

# Grant Opportunities for Agriculture and Food Security in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District



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## Rational and Format

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The 2011 ACRD Agricultural Plan set a target of 40% food security by the year 2031.

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is home to many motivated and capable individuals, business' and organizations who are working towards increasing food production and improving distribution in order to achieve this target.

This document sets out to distribute information about the numerous grants, loans and programs available for food security and agricultural initiatives in order to increase their viability and capacity.

Some of the programs are ongoing and others are one time opportunities.

The document is divided into 3 sections- Grants, Loans and Programs.

## Grants

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### ACRD Grant-In-Aid Program

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District provides Grant-in-Aid assistance to non-profit organizations once a year in order to assist them to provide a benefit to one or more electoral areas in the Region or the entire Regional District.

Application deadline January 31 of each year.

<http://www.acrd.bc.ca/grant-in-aid>

### Agricultural Planning Program

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

Applications for funding must be submitted by a municipality or regional district or an alliance between a local/regional government and an agricultural organization.

Funding, up to 50% of project costs, may be available to carry out agriculture viability studies, develop agriculture strategies, conduct arability studies and carry out food shed analyses, as well as the implementation of specific activities at a community or regional level.

[http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/local-govt-ag-planning/ag\\_planning.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/local-govt-ag-planning/ag_planning.htm)

### Agri-Food Environment Initiative

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

Funding is available for projects that deal with a wide range of environmental issues including, but not limited to, projects addressing impacts of agricultural practices on soil, air and water quality, conflicts with wildlife and wildlife habitat, conservation of water resources, agri-food by-product management, and minimizing impacts of pesticides and other production inputs.

Will provide up to 85% of cash costs.

Deadlines: May 1, 2015; July 10, 2015

[http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/agri-food/default.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/agri-food/default.htm)

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## Agri-Innovation Program

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

Funding to support industry, academia, retailers and others in late stage research and pilot projects that lead to the commercialization and/or adoption of innovative products, technologies and practices. Projects may be funded up to 100%

Applications taken on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.iafbc.ca/agri-innovation.htm>

## Agri-Spirit Fund

Farm Credit Canada

An organization may qualify for a donation between \$5,000 and \$25,000 if it is raising money for a capital project in a region with less than 150,000 people.

Who's eligible? Registered charities and non-profits working with municipal body or governments and municipal bodies.

Apply on line **only between April 13 and May 18, 2015**

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/in-your-community/giving-back/fcc-agrispirit-fund.html>

## Alberni Valley Community Foundation

The foundation will consider requests from registered charities for;

Program-related projects (i.e., specific, time-limited activity or a series of activities designed to meet certain goals)

Capital projects, including construction, renovation or equipment purchases.

Grants are usually in the \$500 to \$5,000 range.

Letters of interest must be received by Feb 28th annually.

<http://www.albernifoundation.ca/>

## BC Buy Local Program

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

This is a 4 million dollar 'matching funds' program (applicants contribute 50% of project costs).

Projects must meet the following objectives:

- Increase use of British Columbia's agriculture, food and seafood sectors in the domestic marketplace; and
- Build consumer preference, demand and sales for BC agrifoods sold within the province.

Open to individuals, non-profits and for-profit business'.

Application deadlines April 10, 2015; May 10, 2015; June 15, 2015; August 3, 2015 (subject to available funds).

[http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/buylocal/default.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/buylocal/default.htm)

## BC Agrifood and Seafood Export Programs

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

For producers, processors, organizations and marketers. Eligible projects should enable BC's agriculture, food and seafood sectors to increase export sales and expand international market access through participation in international market development activities.

Up to \$50,000 available in matched funds.

<http://www.iafbc.ca/export-market-dev.htm>

## Building Healthy Communities

Coastal Community Credit Union

Grants for non-profit organizations. Minimum \$1000 grants to support children/youth, environmental, economic development, or financial literacy. Not for operational cost (wages/ rent etc).

Applications reviewed 3 times annually-Jan 31, 2015; May31, 2015; Sept 30, 2015

<https://www.cccu.ca/Personal/InOurCommunities/CommunityFundingPrograms/BuildingHealthierCommunitiesFund/>

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## Bullitt Foundation

Grants for ecosystem services; energy, industry and technology; urban ecology; leadership and civic engagement

Eligibility-BC charitable organizations

<http://www.bullitt.org/programs/>

## Community Foundation

### Canada Post

The Foundation will fund projects that support three primary focus areas—community, education and health.

Funding will be allocated to projects that will generate maximum impact, creating lasting change for children and youth.

Up to \$50,000 available per project

Deadlines: Annual program, for 2015 applications close April 17.

