

Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre Strong Communities: Grants in Aid

We acknowledge the territories of hiškʷiiʔath (Hesquiaht First Nation), ʕaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations), Yuuʕuʔiʔath Government (Ucluelet First Nation), and tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation) in the spirit of truth, healing, and reconciliation.

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Our Mission



Building a future where people and nature thrive together.

The communities of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region will live sustainably within a healthy ecosystem, supported by a diversified economy and strong, united cultures, guided by the nuučaañuł (Nuu-chah-nulth) teachings of iisaak (respect), q^waaʔakqin tiičmis (our way of life), and hišukʔiš čawaak (everything is one).

The mission of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust is to provide regional funding and logistical support for research, education, and training initiatives that promote conservation and sustainable development.



2025 IMPACTS: Funding across youth, education, language, conservation, and health



Arts & Culture \$49,047
Community Development \$34,400
Neighborhood Small Grants \$17,290
Community Fund Distributions \$270,479
Language Grants \$11,500
Research & Environment \$80,500
Stewardship & Restoration \$86,000
Youth & Education \$140,750
Vital Grants \$80,000
2025 Total project funding: \$769,966



- 108 local projects funded
- 54 organizations funded
- 10 students supported: education awards
- 43 Neighborhood Small Grants
- 5 nuučaañuł Language Grants
- \$764,229 estimated in-kind leveraged
- 3 organizations funded for the first time
- 160 volunteers



Biosphere Region: 25th Anniversary

The 25th Anniversary of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region was a powerful example of regional collaboration and community impact.

In partnership with Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, CBT co-hosted a gathering to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Biosphere designation.

As a region, we acknowledged not only marked this milestone but also the deeper history of stewardship and care by the nuučaanuł Nations and the many grassroots champions who have stood for this place long before 2000.



Biodiversity Conservation: Climate Change Planning

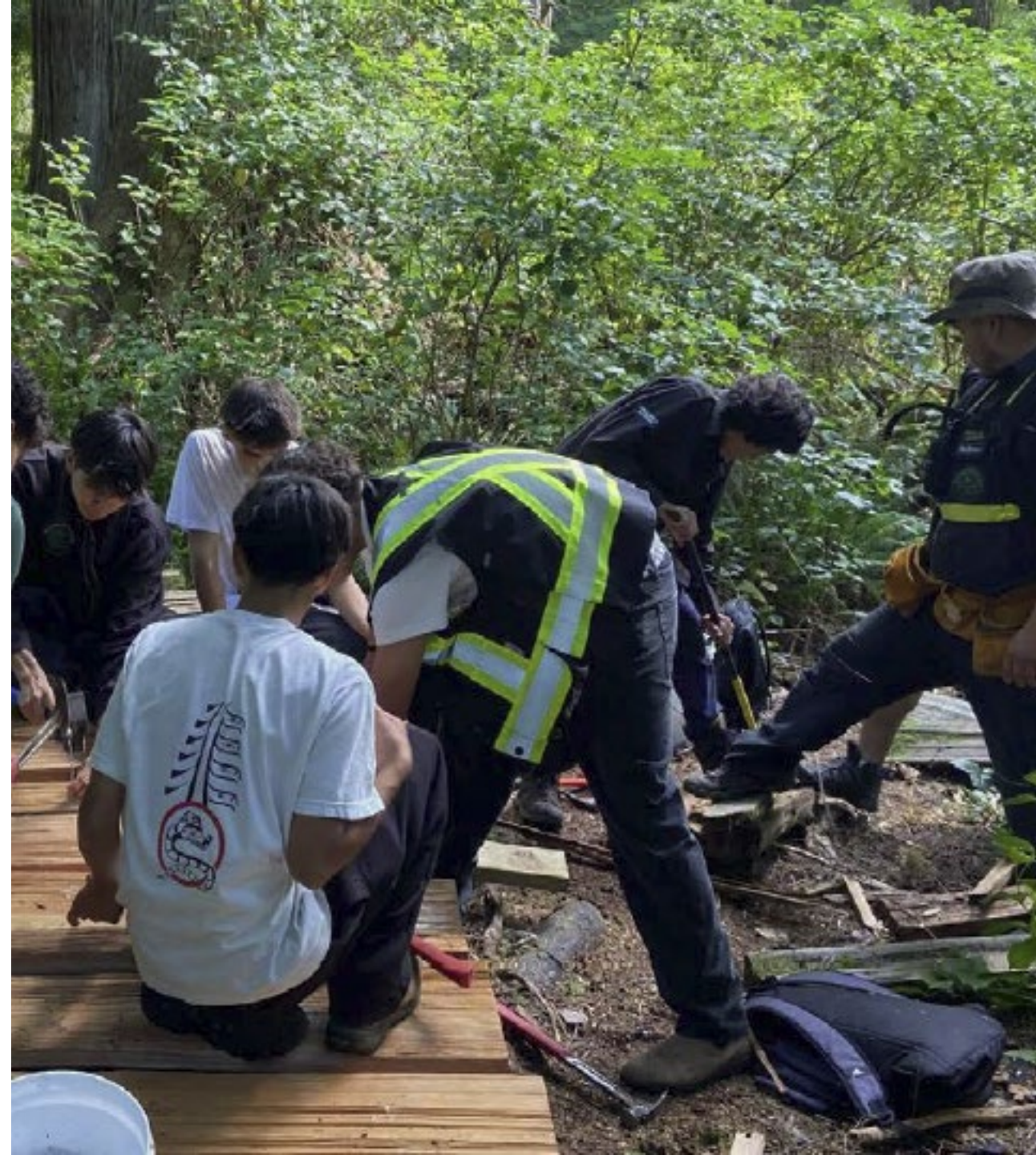
CBT is wrapping up a 5-year project that has supported Biodiversity Conservation in the region

- Capacity Building
- Regional Coordination
- Community Research, Workshops and Training
- Nation-led Stewardship and Restoration

\$140,000 Tribal Parks funding (2022-2026)

Climate Adaptation planning: Key areas to be supported

- Natural Asset mapping/management
- drinking and stormwater planning
- emergency preparedness
- land use planning
- incorporating an equity/health justice lens



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, observed every September 30, is dedicated to honouring the Survivors of residential schools and their families, as well as to acknowledging the lasting impact of the residential school system on Indigenous communities across Canada.

1,450+ people attended the Truth, Honour and the Way Forward exhibit in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Hosted in partnership with Ucluelet Secondary School, Tourism Tofino, and the Legacy of Hope Museum.





Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre Delivering Community Benefits Across the West Coast

- Community infrastructure for learning and gathering
- Shared facilities for food programs and skills training
- Arts, culture, and community programming
- Regional collaboration and capacity building
- Environmental education and stewardship
- Year-round space for residents to connect and learn



Biosphere Centre Priorities

- **Community Learning & Exhibition Spaces** – Education, workshops, and local programming
- **Elders Room** – Culturally safe space for Indigenous programming and knowledge sharing
- **Teaching Kitchen** – Food education, skills training, and community food initiatives
- **Workshop & Training Areas** – Hands-on learning and skills development for residents
- **Collaborative Workspaces** – Shared space for partnerships and community initiatives
- **Community Health & Wellness Spaces** – Programs supporting wellbeing and care
- **Library & Archives** – Public access to research, education, and local knowledge
- **Interpretive & Cultural Spaces** – Exhibits supporting learning and reconciliation
- **Outdoor Gathering Spaces** – Spaces for community events and regional programming
- **Ceremonial Firepit** – Cultural practices, gatherings, and community connection





Status and Timeline

- 301 Olsen Road purchased and re-zoned
- 80+ letters of support received
- Zero Carbon Living Building sustainable framework adopted
- Schematic & Design Development completed
- Business Case & Projections completed
- Class A budget completed
- Building Permit SECURED

- \$20M Project cost
- \$12.5M secured in total
- \$7.2M secured from GICB (Federal) \$1M from REDIP (Provincial)
- \$1.5M asks to Federal government pending
- Goal to break ground 2026
- Anticipated completion: 2028