) through National Housing Strategy's – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Rapid Housing Initiative – Projects Stream for three projects:
  - a. \$14,935,789 to support the 1053 Meares Street Supportive Housing Project, 50 units.
  - b. \$11,616,000 to support the 150 Drake Road Supportive Housing Project, 35 units.
  - c. \$10,777,784 to support the 1176 Yates Street Supportive Housing Project, 46 units.
2. \$36,900,000 through Infrastructure Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to support the Capital Regional District – Regional Water System Upgrades – Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Improvement Project.
3. \$11,290,921 through National Housing Strategy's – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Rapid Housing Initiative – Major Cities Stream to support 865 Catherine Street Supportive Housing Project, 45 units.
4. \$283,719 through UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment – 2022 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Program to support the Capital Region FireSmart Program Establishment Project.
5. \$148,400 through Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund-Community Buildings Greenhouse Gas Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study Grant, to support Developing a GHG Reduction Pathway for Capital Regional District Recreation Centres.
6. \$65,000 through Canada Nature Fund – Species at Risk Priority Places – Environment and Climate Change Canada program to support the Species at Risk Assessment, Planning and Habitat Restoration at Mill Hill Regional Park.

7. \$25,000 through UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2022 Evacuation Route Planning Stream to support the Capital Regional District Evacuation Route Planning Project.
8. \$8,080 through Civil Forfeiture Office Grant Program for Specialized Equipment and training for Police and Related Agencies to support the CRD Regional Parks Compliance and Enforcement Program.
9. \$6,900 through UBC Sustainability Scholars Program to support Understanding Pathways to Equitable Energy Retrofits of Purpose-Built Rental Multi-Unit Residential Buildings in the CRD Project.

### **Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update**

The Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant project is partially funded by the Federal Government, the Province of BC, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund grant/loan program. During the months of October and November, the CRD received the final \$62M of the \$248M grant award in funding from the Province of BC. The P3 Funding from Infrastructure Canada (\$41M) is the remaining final payment to be received. Final payments are subject to holdback until the project and reporting are complete. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$421M of the estimated revised total of \$462M in grant revenues. The remaining (up to) \$41M is expected to be received in 2022 based on timing of eligible expenditures and achievement of target milestones.

#### *Service Delivery Implications*

### **New Grant Opportunities**

Thirteen new grant calls were issued during the reporting period and two grant programs extended their deadlines. Grant Calls in Progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see pages 6-7), and in the table below:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Information</b>
Research and Knowledge Initiative – Infrastructure Canada	Extended to 05-Nov-21	Provides funding to support research and knowledge-sharing projects to advance public infrastructure needs.
Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWill) – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	05-Nov-21	Provides funding through FCM for social inclusion capacity initiatives to support women for municipal leadership positions.
CanExport Community Investments	19-Nov-21	Provides funding to support foreign direct investment initiatives, including marketing, training, identification, and retention.
Celebrate Canada	21-Nov-21	Provides funding to support Canada events.

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Recovery Funding for Professional Arts Presentation Organizations – Canada Arts Presentation Fund	13-Dec-21	Provides funding to support organizations who own/operate presentation venues and experienced challenges during COVID-19.
2022 Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – Community Projects	Extended to 20-Dec-21	Provides funding to community-based projects celebrating the 70-year reign.
Celebration and Commemoration Program — Reopening Fund	10-Jan-22	Provides funding for commemorative/celebratory events and educational/awareness materials to support local economics impacted by COVID-19.
Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk	10-Jan-22	Provides funding for habitat projects for species at risk.
Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund – Environment and Climate Change Canada	25-Jan-22	Provides funding for nature-based solutions through three streams: 1. Place-Based Actions Stream. 2. Sector-Based Policy Stream. 3. Reverse Auction Pilot Stream.
Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program – UBCM	11-Feb-22	Provides funding through two streams to support projects that reduce poverty at a local level: 1. Poverty Reduction Plans and Assessments. 2. Poverty Reduction Action.
Cultural Spaces Fund – Making Cultural Spaces Safe During COVID-19 Initiative	Continuous	Provides one-time funding to arts and heritage organizations to reopen their spaces in alignment with public health guidelines.
MITACS – Municipal Support Grants	Continuous	Provides funding to support post-secondary researchers for innovative projects.

### **Forthcoming Grants**

1. Spring 2022 (TBA) CleanBC Go Electric Public Charger Program to provide funding (rebates) for public Direct Current Fast Chargers. Currently prioritizing high geographic areas: rural, Indigenous and Northern Communities, and fast charging pilot projects.
2. Capital Projects Stream (TBA) – Rural Transit Solutions Fund to support delivery of rural transit solutions.

**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 bi-monthly basis.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard