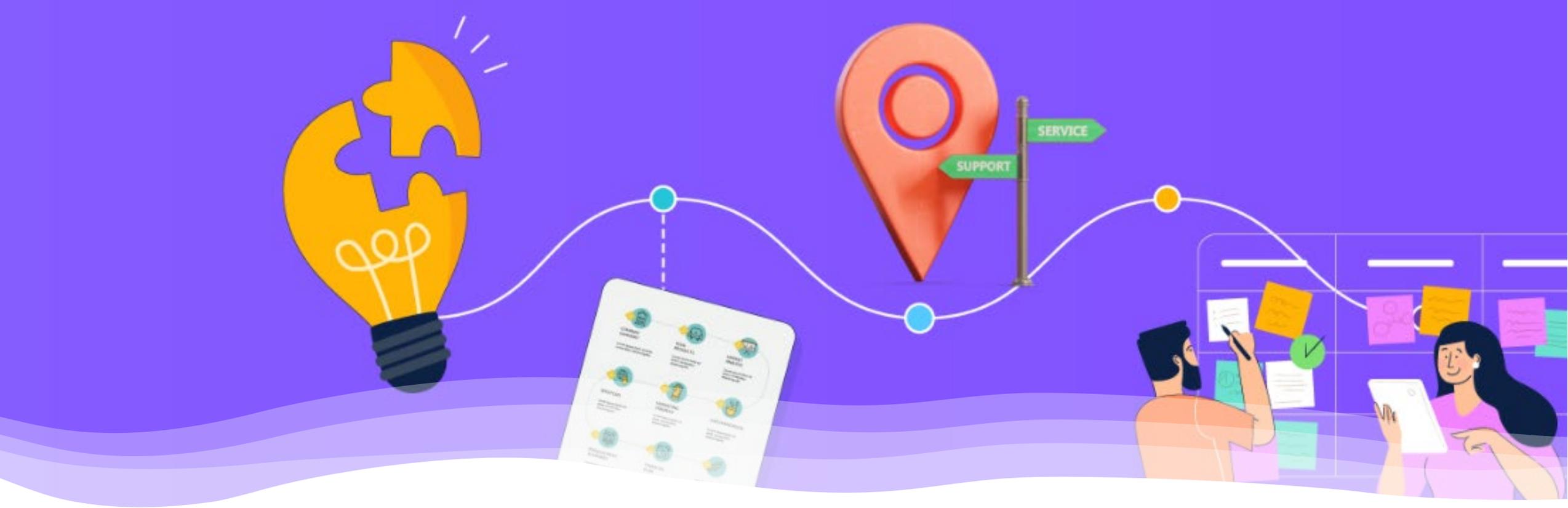


ACRD Grant in Aid Discussion



June 12, 2024
Committee of the Whole Meeting



Agenda

- Review Current GIA Policy & Legislation
- Share examples of other GIA programs
- What we heard
- Alternatives (for Discussion)

- ❑ Do you support the idea of separating the GIA process from the budget process (different timeline)?
- ❑ Do you want to limit applications from 'Registered Non-Profits'?
- ❑ Do you want additional details in the grant application to further understand the GIA request (stricter application process w/staff review)?
- ❑ Post grant expectations
- ❑ Consideration of GIA applications from Non-Profit Lease holders (e.g. airport leases)
- ❑ Consideration of a multi-year funding agreements for specific organizations
- ❑ Consideration of flexibility of 'duplicating services' of another level of gov't.
- ❑ Remove the 'double-dipping' requirement.



Questions for Consideration



LGA - 263 (1) The corporate powers of a board include the following

- (c) to provide ***assistance*** for the purpose of benefiting the community or any aspect of the community.

LGA - 374 (9) states that the limit on '***assistance***' must not exceed \$0.10 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements. 2024 max is \$1.19 million. \$300,000 GIA awarded in 2024.

CC – 25 (1) Restricts local governments from providing a grant, benefit, advantage or other form of assistance to a business.



Authority

Local Government Act

Community Charter

Current Grant-in-Aid Policy

- Provides GIA once/year
 - Provide benefit to 1 or more EAs OR entire Region
- Eligibility
 - Non-Profit
 - Must be local (provide services to residents of Region)
 - Must provide social enrichment service
 - Fills a need in the community (no overlapping with existing services)
 - ACRD will not provide GIA to subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior levels of government
 - No Double Dipping (can't have applied to CPA, DoU, DoT)



Current Grant-in-Aid Policy con't

- ❑ GIA applications due January 31st
- ❑ Application Includes
 - ❑ GIA Application Form
 - ❑ Annual Report
 - ❑ Current years budget & last financial statement (noting other funding)
 - ❑ Description of what the GIA will be used for
- ❑ Manager of Finance reviews each application to ensure eligibility & correct documentation has been submitted (no staff recommendation)
- ❑ Applications are presented to COW & Board (consider & prior to adopting Financial Plan)



Current Grant-in-Aid Policy con't

- Applicants are notified - April
- Funding is awarded – August
- Final Report due - December
- GIA – not guaranteed from year to year
- Financial Independence - Goal



Other Local Government Grant Programs



Lake Country

- GIAs
- Fee Waivers (Facilities)
- Operating Grant
- Community Hall Grant
- Community Engagement Grant

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

- Columbia Basin Trust – Resident Directed Grants
- GIA (Area D only)
- Recreation Grant

Regional District of Nanaimo

- Community Grant
- Oceanside Community Safety Grant
- Electoral Area A Recreation & Culture Grant
- Oceanside Services Recreation Grant

Sunshine Coast Regional District

- GIA (EA's only) Max \$5000, anything over \$500 needs to be a registered society & proof of registration provided.

Other Local Government Grant Programs



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- GIAs (EA's, Powell River, Tla'amin)
- Multi-year funding agreements

City of Port Alberni

- Community Investment Fund
- Community Development Grants
- In-Kind (staff time, facility rental fees, equipment, land use, recreation passes)

Cowichan Valley Regional District

- Arts & Culture Grants
- Sport Events Grants
- Regional GIA (inactive since 2022)

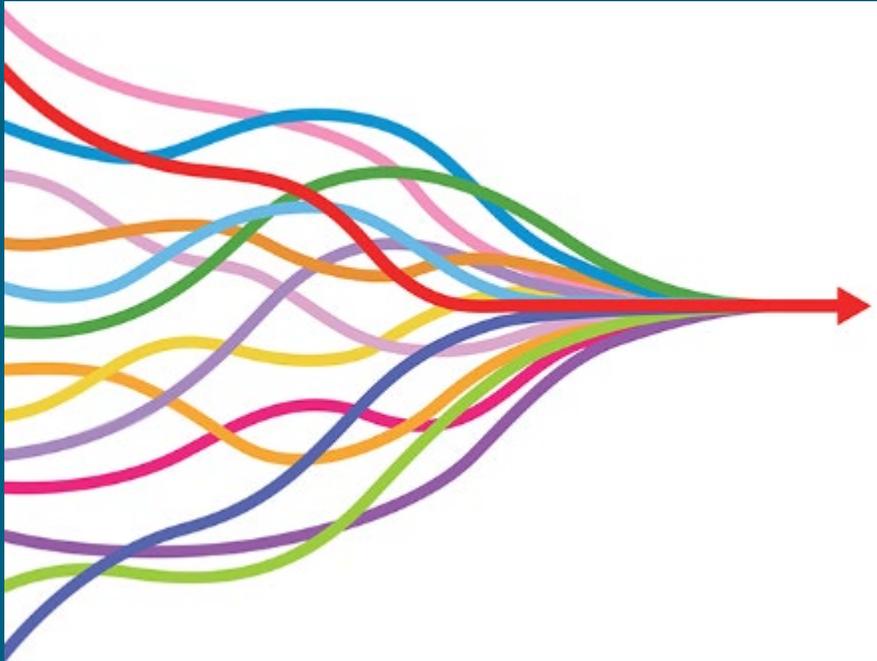
Capital Regional District

- GIAs (EA's only)



**What
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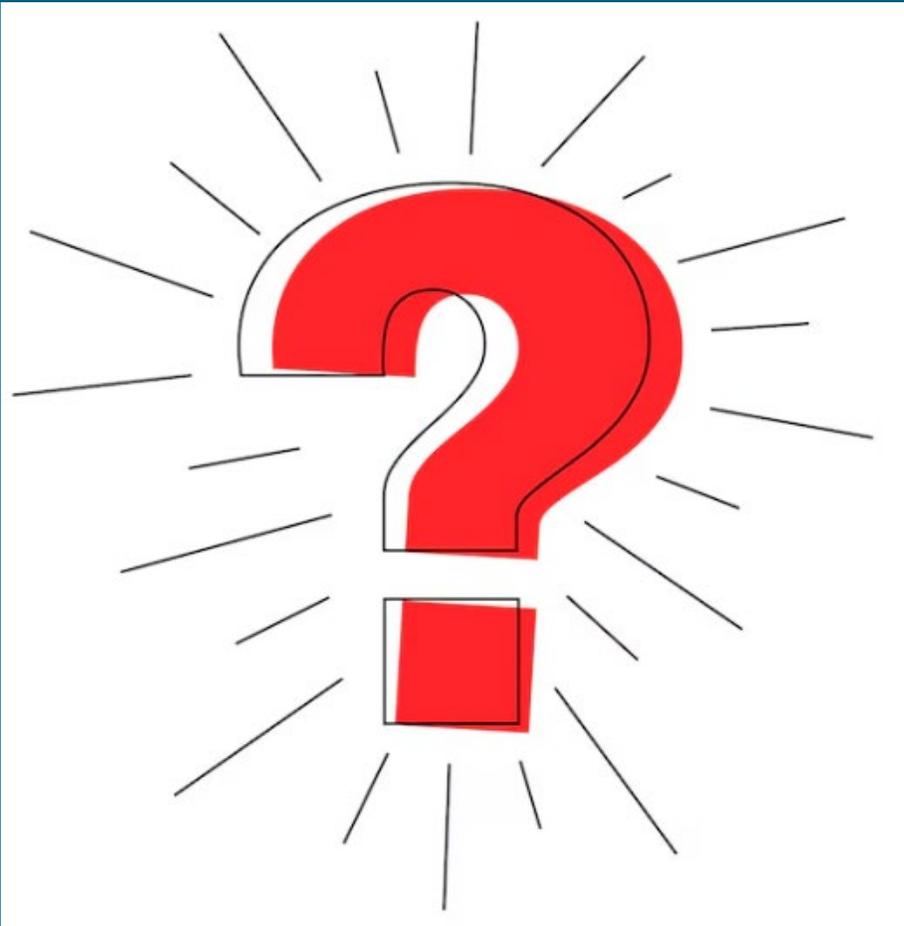
Alignment



- Should not provide ongoing annual funding through GIA process
- One intake per year
- Treaty Nations contribute as desired (not specifically addressed in the GIA Policy)



Registered Not for Profit vs Non-Registered



Not-for-profit / non-profit organizations are known as societies.

Societies are independent, democratic organizations that are required to comply with the [Societies Act](#) and their own constitution and bylaws.

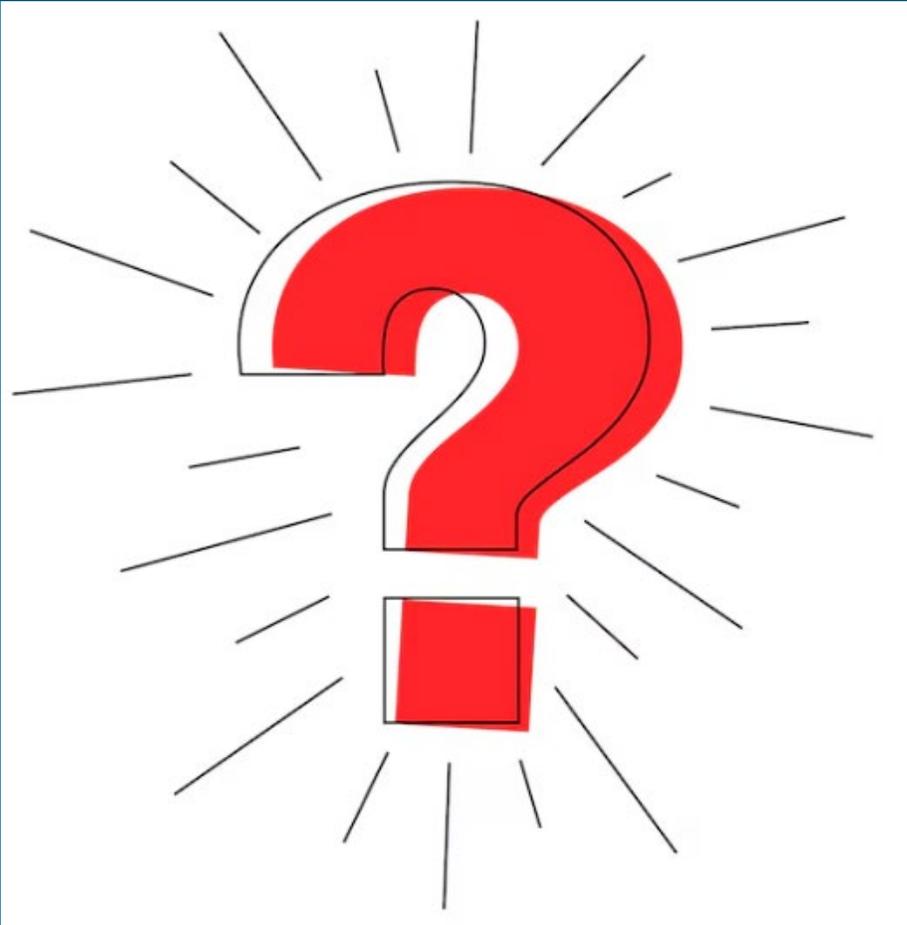
Societies do not earn any profits for its members. All money is donated to the organization's cause or goal.

Societies do not have to incorporate, but incorporating has advantages. For example, it can make it easier to get funding available only to incorporated (or registered) societies.

A social enterprise may have similar goals as a not-for-profit organization but it can also distribute profits to owners. In B.C., these are known as [benefit companies](#) and [community contribution companies](#).



Uncouple Grant-In-Aid Program from Budget



- ACRD Budget adopted by March 31
- Propose GIA applications due April 30th
- GIA Decision made in late May or early June
- No Change to award date (August)



Ability to Opt-In & Opt-Out of Services



In 2024 there were 12 different GIA service participant combinations or services:

- 1) All muni's, EA's Toquaht
- 2) All muni's, EA's
- 3) CPA, A, B, D, E, F
- 4) CPA, B, D, E, F
- 5) DoU, DoT, C
- 6) Dou, DoT, C, Toquaht
- 7) Area A
- 8) Area D
- 9) Area E
- 10) Area F
- 11) Area A, B, D, E, F
- 12) Areas A, D, E, F

Group A



Group B



Group C



Multi-Year Agreements



GIA Policy states that organizations are encouraged to work towards financial independence.

ACRD has provided GIA's to several organizations on an ongoing basis.

Example: Air Quality Council

2024 GIA = \$10,000

2023 GIA = \$10,000

2022 GIA = \$10,000

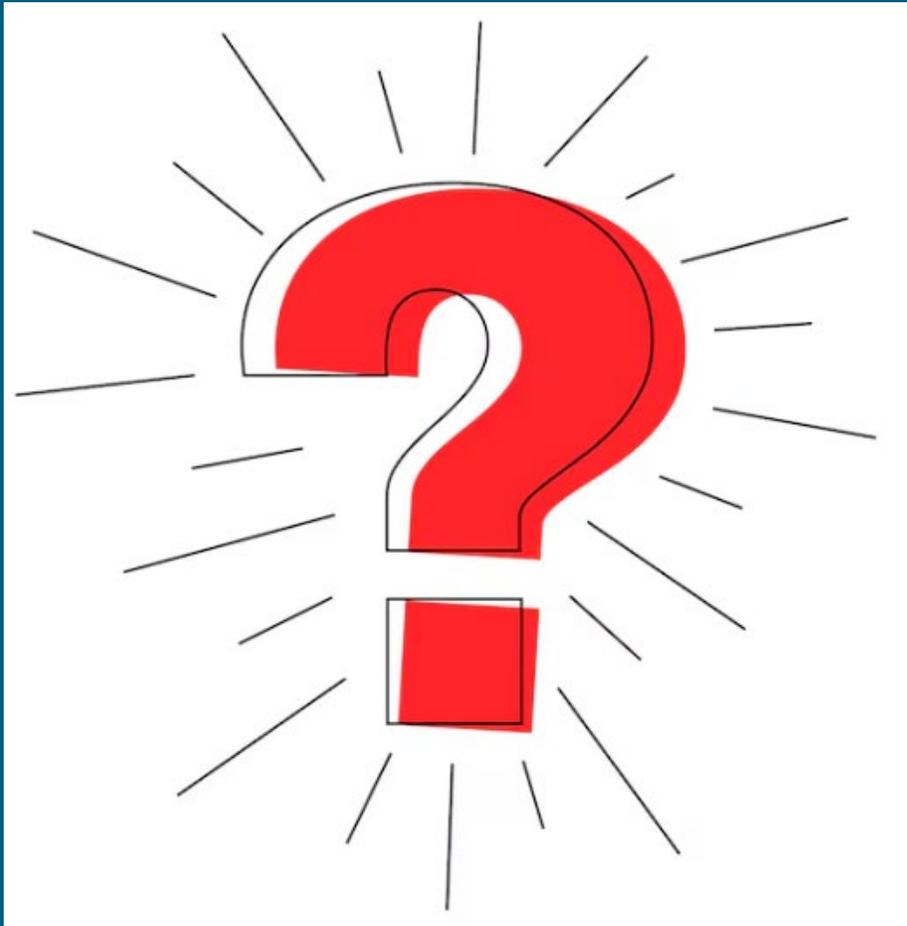
2021 GIA = \$10,000

2020 GIA = \$12,000

Consider entering into Multi-Year Agreements



Services that are the responsibility of Higher Levels of Government

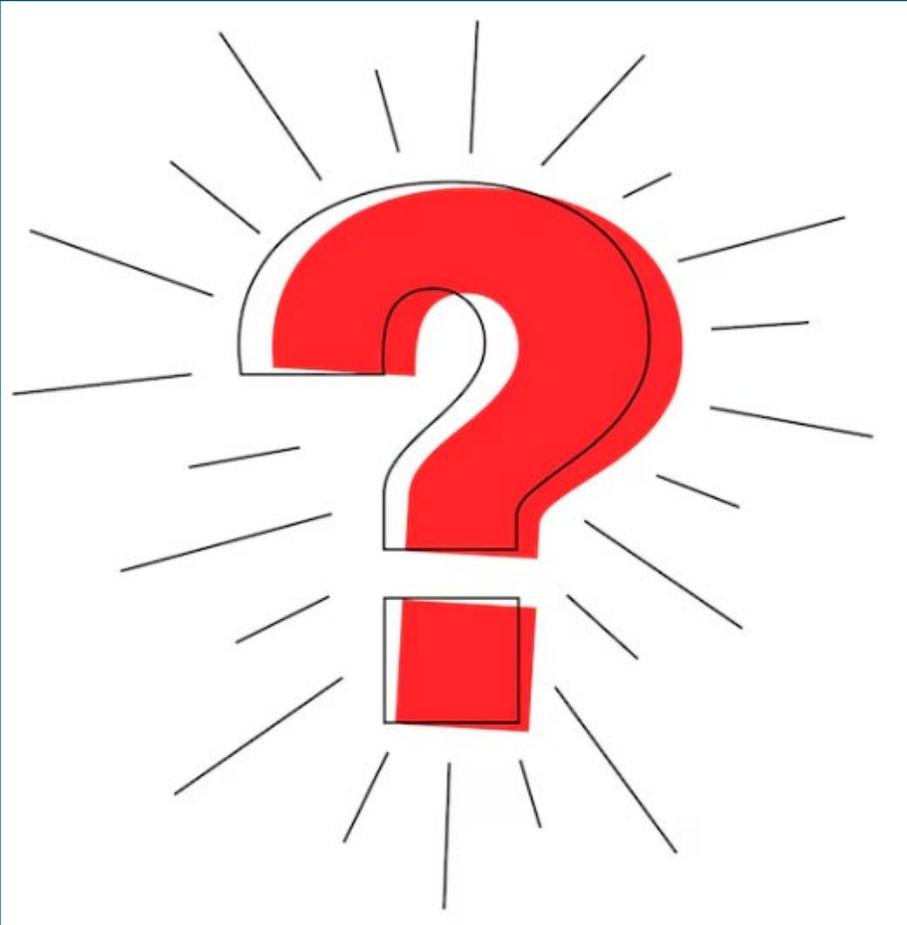


Example: Victim Services awarded GIA \$26,000 in 2024. ACRD has funded since at least 1997.

- Province funds 150 Victim Services programs across BC.
- Staffed by Victim Support Workers who are trained to assist those who have had their lives impacted by crime or other serious trauma.
- Programs are located in RCMP detachments, municipal police stations, and in non-profit community agencies.
- All services are provided free of charge.



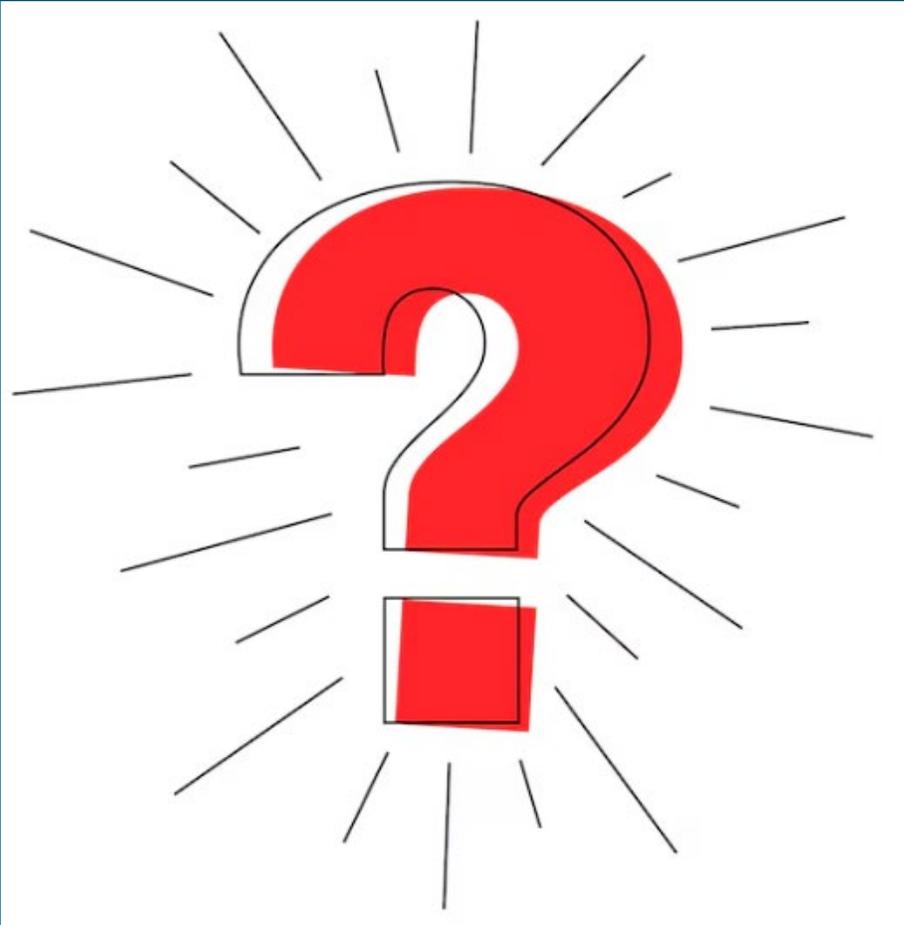
Consider GIA Applications from Non- Profit Lease Holders



Example: Non-Profit Lease Holder at Long Beach Airport.



Stricter Application Process



- Clarity on Double Dipping
- Update application form to include further detailed funding information.
- Update final reporting requirements





City of Port Alberni Economic Development



Thank you