<https://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/cpfoundation/grants.jsf>

## Community Gaming Grants

### Province of BC

Will fund up to 75% of costs, with the remainder being either cash or in-kind contribution. Only for non-profits. Not to be used for core funding but can be used for operational costs (ie wages), vehicles, equipment, buildings. Not for new programs or positions, must be in effect already.

Maximum funding of \$100,000 for local organizations.

<https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/grants/community-gaming.htm>

## Community Investment Program

### City of Port Alberni

Provides assistance to not-for-profit organizations to enhance their ability to provide programs, services or activities that benefit the citizens of Port Alberni in the areas of Community Services, Multiculturalism, and Recreation/Amateur Sport.

Application deadline is October 1st, annually.

<http://www.portalberni.ca/community-investment-program>

## Corporate Sponsorship

### Coastal Community Credit Union

Grants for business organizations in the minimum amount of \$1000 to support children/youth, environmental, economic development, or financial literacy. Not for operational cost (wages/rent etc).

Applications taken on the 15th of every month.

<https://www.cccu.ca/Personal/InOurCommunities/CommunityFundingPrograms/CorporateSponsorships/>

## Development Grants

### Social Enterprise Canada

In kind and cash grants up to \$10,000 with matching funds provided by organization. Typically for consultant/professional fees relating to planning or development activity of the social enterprise (For feasibility studies as well)

Must be an incorporated non-profit organization or a qualified donee under CRA regulations (native band, municipality, or registered charity), OR have an agreement to be sponsored by one.

Must attend a full-day ENP Social Enterprise workshop.

Application deadlines June 4, 2015; Nov 5, 2015

<http://www.socialenterprisecanada.ca/en/communities/bc/nav/grants.html>

## Emerging Sectors

### Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

The main intent is to enable innovation, collaboration and strategic approaches in emerging sectors to identify opportunities, challenges and priorities.

Eligible projects will address the gaps in applied scientific knowledge, technology adaptation and transfer, pre-commercialization exploration, skills, business development, collaboration and links with potential partners, in order to seize new business opportunities.

[http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/emerging-sectors/default.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/emerging-sectors/default.htm)

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## Environmental Farm Plan Program

### BC Agriculture Council

The Environmental Farm Plan program is confidential, voluntary & no-charge. Funding is available to help eligible farmers improve on-farm environmental sustainability,

<https://www.bcac.bc.ca/ardcorp/program/environmental-farm-plan-program>

## Epicure Foundation

A foundation created to support grassroots organizations working to improve food security across Canada. The goal is to ensure that all Canadians have access to resources and education to prepare nourishing meals for themselves and their families.

Program unconfirmed for 2015

Eligibility-Registered Charitable organizations

<https://www.epicureselections.com/en/company/epicure-foundation/grant-program/>

## Farm Business Advisory Services

### Growing Forward 2

Producers may be eligible for funding toward business consulting services for their operations.

Tier 1-Basic farm financial assessment-100% support up to \$1,900

Tier 2-Specialized business planning (85% support up to \$3,000

Eligibility-new farms within 3 years of start up and established farms with over \$10,000 gross farm income.

[http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB\\_Advisory\\_Services.html](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB_Advisory_Services.html)

## Farm To School

### Public Health Association of BC

Farm to School programs bring healthy, local food into schools, and provide students with hands-on learning opportunities that foster food literacy, all while strengthening the local food system and enhancing school and community connectedness.

The first phase of the grant process is a \$500 grant to successful applicants to support program

planning, followed by a \$3500 grant for implementation.

<http://www.phabc.org/modules.php?name=Farmtoschool>

## Hamber Foundation

The Foundation makes grants for cultural, educational and charitable purposes within the Province of British Columbia. The Foundation prefers to support specific projects rather than contributing to general sustaining assistance or to large capital projects.

Eligibility-Registered Charitable Organizations and Educational Institutions

Deadlines: March 15 and Sept 15 annually

<http://www.hamberfoundation.ca/>

## Leadership Grants

### Leadership Grants Organization

The mission of the Leadership Grants Organization is to provide critical, early-stage resources to small business owners (including farmers) to assist in the development and growth of their enterprise.

Between \$1000 and \$100,000 available. Applications reviewed quarterly.

Eligibility - new business, must provide proof of matching funds and a business plan

[http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB\\_Advisory\\_Services.html](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/busmgmt/FB_Advisory_Services.html)

## On Farm Food Safety Program

### BC Agriculture Council

This program provides education and financial assistance to eligible B.C. farmers and ranchers who would like to become certified by a recognized HACCP based on-farm food safety program (i.e. CanadaGAP, Verified Beef) for the very first time. up to 90% funding available up to \$6000

<https://www.bcac.bc.ca/ardcorp/program/farm-food-safety-program-offs>

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## Real Estate Foundation of BC

For non-profits, municipalities and other community organizations. Focuses on built environments, freshwater sustainability and sustainable food systems. Will fund up to 50% of costs (or 33% if in kind) for human resources/consultants, workshops, production of educational material.

Application Deadlines: June 3, 2015: Sept 16, 2015

<http://www.refbc.com/grants>

## Traceability Adoption Program

### BC Agriculture Council

The TAP will assist producers/farmers, food processors and agri-food businesses by assisting with specific costs relating to the purchase and installation of traceability infrastructure, and the training of staff to implement traceability systems for plants, animals and agri-food products.

Up to 75% funding available

<https://www.bcac.bc.ca/ardcorp/program/traceability-adoption-program>

## United Way

For charitable non-profits. Funding limit of \$6000 for new applicants. Focus on 'All that kids can be', 'From poverty to possibility', and 'Healthy people, strong communities'.

[http://www.uwcnvi.ca/index.php?p=7\\_88\\_Grant-Applications](http://www.uwcnvi.ca/index.php?p=7_88_Grant-Applications)

## VanCity Foundation

VCF is a public charity created to help gather together community resources, thereby realizing the potential that exists when we invest in the vision of communities. VCF Strategic Programs focus on not-for-profit social enterprise, community owned real estate (including housing), and collaborative approaches toward change. Funding criteria and application processes vary across our granting programs.

<http://vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/s/home.asp>

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## Loans

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### Advance Payments Program

Government of Canada

The Advance Payments Program (APP) is a financial loan guarantee program that gives producers easier access to credit through cash advances. It is delivered via producer organizations across the country.

The maximum cash advance available to each producer is \$400,000. The federal government pays the interest on the first \$100,000 of a cash advance issued to a producer per production period and producers have up until the end of the production period to repay their advance.

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/?id=1290176119212>

### BC Breeder and Feeder Loans

BCBFA

Loans for bred and feeder cattle.

Up to 100% financing is available with competitive interest rates.

<http://www.bcbfa.ca/>

### Canadian Agricultural Loans

Government of Canada

A loan guarantee program designed to increase the availability of loans to farmers and agricultural co-operatives. Farmers can use these loans to establish, improve, and develop farms, while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming.

Up to \$500,000 available.

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/?id=1288035482429>

### Local Food Micro-Loan Fund

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

Interest free loans between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for a 24 month term. Must be used for equipment or materials.

Open to individual business' or non-profit organizations.

<http://www.farmfolkcityfolk.ca/resources/microloan/>

### Transition Loans

Farm Credit Canada

Benefits for both the buyer and seller when transitioning farm ownership to the next generation.

Tax advantages and other benefits.

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/we-finance/primary-producers/farm-transfers.html>

### Young Farmer Loan

Farm Credit Canada

Very competitive interest rates for farmers under age 40.

up to \$500,000 available

<https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/we-finance/young-farmers.html>

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## Programs

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### Agri-Invest

#### Government of Canada

AgriInvest helps farmers manage small income declines. Farmers make annual deposits based on a percentage of Allowable Net Sales and receive matching contributions from federal, provincial, and territorial governments. Accounts are eligible for premium interest rates.

Deposit up to 100% of your Allowable Net Sales annually, with the first 1% matched by governments. The limit on matching government contributions is \$15,000 per year.

Free, with easy enrollment into the program.

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/?id=1291828779399>

### Agri-Stability

#### Government of British Columbia

An insurance program which provides support when farmers experience large margin decline.

Government will compensate 70% of shortfall in profits when they are 30% less than a calculated margin.

Baseline margins are determined in advance through 5 year tax returns. Fee applies.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=C0BD97C41500455CB160BEB4117D899A>

### BC Farmer ID Card

#### BC Agriculture Council

Benefits card for BC farmers.

Benefits include health care plans, health/travel/dental insurance, life and disability insurance, travel plan, estate planning, vehicle rentals and other.

Fee applies

<https://www.bcac.bc.ca/about-farmer-id-card>

### Community Futures

#### Alberni-Clayoquot Branch

Financing, training, and advisory services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community.

Loans for business are available at competitive rates as well as advisory services for business planning and financial projections.

A variety of workshops and a lending library are offered on the Alberni campus.

<http://www.cfac.ca/>

### Crop Loss and Damage due to Wildlife

#### Government of BC

Agriculture producers can get compensation due to wildlife damage to some harvested and unharvested crops by enrolling in the Agriculture Wildlife Program. Damage by the following are covered - Bison, bear, cranes, deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep and waterfowl.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=9FCA695F726F4BB5AF38FBE1EC4EBC72>

### Production Insurance

#### Government of BC

Affordable, flexible and efficient production insurance is available for the following crops-berries, flower bulbs, forage, grain, grapes, tree fruits, and vegetables.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=3B2C227D4A104DC7A5F52084479DF4C0>