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**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 06, 2022**

SUBJECT **Capital Regional District External Grants Update**

ISSUE SUMMARY

A bi-monthly update on external grants activity for the period of April 12, 2022, through June 13, 2022.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the Capital Regional District (CRD) External Grants Update was last presented at the May 2022 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

Seven grants are under news embargo.

1. \$70,514 through Safe Restart and Recovery – additional contribution in 2022 to support the Salt Spring Island Paratransit System.
2. \$26,622 (total) through Canada Summer Jobs to support summer students at Panorama Recreation – Aquatics (\$15,660) and Salt Spring Island Recreation (\$10,962).
3. \$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.

Applications Submitted

Four CRD applications were submitted:

1. \$6,403,671 through Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure – Climate Change Mitigation Sub-Stream – CleanBC Communities Fund to support the Capital Regional District Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network Project.
2. \$24,665 through UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – 2022 Emergency Operations Centre and Training Grant Stream to support the CRD EOC Upgrade Project.
3. \$6,450 through UBCM's Asset Management Planning Program to support SEAPARC's Leisure Complex Facility Condition Assessment.

4. \$5,000 through PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – 2022 Community Connectedness Stream to support the Building Community Connections with Equity-Seeking Groups Currently Underrepresented in Active Transportation 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. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$457M of the estimated total of \$462M in grant revenues.

Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)

As a replacement to the previous Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program, the province announced a new program that will provide \$76 million over three years to eligible local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. Funding will be provided to support: CleanBC Roadmap, Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy, as well as local climate action objectives. The CRD will receive \$126,082 per annum to support climate action initiatives and will be required to measure corporate emissions, demonstrate climate investment (i.e., matching funding or in-kind contributions) equivalent to 20% of the provincial funding received, and complete annual reporting.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Sixteen new grant calls (includes programs with multiple streams) were issued during the reporting period and one grant program extended its deadline. Grant Calls in Progress for which the CRD is eligible to apply are featured in Appendix A (see pages 7-8), and in the table below:

Grant	Deadline	Information
Community Anniversaries – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage	30-Apr-22	Provides funding for one-time events / capital projects that celebrate the 100 th (or 125 th / 150 th /175 th , etc.) anniversary of a significant historical event / personality.
Capacity Building for Water and Wastewater Operators – Indigenous Services Canada	Extended to 09-May-22	Provides funding to water and wastewater operators capacity building projects on reserves.
Tourism Events Program	31-May-22	Provides funding to support marketing costs for projects that help increase tourism in BC.
Organics Infrastructure Program: Second Intake	03-Jun-22	Provides funding to projects that divert organic waste from landfills and increase capacity for organic processing in BC.
Ghost Gear Fund (formerly Sustainable Fisheries Solutions and Retrieval Support Contribution Program)	06-Jun-22	Provides funding to projects that prevent / mitigate the risk of ghost fishing, and encourages sustainable fishing practices to reduce plastic in oceans.

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Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL): Second intake	10-Jun-22	Provides funding through FCM for social inclusion capacity initiatives to support women for municipal leadership positions.
Extreme Heat Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – UBCM	24-Jun-22	Provides funding to help develop assessments, response plans, and strategies to adapt to risks associated with extreme heat.
2022/2023 Community Wellness Grant Program – Island Health	24-Jun-22	Provides funding to support collaborative community-led initiatives for upstream wellness intervention projects.
Age-friendly Communities Grants	05-Jul-22	Provides funding through two streams to support building age-friendly communities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning 2. Projects.
Transport Canada – Rail Safety Improvement Program – Infrastructure, Technology and Research	01-Aug-22	Provides funding to support projects that improve public safety at rail property and rail lines.
2022/2023 Community to Community Forum – UBCM	02-Sept-22	Provides funding to host a Regional Community to Community Forum.
2022 Asset Management Planning – UBCM	30-Sept-22	Provides funding to support asset management development (planning / training / resources).
ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund	January 2023 or until funding runs out.	Provides infrastructure funding to create licensed childcare spaces in BC.
Municipal Asset Management Program – Federation of Canadian Municipalities	Continuous	Funds asset management related activities.
Zero Emission Transit Fund	Continuous	Two components to support public transit and school bus operators to electrify their fleets: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning projects 2. Capital projects.

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

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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Appendix A: External Grants Dashboard