

**REPORT TO THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2026**

SUBJECT Capital Regional District External Grants Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

To provide the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board a bimonthly update on external grants activity for the period between June 24 and August 25, 2026.

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes activities and outcomes since the CRD External Grants Update was last presented in July 2026. The External Grants Dashboard (Appendix A) details applications submitted, updated, awarded and declined as of August 25, 2026. Appendix B provides a summary of grant alerts for 2026 referencing CRD grant applications approved, pending and declined.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Grants/Contributions Awarded

1. \$7,000,000 through Build Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream Strategic Priorities Fund for the Advance Biosolids Processing Project (Biochar Project).
2. \$898,200 through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Program for Shoreline Restoration project at Coles Bay in the CRD.
3. \$3,151 through TLC Kids Fund for the Pender Island Bouldering Wall Project.
4. \$3,000 through Victoria's Foundation Axel & Wendy Foght Fund for the Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue Project.
5. \$3,000 through Sport Canada Community Sport for All Initiative First Serve Wheelchair Tennis Funding Program to fund delivery and growth of the Wheelchair Tennis Program at Panorama.
6. \$1,920 through CANSquash Pilot Program via Canadian Sport for All Initiative to fund the Squash Programming project at Panorama Recreation.

There are five grants under news embargo.

Applications Submitted

1. \$11,376,930 through Build Communities Strong Fund Direct Delivery Stream for the Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project – Section A. Safety, Capacity and Accessibility Upgrades to Approximately 3.5km of the Galloping Goose Regional Trail in Victoria, British Columbia (BC) between Selkirk Trestle and Tillicum Road.

2. \$838,000 through Build Communities Strong Fund Direct Delivery Stream for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project – Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor – CRD, Maliview Sewer Service, Salt Spring Island, BC.
3. \$664,000 through Build Communities Strong Fund Direct Delivery Stream for the Lyall Harbour Boot Cove Water Local Service Upgrades and Money Lake Dam Safety Improvements Project.
4. \$25,000 through Employment and Social Development Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program for the Dinner Bay Seniors Fitness Circuit Expansion and Programming Project.
5. \$400 through OneAbility Program Delivery Fund to fund the Para Hockey Synthetic Ice Project at Panorama Recreation.

Service Delivery Implications

New Grant Opportunities

Fifteen grant calls (including programs with multiple streams) were issued during the reporting period and are summarized in Table 1. Appendix B details relevant active grants (as of August 25, 2026) and lists recently closed grants for 2026. Appendix B also references CRD grant applications approved, pending and declined/withdrawn.

Table 1: Grant Calls Issued

Grant	Deadline	Information
Public Charger Program – CleanBC	18-Sep-26	This program supports the expansion of British Columbia's network of public Direct Current Fast Charger stations for zero-emission vehicles
Active Communities Grant – BC Alliance for Healthy Living	18-Sep-26	This program supports Indigenous and local governments to create or expand physical activity opportunities for people facing barriers to physical activity
Commemorate Canada – Canadian Heritage	01-Oct-26	The program funds initiatives that commemorate historical figures, places, events and accomplishments of national significance.
Canadian Community Boards – TELUS Friendly Future Foundation	02-Oct-26	This program supports local, grassroots health and education programs that help youth overcome barriers and reach their full potential
Emergency Support Services (ESS) Equipment and Training – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)	16-Oct-26	This program supports applicants to build local capacity to provide emergency support services through ESS volunteer/responder recruitment, retention and training and the purchase of essential equipment

Grant	Deadline	Information
Rapid Adaptation Projects: Adaptation in Action – Green Municipal Fund – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	10-Nov-26	This program supports small communities to implement proven, replicable, on-the-ground activities that directly address climate risks
OneAbility Program Delivery Fund – OneAbility	15-Nov-26	This program supports the promotion and facilitation of physical activity for individuals with a disability
Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – UBCM	20-Nov-26	This program supports natural hazard and climate-related risk planning and design projects to enable the implementation of risk reduction solutions
Implementation Projects: Adaptation in Action – Green Municipal Fund – FCM	24-Nov-26	This program supports adaptation projects that deliver immediate risk reduction to the community, with total eligible costs of \$1 million or less
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant – TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	15-Dec-26	This program supports environmental education and green space enhancement, including stewardship, public green spaces and hands-on conservation
Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) Equipment and Training – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – UBCM	26-Feb-27	This program supports building local capacity through the purchase of essential equipment and supplies required to maintain or improve an EOC and to enhance EOC capacity through training and exercises
Study: One-time Retrofit of Affordable Housing – Green Municipal Fund – FCM	Continuous	This program supports feasibility studies, technical assessments and planning to evaluate deep energy retrofit opportunities in affordable housing
Build Canada Homes – Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada	Continuous	This program supports a flexible, results-driven federal approach to housing investment that gets large projects off the ground and scales up supply
Legacy Fund – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage – Canadian Heritage	Continuous	This program supports community-initiated capital projects intended for community use
Mini Peaks Legacy Project – via Sport BC	Continuous	This program supports the installation of professional-quality mini-pitches that turn underused spaces into permanent, community-owned soccer facilities

CONCLUSION

The CRD recognizes grants as 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 grant opportunities relative to service needs. Local partners are informed of these opportunities through the Grants Dashboard and Grants Alerts. The CRD will continue to provide a bi-monthly summary of activities and outcomes in the External Grants Update.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2026 External Grants Dashboard
Appendix B: 2026 Grant Alerts