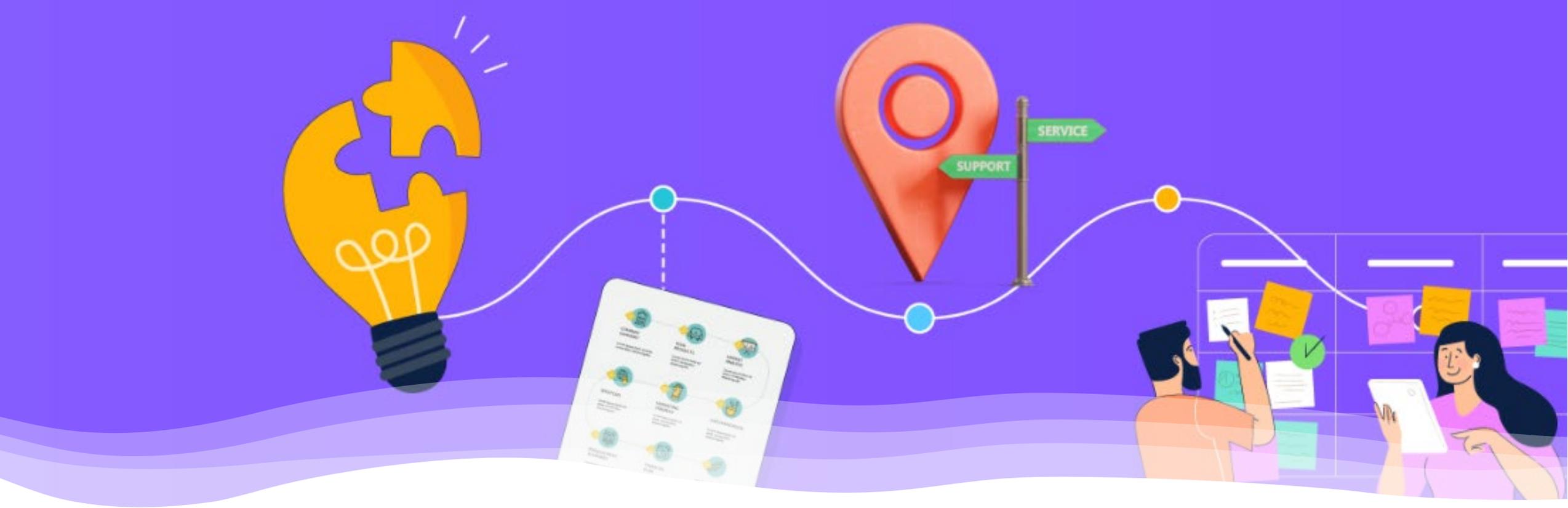


ACRD Grant in Aid Discussion



August 28, 2024
Committee of the Whole Meeting



Agenda

- Review items where consensus has been achieved
- Present four GIA options
- Present items that require further discussion

Consensus

Uncouple GIA Program from Budget

- Budgets set by March 31
- GIA applications due by April 30
- Decision made in late May or early June

Improved Application Form

- Include budget spreadsheet that requires applicants to provide existing funding sources & financial need

Stricter Final Reporting

- Include spreadsheet requiring recipient to detail how funding was utilized
- Failure to submit final reporting restricts ability to apply for further GIA the following year



Improved Definitions

Addition of the following definitions to GIA Policy:

- *In-Kind Services*
- *Registered Organization*
- *Registered Charity*
- *Non-profit or not-for-profit*
- *Society or societies*



Options for Consideration

Four Options



Option 1

GIA Bucket	Participants	Example GIA Applicants	Budget
Alberni Valley GIA	Electoral Areas: B, D, E, F City of Port Alberni <i>(No ability to opt out)</i>	Alberni Valley Air Quality Council Port Alberni Victim Services Alberni Valley Hospice Society Port Alberni Backpack Program	Annual budget is set by the GIA participants as part of annual budget deliberations (prior to receiving GIA applications)
West Coast GIA	Electoral Area: C District of Ucluelet District of Tofino <i>(No ability to opt out)</i>	Surfrider Foundation Strawberry Isle Marine Research REDD Fish Restoration Society WC Community Resources Society	
Regional GIA	Electoral Areas: A, B, C, D, E, F City of Port Alberni District of Ucluelet District of Tofino <i>(No ability to opt out)</i>	West Coast Inland Search & Rescue Alberni Valley Rescue Squad North Island Film Alberni District Fall Fair Carving on the Edge West Coast Aquatic	
Bamfield GIA	Electoral Area: A	Bamfield Community Affairs AV Chamber of Commerce	Annual budget is determined by each EA Director during annual budget deliberations (prior to receiving GIA applications)
Beaufort GIA	Electoral Area: B		
Long Beach GIA	Electoral Area: C		
Sproat Lake GIA	Electoral Area: D	Sproat Lake contribution to City eliminating non-city resident rates. Sproat Lake Special Events AV Chamber of Commerce	
Beaver Creek GIA	Electoral Area: E	Beaver Creek Special Events AV Chamber of Commerce	
Cherry Creek GIA	Electoral Area: F	Cherry Creek contribution to City eliminating non-city resident rates. Cherry Creek Rec. Commission AV Chamber of Commerce	



Option 1

Considerations

- No ability to opt out
- Bamfield not included in AV or WC buckets. No further contributions to:
 - Sage Haven,
 - Port Alberni Victim Services
 - Marine Rescue Society
- May require staff time to support applicants in deciding which GIA to apply for
- Treaty Nations. Should Treaty Nations be incorporated in Regional GIA's to be inclusive of all Board members?
- Create a service where it makes sense



Option 2

GIA Bucket	Participants	Example GIA Applicants	Budget
Alberni Valley GIA	Electoral Areas: B, D, E, F City of Port Alberni <i>(No ability to opt out)</i>	Alberni Valley Air Quality Council Port Alberni Victim Services Alberni Valley Hospice Society	Annual budget is set by the GIA participants as part of annual budget deliberations (prior to receiving GIA applications)
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Option 2

Considerations

- No ability to opt out
- Bamfield not included in AV or WC buckets. No further contributions to:
 - Sage Haven,
 - Port Alberni Victim Services
 - Marine Rescue Society
- Less ability for contributions to local community groups
- Treaty Nations. Should Treaty Nations be incorporated in Regional GIA's to be inclusive of all Board members?
- Create a service where it makes sense



Option 3

GIA Bucket	Participants	Example GIA Applicants	Budget
Regional GIA	Electoral Areas: A, B, C, D, E, F City of Port Alberni District of Ucluelet District of Tofino <i>(No ability to opt out)</i>	West Coast Inland Search & Rescue Alberni Valley Rescue Squad North Island Film Alberni District Fall Fair Carving on the Edge West Coast Aquatic	Annual budget is set by the GIA participants as part of annual budget deliberations (prior to receiving GIA applications)



Option 3

Considerations

- No ability to opt out
- Regionally Focused GIA applications will be accepted
- No ability for contributions to local groups
- Treaty Nations. Should Treaty Nations be incorporated in Regional GIA's to be inclusive of all Board members?
- Create a service where it makes sense



Option 4

GIA Bucket	Participants	Example GIA Applicants	Budget
Bamfield GIA	Electoral Area: A	Bamfield Community Affairs AV Chamber of Commerce	Annual budget is determined by each EA Director during annual budget deliberations (prior to receiving GIA applications)
Beaufort GIA	Electoral Area: B		
Long Beach GIA	Electoral Area: C		
Sproat Lake GIA	Electoral Area: D	Sproat Lake contribution to City eliminating non-city resident rates. Sproat Lake Special Events AV Chamber of Commerce	
Beaver Creek GIA	Electoral Area: E	Beaver Creek Special Events AV Chamber of Commerce	
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- Not a regionally focused Grant-in-aid program
- Potential for applicants to apply to each Electoral Area GIA
- Possibly difficult for applicants to know which GIA to apply for
- No ability for Treaty Nations or Municipalities to contribute funds through this option (less overall funding)
- May require Municipalities to amend their GIA policies (regionally focused projects have historically been referred to ACRD GIA program).
- Create a service where it makes sense

Option 4

Considerations



Further Input Required



Discussion Items



Financial Independence

Current GIA Policy:

“Organizations are encouraged to work towards financial independence”.



Double Dipping



Current GIA Policy:

“No double dipping. Organizations that have applied for a Grant-in-aid for the City of Port Alberni, District of Tofino, or District of Ucluelet will not be eligible for a Grant-in-Aid through the Regional District”

Clarification Requested:

- Does a successful Municipal In-kind GIA preclude an ACRD GIA application?
- Does a successful municipal GIA for a project occurring in muni boundary, preclude an ACRD GIA application for a Regional project?



Small Grants (<\$500)

Consider accepting request for small grants:

- <\$500
- One time basis only
- From non-registered organizations, societies, or groups demonstrating a community need whose objectives are charitable in nature
- Beneficial for a small community event in the beginning stages (prior to forming a society)



Long Term Agreements

Directors not supportive of entering into long term agreements with organizations

Supportive of incorporating into a service rather than continuously funding through GIA

Public Assent Process

- Possibility of not receiving public support



Economic Development

- Does not align well with ACRD GIA program
- Staff discussions will occur outside of this process



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Thank you



Option 1:

