



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 1:30 PM

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Chief Financial Officer
Meeting Date: February 19, 2020
Subject: 2020 Grant-in-Aid Applications

Recommendation:

That the Committee of the Whole consider each grant-in-aid application and approve/deny as desired to be included in the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District 2020-2024 Financial Plan.

Background

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors considers Grant-in-Aid Applications once a year from local non-profit organizations that provide a benefit to one or more electoral areas in the region or the entire regional district. The deadline to submit an application is January 31st of each year. Attached is a copy of the ACRD's Grant-In-Aid Policy.

This year the Regional District received 24 Grant-In-Aid applications. The following grant-in-aid applications are submitted for consideration by the ACRD Board of Directors:

	Organization	2020 Requested Amount	2019 Awarded Amount	2018 Awarded Amount	Prior Year Participants
GIA 01	Alberni Air Quality Council	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	CPA, A, B, D, E, F
GIA 02	Alberni District Fall Fair	\$1,000 (in kind)	\$1,000 (in kind)	\$1,000 (in kind)	All Muni & EA's
GIA 03	Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$11,500	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000	A D E F
GIA 04	Alberni Valley Hospice Society	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	CPA, B, D, E, F
GIA 05	Alberni Valley Rescue Squad	\$12,053	\$6,000 \$7,552	\$6,000	All Muni, EA's & Toq CPA, A, B, D, E, F
GIA 06	Alberni Valley Wrestling Club	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	All Muni & EA's
GIA 07	Arrowsmith Amateur Radio Club	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,307	CPA, B, D, E, F

	Organization	2020 Requested Amount	2019 Awarded Amount	2018 Awarded Amount	Prior Year Participants
GIA 08	Central Westcoast Forest Society	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	Tof, Ucl, C, & Toq
GIA 09	Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission	\$20,000	\$2,000 \$18,000	\$0	E F
GIA 10	Music By The Sea	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	All Muni & EA's
GIA 11	Port Alberni Association for Community Living	\$4,300	\$3,600	\$0	CPA, B, D, E, F
GIA 12	Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society	\$25,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	CPA, B, D, E, F
GIA 13	Port Alberni Victim Services Society	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	CPA, A, D, E, F
GIA 14	Surfrider Pacific Rim	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$0	Tof, Ucl & C
GIA 15	Vancouver Island North Film Commission	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500	All Muni & EA's
GIA 16	West Coast Aquatic Management Association	\$12,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	All Muni, EA's & Toq
GIA 17	Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	All Muni, EA's & Toq
GIA 18	Alberni Community & Women's Services Society	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	N/A
GIA 19	Alberni Valley Community Foundation	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	N/A
GIA 20	Alberni Valley Drag Race Association	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	N/A
GIA 21	Bread of Life Centre Society	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	CPA, B, D, E, F
GIA 22	Carving on the Edge Festival Society	\$2,500	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$2,500	CPA & All EA's
GIA 23	Navy League of Canada – Port Alberni Branch	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	N/A
GIA 24	Westcoast Community Resources Society	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,000	Tof, Ucl & C

The ACRD Grant-in-Aid Policy states no “double dipping”, meaning organizations which have applied for a Grant-in-Aid from the City of Port Alberni, District of Tofino or District of Ucluelet are not eligible for a Grant-in-Aid through the

ACRD. Staff will confirm this has not occurred and inform the Directors of any issues. The applicants also submitted financial statements and budgeting information that is available if the Directors would like further information.

The ACRD Board of Directors also annually considers and confirms the following grant-in-aids:

Organization	2020 Requested Amount	2019 Awarded Amount	2018 Awarded Amount	Participants
City of Port Alberni – Economic Development	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	A
	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	B
	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	D
	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	E
	\$5,333	\$5,333	\$5,333	F
Bamfield Community Affairs	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	A
Sproat Lake contribution to City of Port Alberni to eliminate non City resident rate fees	\$24,243	\$24,243	\$24,243	D
Sproat Lake Special Events	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	D
Beaver Creek Special Events	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	E
Cherry Creek contribution to City of Port Alberni to eliminate non City resident rate fees	\$22,509	\$22,509	\$22,509	F

Desired Outcomes:

To consider and award grant-in-aids to assist local non-profit organizations which provide a benefit to all or part of the region.

Time Requirements

Some staff time required to advise the applicants of the outcome of their application and to process the grants.

Financial

The requisition amounts for grant-in-aids (that are not governed by bylaws) in 2019 by area were as follows:

Area	Amount
A – Bamfield	\$17,047
B – Beaufort	\$6,271
C – Long Beach	\$4,052
D – Sproat Lake	\$52,266
E – Beaver Creek	\$18,973
F – Cherry Creek	\$53,959
Toquaht	\$600
City of Port Alberni	\$53,279
District of Tofino	\$17,705
District of Ucluelet	\$9,788

Policy or Legislation

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Grant-in-Aid Policy and Local Government Act applies.

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Submitted by: _____
Teri Fong, CPA, CGA, Chief Financial Officer

Wendy Thomson

Approved by: per: _____
Douglas Holmes, BBA, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer



**Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
POLICY**

<i>Title:</i> Grant-in-Aid Policy	<i>Number:</i> A-1
<i>Authority:</i> Local Government Act – Sections: 181, 182, 176 (1) (c), 804 (g)	<i>Date Adopted:</i> December 7, 2012
<i>Historical Changes:</i> Rescinds current Grant-in-Aid Policy dated October 28, 2009	<i>Cross Reference:</i> Finance Department

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

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a consistent and accountable process for dealing with Grant-in-Aid Applications in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region.

Part 1 – Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy:

Applicant means the organization applying for a Grant-in-Aid.

Board means the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors.

Grant-in-Aid means financial assistance or in-kind assistance from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Region means the Alberni-Clayoquot Region.

Regional District means Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Part 2 – Eligibility

1. Organizations must meet the following criteria in order to be in consideration for a *Grant-in-Aid*:

- a) Must be a non-profit organization;
- b) Must be local in nature, in that the *Grant-in-Aid* requested is for a specific service to the residents of the *Region*;

Members: Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Tofino, Electoral Areas

"A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "C" (Long Beach), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek) and "F" (Cherry Creek)



- c) Must provide a social enrichment service to the entire *Regional District* or a specific area in the *Regional District*;
 - d) Must demonstrate that the service provided fills a need in the community, and that there is no overlapping with services already existing; and;
 - e) The organization must have sound financial and administrative management.
2. The *Regional District* will not provide a *Grant-in-Aid* to an industrial, commercial or business organization.
 3. A *Regional District* will not provide a *Grant-in-Aid* to subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior levels of government.
 4. No double dipping. Organizations that have applied for a *Grant-in-Aid* from 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*.

Part 3 – Grant-in-Aid Application Process

1. At the beginning of January each year, staff will advertise the process for organizations to submit a *Grant-in-Aid* application to the *Regional District* for consideration in the current year.
2. Organizations must submit the following documentation as part of their application process:
 - a. *Grant-in-Aid* Application Form (Appendix A);
 - b. Annual Report for the organization;
 - c. Current years budget and latest financial statement for the organization, noting any other sources of funding; and;
 - d. Brief report outlining what the *Grant-in-Aid* will be used for.
3. *Grant-in-Aid* applications must be submitted to the Manager of Finance at the *Regional District* Office no later than January 31st of each year.
4. Late applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the *Applicant*.

Members: Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Tofino, Electoral Areas

"A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "C" (Long Beach), "D" (Sprout Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek) and "F" (Cherry Creek)



Part 4 – Approval Process

1. The Manager of Finance reviews each application to ensure the organization is eligible and the correct documentation has been submitted.
2. All eligible applications will be presented at a special Committee of the Whole meeting providing an opportunity to review applications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. If requested, the applications will be presented to the applicable area committee.
3. The *Board* will consider the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole and will decide whether to approve *Grant-in-Aid* applications prior to adoption of the *Regional District's* financial plan at the end of March, each year.
4. The *Board* may request organizations to make a presentation on their *Grant-in-Aid* Application, prior to the *Board* making their final decision.

Part 5 – Release of Grant-in-Aid

1. In April of each year, the Manager of Finance will advise the *Applicants* in writing as to whether or not they have been awarded a *Grant-in-Aid*, and if awarded, the amount of financial assistance. Where the *Grant-in-Aid* awarded is for in-kind assistance, the *Applicant* will be advised in writing, the details of their in-kind *Grant-in-Aid*.
2. Organizations awarded *Grant-in-Aid* assistance will receive their funding on August 1st, each year.
3. If the organization requires their *Grant-in-Aid* funding before August 1st, they must submit in writing, to the Manager of Finance, a request for early release of their *Grant-in-Aid*.
4. Organizations awarded a *Grant-in-Aid* must submit a final report to the Manager of Finance no later than December 31st of the current year. The report must include how the funds were expended.
5. *Grant-in-Aids* are not guaranteed from year to year.
6. Organizations are encouraged to work toward financial independence.

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization: Alberni Air Quality Society		
Mailing Address: 7500 Hector Road, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 9E8		
Contact Name: Anna Lewis	Phone Number: 778)421-1500	
Email Address: aqc.coordinator@gmail.com		

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance	
	Amount \$ <u>12,000</u>	Details: _____	

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0066628

3. Please describe the benefits and services that your organization provides to the Alberni Clayoquot Region.

The Alberni Air Quality Society is the formalized body of governance to support the initiatives of the Port Alberni Air Quality Council (AQC). The AQC is a stakeholder roundtable which comes together in the spirit of collaboration to further air quality goals. The mandate of the Port Alberni Air Quality Council is to promote health by working to ensure the cleanest possible air for the Alberni Basin and its inhabitants.

The chair of the AQC cofacilitates the woodstove exchange program with encompasses the entirety of the ACRD, including First Nations, as well as providing the ACRD with supports to guide bylaw and policy development with regards to air quality as it affects human health. The chair has just completed the preliminary draft of the Airshed Management Plan (AMP) for the Alberni Airshed and the work this year will be on finalizing and initiating the workplan within the AMP along with comprehensive education, to increase the profile of air quality and impacts on human health.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District</p> <p>District of Tofino</p> <p>Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)</p> <p>Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)</p> <p>Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)</p> | <p>City of Port Alberni</p> <p>District of Ucluelet</p> <p>Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)</p> <p>Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)</p> <p>Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)</p> |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Port Alberni is currently categorized as a “red zone” community due to continual exceedances of the national standards set for Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}). There needs to be a targeted approach to reducing PM_{2.5} to stay within targeted measures. This is currently being addressed by the development of an airshed management strategy (a living document which is a community action for clean air). It will provide a blueprint to coordinate a collaborative community process to address cumulative impact of human activity on air quality.

6. Please list all other grants received and/applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

- BC Ministry of Environment - \$5,000 (support for the chair position of the Air Quality Council)

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

X yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$10 000

Year: 2018 Amount: \$10 000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

9. Submit your completed Grant-in-Aid Application, including the above documentation to:

**Corporate Secretary
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

The **Deadline** to Submit Grant-in-Aid Applications is **January 31st** of each year.

Late applications will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this application or the information required, please call (250) 720-2700.


Signature of Applicant

Jan. 29th 2020
Date

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Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:

Port Alberni Air Quality Council
 Annual Review of 2019 Activities
 Chair: Anna Lewis

Objective of the Port Alberni Air Quality Council

The primary objective of the Port Alberni Air Quality Council (AQC) is to promote health by working to ensure the cleanest possible air for the Alberni Basin and its inhabitants. This is achieved through a multi-stakeholder roundtable where members can learn from each other and work for collective action on air quality. The AQC is facilitated by a 'Chair' who convenes meeting, promotes research, education and public outreach, as well as supporting individual agencies to further action on air quality initiatives.

Highlights and Achievements of 2019

- Funding received from provincial government, ACRD grant-in-aid, Plan H: Building Healthy Spaces
- Facilitation of WoodStove Exchange program throughout the ACRD
- 7 presentations to AQC to facilitate air quality education and direction for AQC members
- Sit on the table of partners for the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network
- Community forum was convened in March around air quality and community health. Dr. Hasselback, Dr. Erik Krogh (VIU) and Anna Lewis presented
- 4 presentations around air quality and bylaws to community groups.
- Newspaper articles regarding new OBSCR bylaw regulations
- Staffed a table at the Fall Fair, alongside the ACRD Emergency Planning to talk to community about open burning policies, promotion of woodstove exchange, and community health
- Assisted with Vancouver Island University re. Port Alberni Air Quality Mapping Pilot Project
- Manage the AQC social media interface: FB "Port Alberni Air Quality Council". Staffed a table and created messaging for AQ and the WSE for Bulldogs game
- Participated in City's Climate Adaption Strategy (ICLEI)
- New members sitting on the AQC representing SD70 and the municipal fire department
- Compiled appropriate information and created preliminary draft of the Alberni Airshed Management Strategy.
- Aided with the selection of the proponent to conduct the Airshed Emissions Inventory. Completed by WSP in Spring of 2019. Technical portion of Airshed Management Plan.
- Responded to queries from City/ACRD and assist with air quality complaints, concerns, and protocols.
- Sent letter to Ministry re. lowering the industrial emissions permit review upon the sale of Catalyst which resulting in 50% reduction in emissions permit. (In the final stages).

Current Membership of the AQC & AAQS

AQC

- Port Alberni Fire Chief: Mike Owens
- Port Alberni Council Representative: Ron Corbeil
- ACRD Board Representative: Diane Bodnar
- BC MOE Air Quality Meteorologist: Earle Plain

- Island Health Environmental Health Officer: Stephanie Bruvall
- First Nations Health Authority: Karen Larsen
- Catalyst Paper Environmental Manager: Larry Cross
- Catalyst Paper: Ashley Popovich
- MLA's office: Patty Edwards
- Alberni Air Quality Society Representative: Judy Carlson
- Agricultural Representative: Gary Swan
- Member-at-large: Dave Jarret
- SD 70 Representative: Rosemarie Buchanan
- Chair: Anna Lewis

Board of directors for the AAQS

- Keith Wyton
- Bernadette Wyton
- Arne Elias
- Judy Carlson
- Patty Edwards

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY FOR 2020

Grant-in-Aid will be used to fund the position of Chair of the Air Quality Council. Description of activities described below as well as identified priorities. Grant-in-Aid may also be used to leverage funding for other applicable grant applications.

1. AQC Meetings/Organization/Communication

- Prioritize and execute project work
- Schedule, organize, and facilitate meetings to achieve activity goals
- Record meeting minutes and circulate them following meetings
- Facilitate air quality education and direction for AQC members, especially new members, including presentations of interest by guest speakers

2. Public Education/Communication

- Teaching/speaking engagements throughout the year
- Convene appropriate community forums with an air quality and community health focus
- Prioritize public education messages and activities and deliver through workshops, newspaper articles, Shaw TV segments, and radio interviews, person a table at the Fall Fair
- Update and direct people to the air quality web page
- Manage the AQC social media interface (FB)
- Attend other meetings/events to receive or deliver air quality information (Annual Provincial Air Quality and Health Workshop)
- Sit on the ACHN's Table of Partners

3. Coordinate and Harmonize Air Quality Initiatives

- Presentations/communication with City Staff/Councillors and ACRD Staff/Directors
- Harmonize air quality initiatives throughout the City and the ACRD. Current project work includes finalizing the elements of the airshed management plan, delivering the woodstove exchange program and to assist and encourage the ACRD staff to complete open burning bylaws.
- Respond to queries from City/ACRD and assist with air quality complaints, concerns, and protocols.
- Build partnerships and coordinate air quality information and activities with City and Regional Fire Chiefs, MOE, BC Lung, Industry, Health Professionals, ACRD, etc.
- Review industrial permit compliance and emissions trends, including, for example, the annual National Pollution Release Inventory for Catalyst.

Priority Activities for 2020

1. The primary focus for 2020 will be the finalization of airshed management draft, engaging stakeholders to approve draft and input for prioritizing action. Finalize and circulate as appropriate.
2. Prepare any applicable grant applications.
3. Update the Air Quality portion of ACRD website.
4. Cofacilitate with the regional district the 2020 Woodstove Exchange Program.
5. To host a public education forum on climate change.



January 6, 2020

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 5th Ave
Port Alberni, BC
V9Y 2E3

To whom it may concern,

Re: Grant-in-Aid Application

I am writing to offer a letter of support for the Alberni Air Quality Society's application to the ACRD Grant-in-Aid for funding to support the ongoing operations of Port Alberni's Air Quality Council (AQC).

I've personally worked with the AQC for the last ten years and have seen the positive changes in the Alberni Valley that have occurred because of their involvement in local airshed management. The AQC is an important organization in the Alberni Valley that provides a variety of services to the community, including air quality monitoring support, public education and outreach, support to local government, and advocacy for clean air.

The Council's members include representation from Island Health, the Ministry of Environment, the City of Port Alberni, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, local industry and community members. The Grant-in-Aid will enable support for the Chair of the AQC who also acts as an air quality coordinator and public educator.

The AQC Coordinator/Chair position is vital to the continued success of the Council. As such, the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy has contributed seed funding to help maintain an effective Council. Additional funding through the Grant-in-Aid process will ensure continuity and continued success.

Sincerely,

Earle Plain
Air Quality Meteorologist
Air Quality Section

Grant-in-Aid
Application Form



Name of Organization ALBERNI DISTRICT FALL FAIR	
Mailing Address: PO BOX 32 PORT ALBERNI V9Y 7M6	
Contact Name: ANN SIDBALL	Phone Number: 250 723-9313
Email Address:	

Grant Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>1000.00</u>	Details: <u>Printing & laminating our large signage</u>

- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no
If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S- 0003041

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
The Fair is the largest yearly event held in the region. The Fair draws people from throughout the region to the event. In 2019 the attendance was 19,000 over 4 days. 2020 marks the Fair 75th anniversary and lots of great plans are in the works. We appreciate the support of the ACRD not only for continuing to offer us the ability of printing and laminating our larger signage but for the partnerships we have been building with the ADC and our Agriculture Education component.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

the fair offers a venue for the community to come together and
celebrate its achievements. It is the largest event in the community and
draws people from through out the region.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

City of Port Alberni - in kind support for use of 4 20x20' tents
BC Government - Community Gaming Grant
Investment Agriculture - Grant to host a Buy BC component in our Ag. Education
area

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$1000. in kind services

Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

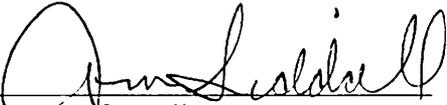
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If you have any questions regarding this application or the information required, please call (250) 720-2700.



Signature of Applicant

January 14, 2020

Date

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Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:



ALBERNI DISTRICT FALL FAIR ASSOCIATION

January 14, 2020

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
Grant in aid Committee

D2020 Grant In Aid

The Alberni District Fall Fair is requesting in kind services for printing and laminating of our larger signage. The signage we print only is information directly related to each year's event and anything that is laminated is used for more than one time use.

We appreciate all the support ACRD has given the fair in the past to continue to make this an event for all of the region to enjoy.

Sincerely

Ann Siddall
Administrator

Grant-in-Aid
Application Form



Name of Organization <i>Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce</i>	
Mailing Address: <i>2533 Port Alberni Hwy P.A. V9Y8P2</i>	
Contact Name: <i>Bill Collette</i>	Phone Number: <i>250 724 6535</i>
Email Address: <i>bill@alberni-chamber.ca</i>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <i>11,500.00</i>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no

2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no
Federally Registered
 If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: _____

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
see attached

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:
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7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

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8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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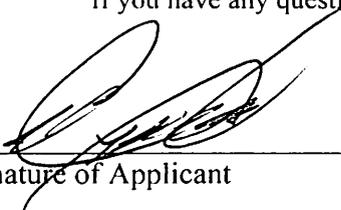
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Grant in Aid Application 2020 – Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot region.

The Visitor Centre is a critical component of all things Port Alberni and the Alberni Valley. Through our relationship with Destination BC and our Fee for Service Agreement with the City of Port Alberni we work hard to ensure that visitors to the area are provided with information and ideas to help make their time in our area more enjoyable.

Our Services are provided to more than 50000 people annually through our own 'four walls' along with our External Approach to Visitor Services via our Mobile Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center itself is located at an important area that enables us to be a first point of contact for people as they enter the area. We invest a lot of time, energy and funds to ensure that that 'first impression' goes a long way.

Employment:

The Visitor Center is operated by the Chamber of Commerce who in turn apply for funding support from various agencies to employ as many people as possible to best service the guests of our Community. Without the support of our many partners we would not be able to employ these people and in turn our delivery to the visitor could be comprised. On the flip side the employment itself provides the 'student' with excellent training opportunities that they will be able to leverage throughout their future careers. It is a win-win. In 2019 we employed 4 Students for a total of 46 weeks not including the PT opportunities throughout the off-season.

Visitor Website:

We are currently in the midst of updating our website to bring it more in line with what people are looking for. Last updated in 2016 it is now in need of more work. Part of our plan with the site is to include a 'Membership' program through an organization based out of Calgary called MEMBEE. That company assists organizations like ourselves with advanced technologies for better online viewing. We expect to be fully operational with MEMBEE early in 2020. Find us at: www.albernichamber.ca/visitor-info

We work with a number of local photographers who grant us rights to photos that they take on a regular basis. Many of these works of art are showcased throughout our Website and in particular within the Visitor Side of the site. Check out the 'Things to Do, Must See and Events pages for best results.

Through our ongoing operations we have recognized the importance of a strong Social Media Presence. That is done through our FACEBOOK and Instagram accounts both of which see strong followings and increased activity.

Mobile Visitor Center:

We initially invested in our Mobile Visitor Center (MVC) in 2014. That particular van was older and in need of some major work but at the same time it clearly proved that we were on the right path for additional reach to local visitors. In late 2016 we retired the van and then moved toward a different mobile concept that while somewhat successful it did not replace the 'van' concept.

In early 2019 our Board of Directors agreed with our desire to purchase a newer vehicle that was easier for most to drive. Consequently we now own our second MVC. That van was put into use for the summer of 2019. It is scheduled daily through our volunteers or students and can often be found at Cathedral Grove and other locations that visitors migrate to.

FAM Tours:

We work closely with our partner Visitor Centers in the nearby communities to ensure that our staff and their staff understand what is offered throughout the wider region. FAM Tours are an ongoing program for us.

Adventure Guide:

In 2014 we developed a new map concept called the Adventure Map (now referred to as a Guide vs. Map). It is a colourful creative project that includes more than 125 graphics aimed at impressing the viewer. Included in the graphics are at least 75 local businesses plus of course the many natural sites we all enjoy. This guide is handed out daily in significant numbers to the guests of the community.

The fifth version of this map was printed in late 2019 featuring almost 100 local businesses plus another 50 local attractions. The Adventure Guide is highly desired by guests of the community and it clearly paves the way for more business being conducted in the city and regional district

In 2019 we welcomed the release of a new map product via Landmark Maps. That organization develops community maps throughout BC but has never before done one for Port Alberni. The new map was received just prior to the first Cruise Ship arrival in May of 2019. The advantage to this product is that it is widely distributed through BC Ferries and Visitor Centers thus giving us more opportunity to showcase the area.

Ambassador Program:

We carry a team of about 25 Volunteers who work with us on a daily basis through the summer months. Those folks are critical to the Visitor Experience and again there is no doubt that they provide a service that benefits all within the local business community.

The Ambassador program is evolving and for 2020 it will almost certainly focus mostly on Cathedral Grove and our MVC. Should the McLean Mill reopen on a regular basis we will do our best to have extensive support in that area. As well, we are optimistic that we'll be welcomed back on the MV Frances Barkley this summer. Some Ambassadors do work within the VC itself. .

Arrowsmith View Market

Over the years we have worked hard to develop a Street Market that could eventually mirror what is offered in many other local communities. Our Market first started in 2013 as the Sunset Market and from there it moved away from the water to Margaret Street becoming the Market on Margaret. While these markets both had some initial success they also suffered from the strong winds that affect the Alberni Valley through the summer months – especially later day.

In 2019 we rebranded and moved the market again – this time to Upper 3rd Avenue under the name of the Arrowsmith View Market. The wind challenges were significantly reduced with this move however it remains to be seen as to whether we can operate the market for 2020. The financial strain of a market is significant especially with one that has suffered through the uncontrollable aspects of weather.

Visitor Guide

In 2019 we partnered with the AV News to produce a new revamped Visitor Guide. We're pleased to report that the guide developed was very well received by the public. We expect to be involved again in 2020 and are looking forward to continuing with an improved product for all to enjoy.

Business Support

Our feature event on an annual basis is the Community Excellence Awards which occurs near the end of April every year. The event has become the feature one of its kind in the area attracting a full-house of 240 people every year.

The event for 2020 will once again be held at the Italian Hall however this years' program will see some significant changes, all of them good! We expect to sell-out as per usual. On the 24th of April we'll be honouring at least 20 people because of their efforts at 'work' or on the volunteer grounds that they occupy.

In 2019 the Chamber took the lead for the Cruise Ship Welcomes all of which turned out very well. Feedback from the Cruise Line and their passengers was exceptional.

The Chamber also hosts up to 9 Dinner Meetings per year each of which feature 2-3 Guest Speakers who cover a wide range of topics.

In October of 2019 the Chamber developed and hosted a major event for Women Leaders in Port Alberni. The event featured two Guest Speakers including Ms. Mandy Farmer of Hotel Zed and Ms. Josie Osborne – Mayor of Tofino. In addition to that we enjoyed a welcome from our own Mayor – Ms. Sharie Minions. The event itself included 13 other local women who spoke to many topics for the 84 attendees.

- Chamber continues to push for implementation of the Municipal Regional District Tax which would bring upwards of **\$500,000**. To the area that can be used for Marketing purposes as well as some housing initiatives.
- Chamber is taking a lead role in a plan to redevelop the entrance to Port Alberni with new Signage plans in conjunction with a local First Nations artist who is world-renowned for his products. This plan calls for an improved entrance that should include beautification. Further down the road is the desire to include an RV pull-out across from the Visitor Center thus providing better service to those people.
- AVCO took a lead role in the 2019 push from all Island Chambers and the BC Chamber of Commerce to work with the Federal Minister for Fisheries. Our concern was the potential damage done to local businesses across Vancouver Island that could be challenged with any sort of Sport Fishery closures. Port Alberni has many local businesses that could be seriously compromised were an ill-thought closure to occur.
 - It is our Chamber that brought this matter to the attention of the BC Chamber and from there we secured a meeting with the Minister on this topic.

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community.

Visitor Services are crucial for each and every community. In our case we are well-positioned to offer exceptional services due in part to our location at the entrance to the area. Visitors do stop more often than people realize. They are looking for information, for places to stay, to eat and to shop. Additionally they are often travelling through but are available to stay for a period of time. Our staff and volunteer teams are keen to jump at those opportunities so that we can help create additional revenues for the local business community.

Our Mobile Visitor Centre is a key part of our program in that it provides opportunity for us to reach visitors by going to them. This is a unique approach to visitor services that is being considered by many other Visitor Service Operations.

Our Adventure Guide version five is widely utilized by Visitors and it clearly presents opportunities for additional sales and visits to our many facilities.

Our Way-Finding Signs are well used and are supported by many local businesses who each recognize the value to providing this sort of quality and professional information.

Our Ambassador Program is top notch and is widely recognized through Tourism BC as a model to follow. With more than 25 volunteers the program offers us significant opportunity to put our best foot forward.

We point out that the Visitor Center now includes a full Gift Shop run independently by Westcoast Home Hardware BUT staffed by ourselves as part of the arrangement. Sales of gifts in the shop should exceed \$70,000.00 per year vs. less than \$5000.00 in 2013 under a myriad of different vendors. The impact on our visitors is exceptional and it is not uncommon for us to hear that we have the BEST Visitor Center – anywhere.

The Chamber also brought back the Paper Chase – a 15k run that occurs every March. This run was started back in the '80's' by employees of Catalyst Paper Mill and with support from the Chamber back then. After many years without the race the Chamber approached the Vancouver Island Running Association about bringing Port Alberni back into the 8 session series. 2020 will be the fourth year of this successful program that brings hundreds of people to the city during a slow time of year for us.

From a Business point of view we bring Advocacy to our membership and others.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Government or Service Organizations:

We have recently signed a five year agreement with the City of Port Alberni to continue with the Fee for Service. Funds earmarked for 2020 amount to \$87,410. In addition to that we receive a Destination BC grant of \$23,021 which we expect will be in place for 2020 as well. We apply annually for Student Grants through HRDC and are in the midst of doing so once again.

In late 2018 we received a grant from Rural Dividends that extends well into 2020. That grant permits us to offer extensive Business Training Programs to the local community.

8. (c) Grant-in-Aid Funding Breakdown:

Ambassador Training – Booklet,	\$1500.	Ongoing yearly cost
Appreciation event Ambassadors	\$1000.	
Property Maintenance support	\$1000.	
Mobile Visitor Centre Support	\$3500.	Insurance is the major
cost		

ACRD area FAM Tours – travel costs etc.	\$1000.
Staff Training, First Aid Courses etc.	\$1000.
Uniforms to support local events	\$500.
Website upgrades	\$2000.
Total	\$11,500.

We thank the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District for your consideration on our ask. We are a major contributor to the region and are willing to take on any project that has direct and positive influence on our residents, businesses and visitors.

Thank you,
ALBERNI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bill Collette
CEO

Grant-in-Aid
Application Form

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NEW

Name of Organization <u>ALBERNI VALLEY HOSPICE SOCIETY</u>	
Mailing Address: <u>2579 TENTH AVENUE, PORT ALBERNI, BC V9Y 2P5</u>	
Contact Name: <u>TERESA LUDVIGSON</u>	Phone Number: <u>250-723-4478</u>
Email Address: <u>teresa@albernihospice.ca</u>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>5,000</u>	Details: _____

- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 3-54106

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

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CIP, PORT ALBERNI: TENT RENTAL FOR BUTTERFLY EVENT
BC GAMING: \$60000 in 2019 - 2020 APPLICATION IN, NO NEWS YET.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

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Year: 2018 Amount: \$4000

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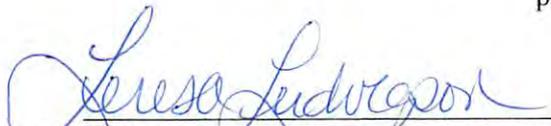
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Alberni Valley

HOSPICE SOCIETY



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January 29, 2020

Corporate Secretary
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 2E3

Re: Grant-In-Aid

Dear Sir or Madam,

Alberni Valley Hospice Society is grateful for the support our community and agencies provide to us to enable us to remain barrier free to those we serve. We rely on community contributions, grants and fundraising initiatives as we usually receive only \$99,000 through government funds, with an operational budget of over \$600,000. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Our agency learned last week that we will be in receipt of in-kind support from the Community Investment Program (CIP) for a different event fundraiser called the Butterfly Effect. Our Butterfly Effect fundraiser supports our operations. The CIP in-kind support will mean a gift of tent use for our event held in the park adjacent to our community office.

Our request to you this year asks for support of \$5,000 for our Grief and Bereavement Program. We have experienced higher operational costs in our wages for counselling services than normal due to increased factors within Port Alberni. Drug overdoses, suicides and the increased awareness and usage of MAiD has forced us to expand hours and address the needs of our community.

Thank you again for your strong community support, and for your belief in our society over the years.

Sincerely,

Teresa Ludvigson
Executive Director
Alberni Valley Hospice Society

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“Supporting Alberni Valley Hospice is community building at its best.”

Funding Request is for increased wages costs in the Alberni Valley Hospice Society Grief and Bereavement Program

As our Grief and Bereavement Program has gained more and more awareness in the Port Alberni community, the demand for services has also grown. In the past year we have increased the accessibility and hours of available staff and volunteers considerably.

In December 2018 our organization purchased a permanent community office located at 2579 Tenth Avenue. This one floor facility has full accessibility features for the entire facility. It also enabled us to include additional larger space for grief and bereavement services and programs and to add an additional counselling office space. We can now provide full wheelchair accessibility for all.

We offer caring, non-judgmental psycho-social support to those grieving the death of a loved one. Research studies states that with each death seven others will experience some type of health impact. Those grieving can experience emotional turmoil and find it difficult to cope with everyday life. The effects of grief can also trigger serious illness; there is an increase in physician and hospital visits by those grieving. Intense grief can last many months or even years after the death occurs, often flaring up around significant anniversaries. In some cases, social isolation can last decades. In a slowly advancing illness anticipatory grief can also take an immense toll on caregivers. Those experiencing challenges with grief and bereavement may also experience employment related difficulties and related costs to employers.

Without reasonable and affordable access to bereavement services, community families can face serious dysfunctional challenges, affecting multiple layers of their lives. Our services are available to any adult member of our community experiencing grief and bereavement. ***Your support helps us to ensure there are no barriers to support.***

Our referrals are generated from our palliative care program/Ty Watson House, physicians, the hospital, mental health, home and community care, victim services and self-referrals. Clients need not have had a loved one receiving palliative care or have an existing connection to our programs. We also receive referrals for bereavement after any type of death, for example after pre-natal or post-natal death of a child, adult death of a child, unexpected death, suicides, accidents, etc.

A notable increase occurred in this past year as the need for grief and bereavement services after a family member has opted for the now legal Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) procedure became legal, and with drug overdoses and suicides in our community. With all instances we are seeing an increasing level as compared to other cities. Overdose deaths and suicides create serious impacts on younger families. With the MAiD procedure, Island Health does not provide bereavement services. ***The Alberni Hospice Society offers the only specifically dedicated, timely and free bereavement service in the community. Our agency is further the education and training of our two staff with Trauma Strategies for Resolving Post-Traumatic Stress.***

Our grief and bereavement program is designed to embrace the dying and their loved ones of our community. We provide a qualified counselor specifically trained in grief and bereavement, as well as a chaplain also trained and experienced in grief and bereavement and trauma. Individual and family counseling sessions are offered to those who are experiencing significant challenges coping with grief and bereavement.

Before the 2019/2020 year, our counselling support was provided only three days + per week for clients and families going through anticipatory grief prior to death, and for bereaved individuals and families after a death. We

have expanded the services up to five days per week by including additional grief and bereavement times with our Chaplain on staff. This is enabling us to provide clients with more options and times of service. Counselling time is flexible to weekends and evenings if needed by the client. Clients are seen at Ty Watson House, Alberni Hospice Society office and at their home.

All clients are screened by the counselors prior to referral to volunteer lead support groups. Clients may also be referred to our complementary treatment volunteer team who offer Healing Touch, Reiki and Reflexology services for grief and bereavement. These hours have been nearly 500 in the past year.

Our counsellors and Hospice Services Coordinator provide professional training and support for volunteers. Since our last request we have increasingly been training volunteers to facilitate our grief groups and manage the data collection and administrative needs of the programs.

Our group structure changes periodically depending on the needs of the community. Presently, our weekly groups include a walk and talk group, a drop in bereavement group and a drop in anticipatory grief group for caregivers. Feedback from the group members has been extremely positive. ***"It has made such a difference in my life. I no longer feel alone or like I'm going crazy. Everyone is so supportive."***

Additionally, those suffering a loss but not actively utilizing services, may be followed for up to a year via letters and phone support to ensure they are moving well through their bereavement.

Our numbers in many areas have doubled. In 2018 we recorded 312 counselling sessions, whereas this past year we have recorded 716 sessions. There have been 125 phone consults, with 119 new referrals for counselling, and referrals to our groups with an average of 1440 group visit hours. We have over 1000 hours of trained volunteer time.

ACRD Grant in Aid : Re: Questions # 3 and # 5 Additional Information

Through our work within our communities we know that most people experience a life-threatening illness. When a family experiences this anticipatory grief of a loved one it is very traumatic and touches many aspects of their lives. It is a highly stressful and emotional time for everyone. Multiple Hospice services are there to address end of life, caregiver and every level of bereavement issue.

Our Hospice Society provides palliative end of life care for the members of our Regional District. This includes:

- a. Ty Watson House 4 bed residential end of life bed units;
- b. Ty Watson House;
- c. In home respite and vigil services;
- d. Hospital and long-term care;
- e. Trained volunteers for companionship;
- f. Advanced Care Planning workshops for end of life care planning;
- g. Spiritual care through our non-denominational Chaplain;
- h. Grief and Bereavement counselling individually or in groups;
- i. Healing Touch, Reiki and Reflexology;
- j. Reading Library

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization Alberni Valley Rescue Squad	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1137, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7L9	
Contact Name: Michael Riddalls	Phone Number: (250) 720-1295
Email Address: mikeriddalls@hotmail.com	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>12,053.38</u> Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0005034

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
We provide ground and inland waterways search and rescue services to the Alberni Valley and surrounding areas as far out as Bamfield and Della Falls. We also provide Mutual Aid to the West Coast in support of West Coast Inland SAR and work cooperatively with Fire Departments, the RCMP and BCEHS in the ACRD. Most of our calls are in the Regional District and include Mt Arrowsmith, Sproat Lake, Great Central Lake, Mt Klitsa, Stamp River etc.
see attached "Statement of Community Benefit."

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:
We support the RCMP, BC Ambulance, Parks Canada, the Coroner, City and volunteer fire halls in the region to locate, access, stabilize and transport lost subjects, stranded subjects and subjects in medical distress. We respond to flare sightings, lost and stranded subjects, medical rescues and body recoveries 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:
2019 Prov of BC - Community Gaming Grant \$ 40,000
2019 100 plus Women Who Care \$ 19,300

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:
 Year: 2019 Amount: \$ 13,552
 Year: 2018 Amount: \$ 6,000

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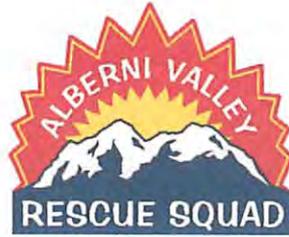
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Wm Middaugh
 Signature of Applicant

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January 30, 2020

Corporate Secretary
Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
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Re: Grant-in Aid request 2019

The Alberni Valley Rescue Squad is in need of a portable repeater to improve communications during our search and rescue operations in outlying area of the regional district that have poor radio coverage. We are also asking for grant funding to support our daily operating expenses.

We are requesting a grant in aid for 2020 of \$ 12,053.38 as follows:

Capital Equipment –	
1 each Lite Link portable repeater cw antenna, battery packs	\$ 6,053.38
Operating expenses –	
To help maintain equipment to current standards	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total grant request	<u>\$ 12,053.38</u>

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Mike Riddalls
Treasurer
Alberni Valley Rescue Squad

mikeriddalls@hotmail.com

cell: (250) 720-1295

Alberni Valley Rescue Squad

Community Benefit

The Alberni Valley Rescue Squad contributes to the enhancement of public safety through volunteer engagement in emergency services and emergency preparedness. The Squad has been serving the city of Port Alberni and Albemi-Clayoquot region for 63 years by providing professional volunteer based ground and inland waterways search and rescue services. We also provide mutual aid search and rescue services to surrounding communities stretching as far as the lower mainland. We hold a seat at the emergency operations committee for the Alberni-Clayoquot regional district and attend monthly emergency planning sessions.

Our members are trained in ground search and rescue and lead ground and inland waterways searches. We are certified in slope and high angle rope rescue, swift-water rescue on local rivers and lakes as well as flat ice rescue, avalanche response, assisting with helicopter rescues and tracking. Several of our members have received training in Light Urban Search and Rescue providing them with an understanding and ability to act safely and effectively as part of a response team during and after a major emergency. All training is provided through the Justice Institute of BC or by recognized industry leaders.

We are tasked by Emergency Management BC, the RCMP, BC Ambulance Service, Parks Canada, Municipal fire, Department of National Defense or the Coroner to search for and/or rescue missing persons within our area encompassing the Alberni Valley out to Bamfield, Mt. Arrowsmith, Strathcona Park and west to Wally Creek.

During 2019 the Alberni Valley Rescue Squad volunteered approximately 5,800 hours of service to the community. Those hours were spent by 40 active members on 38 search and rescue tasks and included 89 training exercises, 5 general meetings, 12 executive meetings, a special meetings and numerous public engagement events.

Our group provided spectator and participant safety from shore and water at the Gyro clubs annual Polar Bear Swim and at the Sproat Lake Regatta.

We participated in the Canada Day parade and festivities, annual Halloween safety patrol in conjunction with the RCMP and citizens on patrol. We taught "Hug a Tree" and "Adventure Smart" programs to hundreds of students during the year in school district 70 as well as for private and youth groups. We participated in the ADSS Pancake Breakfast and hosted a Movie night at ADSS

We worked alongside the RCMP in delivering the "Survive Outside" program to both first nations youth and grade 7 classes.

Our members assisted in providing Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education classes in conjunction with the BC Conservation Service and delivered backcountry survival and safety education to local 4h youth.

We provided an introduction and overview to search and rescue to the Aberni District Secondary School Outdoor Education class.

Application to join our organization is open to everyone in the community regardless of ability, ethnicity, gender, religion, income or sexual orientation. While active members are required to complete a Justice institute Ground Search and Rescue course and hold a valid first aid certificate there are Auxiliary positions for volunteers who are unable to meet the physical demands of Active status or offer a specific skill set.

Funding from Gaming and other sources including the ACRD allows us to maintain equipment and facilities to current standards and thereby ensuring that resources are in place to continue delivering search and rescue services to our community well into the future.

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization: <u>Alberni Valley Wrestling Club</u>	
Mailing Address: <u>4040 Clegg Crescent South.</u> <u>Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7X5</u>	
Contact Name: <u>James Messenger</u>	Phone Number: <u>250-735-8854</u>
Email Address: <u>jmessenger@sd70.bc.ca</u>	

Grant Requested: <u>\$1500.00</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>1500.00</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S-0021156

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

Youth development through the sport of Olympic wrestling and community service. We serve over 500 youth in the valley ages 8-18 each year. We assist with numerous community projects and events each year. We promote service learning to our athletes and we positively contribute to life in our community.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

We provide healthy physical activity and character development for youth, ages 8-18. We provide strong adult role models and mentors for youth. We teach them to set goals and to pursue their dreams. We foster community service.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

We receive grants for other aspects of our program but not for this event.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2020 Amount: \$1500.00
Year: 2019 Amount: \$1500.00

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) Annual Report;
- (b) A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;
- (c) A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.

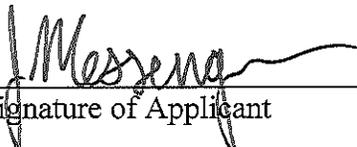
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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

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Signature of Applicant

Jan 7 2020
Date

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Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:



Alberni Valley Wrestling Club
4040 Clegg Crescent South, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7x5

Phone: (250) 735-8854

January 2020

Dear Regional District Directors,

I am writing to submit a request for a grant from the Regional District to assist the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club and Alberni District Secondary to host the 2021 Alberni Armada Invitational.

We are excited to be hosting the 38th Armada Wrestling Invitational. We expect over 400 competitors, in Grades 6 – 12 from over 100 schools from around BC to the Alberni Valley. We expect over 50 local athletes from Port Alberni and Ucluelet to compete.

The 2021 Armada Invitational will attract over 1000 people to the Valley for those days. We have hosted a major tournament, either the Armada Invitational or the BC High School Championships for 43 consecutive years. These events have brought hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic activity to our area in addition to enhancing the knowledge and appreciation for what the region has to offer. Over 200 volunteers and many, many sponsors will help make this event happen.

Without the support of our sponsors and the grant we receive from the Regional District it would be impossible to host major events such as this

We recognize you receive many requests and appreciate your consideration. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Messenger'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Messenger
Alberni Wrestling

Alberni Armada Invitational Wrestling Tournament

Port Alberni, February 5 – 6, 2021

Budget Projections

Expense

- Custodial - \$900
- Officials - \$4,000
- Medals - \$2,500
- Coaches Meals - \$3,000
- Social - \$1,000
- Awards - \$1,000
- Coaches Room - \$500
- Hotel Rooms - \$2,000
- Mat Tape - \$350
- First Aid Supplies - \$400
- 50/50/Raffles - \$850
- Mat Moving - \$200
- Set-up & Supplies - \$200
- Staging for seats - \$200
- Paper & Copying - \$200
- Copier - \$250
- Volunteers - \$600
- Radios - \$250
- Bleacher rentals - \$1000

Income

- * Entry Fees - \$9,000
- * 50/50 & Raffles - \$800
- * Coaches Meals - \$2,000 (at registration)
- * Regional District - \$1,500 (application)
- * Cash Sponsors - \$3,000
- * In-Kind Sponsors - \$3,000

TOTALS - Expenses * \$19,300

Income- \$19,300

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

See attachment "B"

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

ACRD years: 2019, 2018, 2016. BC Lottery Corporation

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$4,000.00
 Year: 2018 Amount: \$5,306.88

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
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 Signature of Applicant

Jan 29, 2020

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Attachment A

Application to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Please describe the service and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

During times of significant events such as earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires and extreme weather conditions the established communications infrastructures could be overwhelmed causing it to fail or even destroyed. The first line of defence during and after these types of events is communications; through the use of personal equipment, the Emergency Communications Team Trailer and the club's radio repeater systems, amateur radio operators are able to provide the backup communications within the affected areas and beyond.

AARC has been providing this service since 1977 by establishing a network of radio repeaters strategically located to give the best range and coverage of the communities in the ACRD.

In the event of an emergency, communications are vital to all areas and AARC has been able to provide backup communications service for the past 36 years through community involvement and generous support from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Island Timberlands, Port Alberni Multicultural Society, Port Alberni Fall Fair Society, Port Alberni Salmon Festival and Rotary Club of Port Alberni Arrowsmith. Through our supporters' donations, AARC can provide a service that otherwise would not be available.

AARC operates a fully functional amateur radio station at the ACRD Emergency Operation Center and the ECT Trailers where our capabilities have extended to include EMBC commercial VHF frequencies to coordinate with Fire, Ambulance, SAR, RCMP, CCG and even the Canadian/US Military on HF frequencies.

We are now building a wireless Mesh System to encompass the entire valley and eventually out to Bamfield which will have wireless communications for data and telephone to base units of First Responder and Life Line Organizations who wish to participate.

Attachment B

Please describes how the service provided by your organization fills a need in the community:

Arrowsmith Amateur Radio Club provides radio communications when and where required to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District in the event of a disaster, whether in the local area or in other areas of Vancouver Island. AARC is part of a dedicated team, which includes Emergency Operations Centers, Valley Fire Departments, SAR, RCMP, BC Ambulance, EMBC, Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Military and other emergency operations throughout Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.

AARC also has mutual aid agreements with other mid-island amateur radio groups to volunteer and help with tests and exercises and in event of a declared emergency.

- Provide communication in support of response operations;
- Provide back-up communications;
- Coordinate radio frequencies used;
- Establish and coordinate a message control center;
- Establish static and mobile communication posts as required
- Establish communications with EMBC and even the Canadian Military
- Coordinate interagency communications with local emergency service providers for the ACRD EOC and the local governments.

Grant-in-Aid Purpose

A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.

Since Coast Response Exercise, we've learned that verbal communications between First Responders, Life Line Resources and the ACRD EOC are vital and our efforts needed to improve. Two years ago we started to test a wireless self-healing Mesh System that would give the Valley a wireless data communications and a telephone system. Our testing has now been completed and we have started to build the required infrastructure. But our investment in the system has reached a plateau because of available funding.

With this grant, it will assist in the ongoing construction of the high-speed Mesh System, a private wireless LAN System.

During Coastal Response, we were using UHF and VHF Packet radio, which required us to manually type in the documents and send at a speed of 1200 baud, which is approximately 75 character/second. This system proved to be barely adequate. Had this been a real emergency we would have been inundated with messages just from the emergency services in the valley. During the exercise, the Emergency Communication Team Trailer handled 1600 messages in four days, had this been a real emergency the number of messages would most likely have doubled or even tripled on a daily basis.

AARC has been experimenting with a private self-healing wireless LAN system on 2.4 and 5 gigahertz at speeds up to 56 megabits/sec.

The Mesh system has been showing speeds of up to 56 megabits/sec, and it's full-duplex, so it's sending and receiving at the same time. And it will allow us to include colour pictures to a situation report and won't require a radio, antenna and a TNC modem at a cost of approximately \$2600 per location. It will only require a laptop and an antenna which has a small .6 of a watt output radio built-in at a cost of \$600-700 per site. But it requires an infrastructure with a series of wireless transceivers located throughout the Valley.

AARC started building the infrastructure within the Valley in 2018 and it will be available to all participating First Responders and Life Line agencies such as Fire, RCMP, Ambulance, Hospital, SAR, Reception and Command Centers and other agencies who need to communicate with the ACRD EOC.

We need an infusion of \$5,000 to get to stay on track with the construction of the system, we have already invested a large amount of time and money into this project and it will benefit our communities.

The Mesh System sites are Beaver Creek Fire Hall, the old Post Office building on Argyle, the water tower at the ACRD Landfill and Alberni Communications and Electronic as well as a number of members who have battery backup on site. It is our plan to add sites at the following:

West Coast General Hospital

Alberni District Secondary School

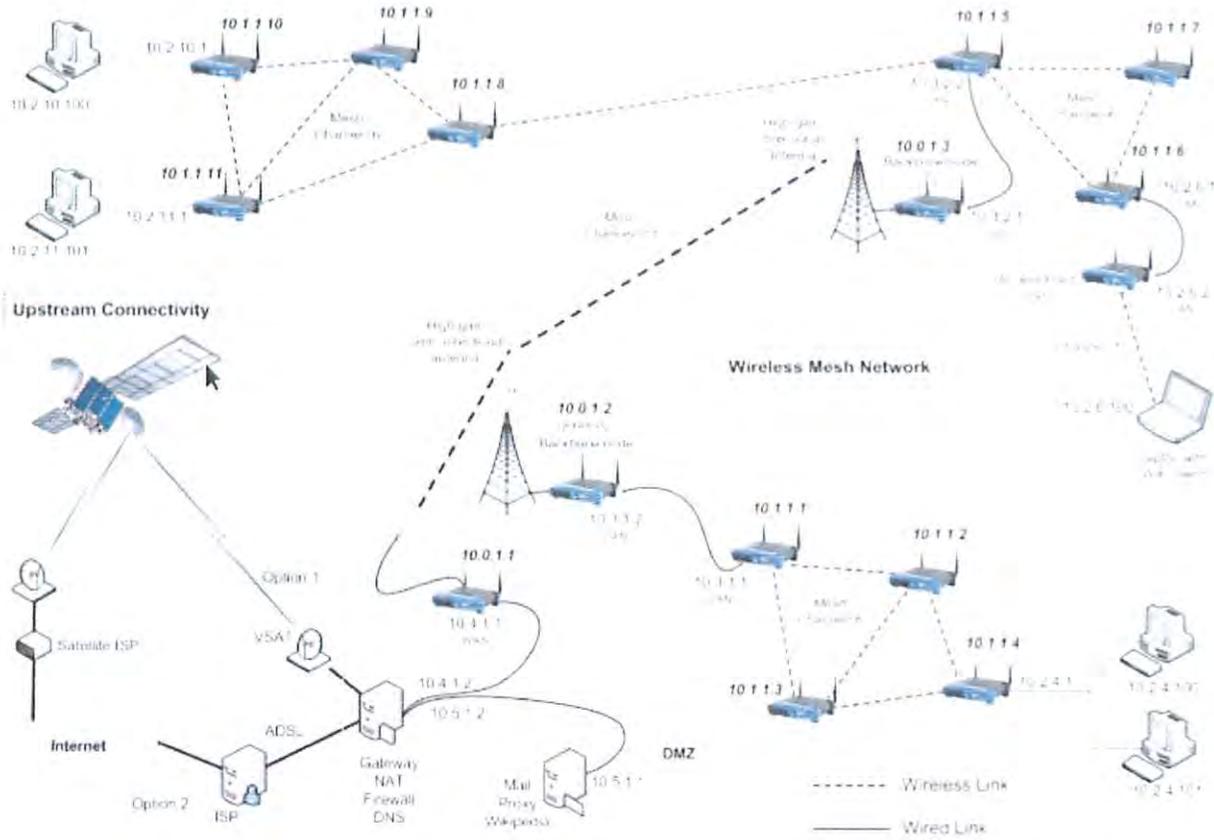
Johnston Steet Reservoir (presently testing to connect to Cherry Creek Fire Hall and SAR Hall)

Arbutus Ridge (possible future site to reach Bamfield)

The Mesh System is such that it is like a fishing net and at every knot, there is a station, so if the loss of a station happens due to failure or damage, the system is not compromised but continues to function.

Mesh Systems are in use in Seattle, Vancouver and most large cities on a commercial basis. Although Seattle, Vancouver, Toronto and Niagara Regional have amateur radio Mesh Systems for emergency communications.

Wireless mesh architecture is the first step towards providing cost-effective and low mobility over a specific coverage area. Wireless mesh infrastructure is, in effect, a network of routers minus the cabling between nodes. It is built of peer radio devices that do not have to be cabled to a wired port like traditional WLAN access points (AP) do. Mesh infrastructure carries data over large distances by splitting the distance into a series of short hops. Intermediate nodes not only boost the signal but cooperatively pass data from point A to point B by making forwarding decisions based on their knowledge of the network, i.e. perform routing by first deriving the topology of the network. (from Wikipedia)



Each of these routers (blue item) represents a node and passes data via each step. Then it is forwarded to the high gain antenna to be passed on the next section of the Mesh.

Each of the nodes we have in place so far needs to have two forms of power, AC from the mains, and DC supplied by a battery with an off main charging system. Presently we have been using donated batteries that were close to their end of life and they need to be replaced. As well we are installing solar panels

to charge the batteries when there is no AC mains power. Last year's grant allowed us to purchase new replacement batteries for the ACRD Landfill site and this grant is to replace the batteries at the old post office building on Argyle Street site which needs six batteries at a cost of \$300 per.

Project Description Cost Extended

Project Discription	Cost	Extended
Complete VE7URC (Old Post Office Building) Solar panel wiring and connections into battery cabinet and solar controller, Replace solar batteries. Install work area lighting (LED fixture in a florescent fixture style) South East antenna mount.	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00
VA7PAP, Maple Way, Johnston Street Reservoir. Link to Cherry Creek Fire and SAR Hall/Backup BCA Station. Improve the antenna mounting structure. DC Power Supply/battery charger 12VDC, solar batteries, solar panels 200W Solar charge controller.	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Portable Mesh Node, Stanley toolbox or other housing, 2.4 or 5 GHz radio (Nanostation or PowerBeam), Antenna mounting structure (telescoping pole, Tripod, vehicle anchor plate, misc clamps and cables) Laptop and IP telephone	\$ 1,000.00	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 5,000.00

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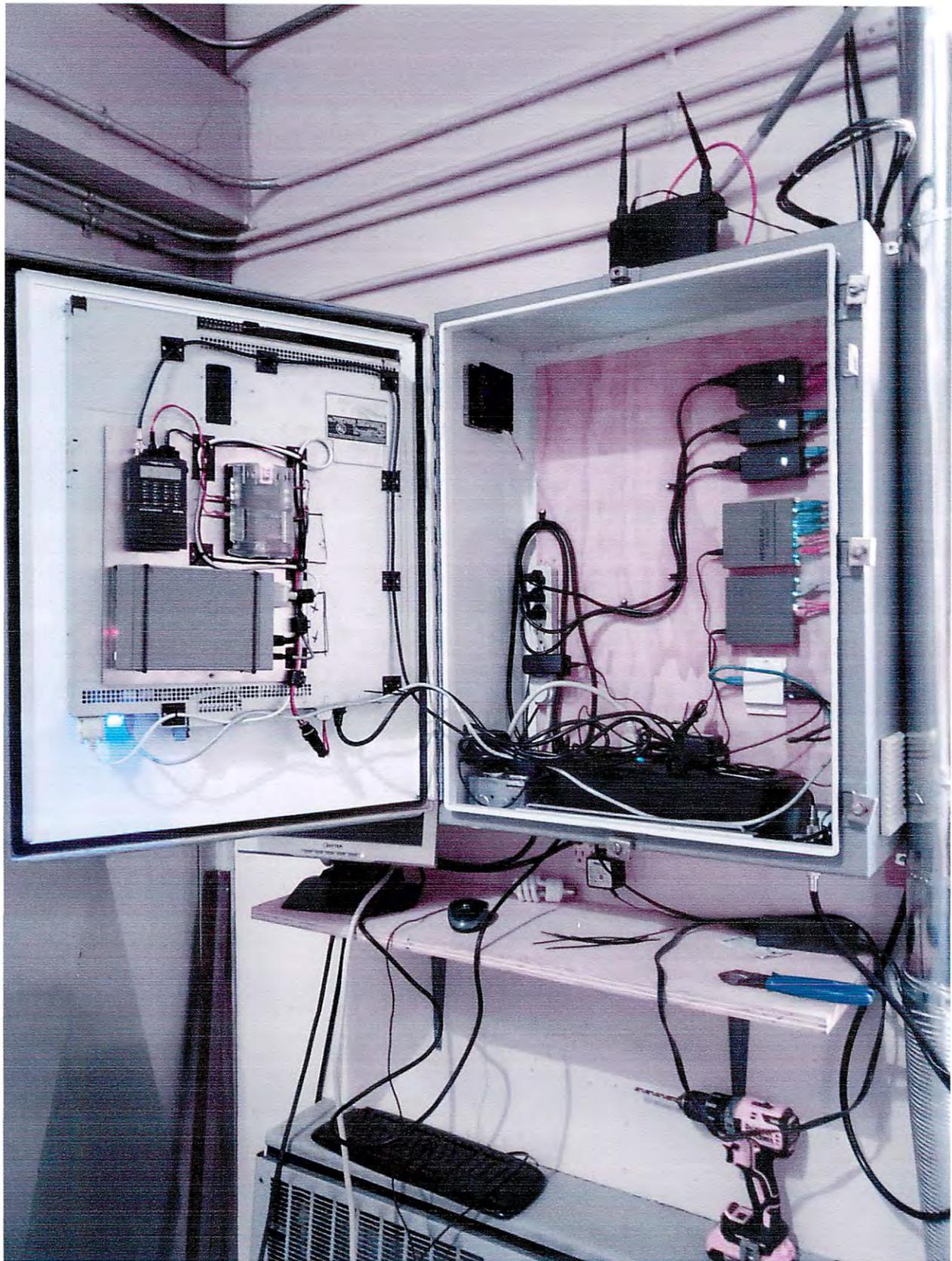
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The old Post Office building self-healing Mesh Node



Name of Organization Central Westcoast Forest Society	
Mailing Address: PO Box 641, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0	
Contact Name: Mandala Smulders	Phone Number: 250-522-1269
Email Address: mandala@clayoquot.org	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>3500</u>	Details: _____

- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 8903 6358 RR0001

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
The mandate of Central Westcoast Forest Society (CWFS) is to 1) restore forest and stream ecosystems that have been negatively impacted by human activities 2) enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat management through research and monitoring projects and 3) engage the community through education and employment. Our governing Board of Directors and restoration team are comprised of residents from all 7 communities within the Clayoquot and Barkley region. Over the past two decades, CWFS has completed 86km of stream habitat restoration, 100.5 hectares of forest restoration, placed 578 cubic meters of clean spawning gravel, deactivated 249km of high risk logging roads, planted over 47,000 trees and has raised and invested over \$24million in habitat restoration on Vancouver Island.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Watersheds within the ACRD have been negatively impacted by past logging practices, road building and infrastructure. CWFS provides restoration efforts aimed at restoring ecosystem health within these watersheds. Our efforts have shown an increase in Pacific salmon populations and wildlife abundance in these degraded watersheds. The CWFS restoration crew is composed of local residents from Tofino, Ucluelet, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Toquaht and Yuuufifit Nations

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

MaMook Natural Resources : \$5000 pending

SFI Community Grant: \$10,000 pending

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: 3500

Year: 2018 Amount: 3500

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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Mandala Smulders

Signature of Applicant

January 20, 2020

Date

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**ACRD GRANT IN AID APPLICATION
CENTRAL WESTCOAST FOREST SOCIETY
Lost Shoe Creek Walk in the Forest Trail Upgrades - Gazebo**

The Lost Shoe Creek Walk in the Forest Trail provides a unique opportunity for the general public to engage in and learn about salmon habitat and watershed restoration through a boardwalk and interpretive signage. The gazebo at the start of the trail is rotten and falling apart; it requires immediate attention in order to increase safety for the visitors to this trail.

The Lost Shoe Creek watershed was once one of the major salmon producing systems in our region, however, early forestry practices destroyed much of the vital spawning and nursery habitat within the watershed, resulting in a significant decline in local salmon stocks. Since the mid 1990's restoration and monitoring efforts have been on-going in this watershed and in 2019 we intend to build on earlier efforts while improving the safety of The Walk in the Forest Trail.

We are asking ACRD to fund a smaller component of a larger watershed monitoring and education project. 2019 monitoring will include a volunteer smolt program where staff and volunteers monitor the number and health of out-migrating juvenile salmon through gee traps; this monitoring project has been in operation for over 9 years and helps us to gain important information on the health of the entire watershed.

In the late 1990s a boardwalk, along with interpretive signage was built within the watershed to allow access and showcase the restoration site; allowing the general public to learn about salmon and the issues facing our salmon populations while witnessing first-hand local restoration efforts designed to rebuild these dwindling salmon stocks. The easily accessible, simple walk and unique subject matter has made this boardwalk a favourite for locals and tourists alike. The boardwalk and interpretive signage have been a great asset to environmental education in our area, hosting many elementary, high school and university classes over the years. CWFS has been upgrading the boardwalk regularly on an as-needed basis, however, the 20+ year old gazebo is rotten and requiring immediate attention. With the help of ACRD, CWFS plans to remove the rotten gazebo and replace with a new covered structure to ensure there is a dry and safe place for visitors and educational groups to gather at the entrance to the trail.

We are asking ACRD for funding to help support the repairs and upgrades to the gazebo at the entrance of the Walk in the Forest Trail so that we can continue to bring school groups and other volunteers to this trail for learning purposes.

Please help us improve The Walk in the Forest Trail to allow access for all locals and tourists to learn about forest and stream ecology and the importance of restoration in improving our salmon stocks. By improving the knowledge of the general public on this very important topic, we aim to foster a sense of stewardship, encouraging people to get involved in protecting our forests, streams and the species that rely on them.

Thank you,
Mandala Smulders
Director of Operations, Central Westcoast Forest Society



YEAR OF THE SALMON

CWFS RESTORATION

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2018-2019

Central Westcoast Forest Society (CWFS) is a registered charity on the west coast of Vancouver Island in the traditional territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. Since 1995 we have been working to restore wild salmon habitat that has been damaged or degraded by human activities. We recognize the importance and inexplicable value of these species to coastal communities and ecosystems. We strive to provide employment, training and educational opportunities for local people to work directly with the watersheds in this region. Through restoration, monitoring, research and education we aim to restore ecosystems and recover wild salmon.

HELP THIS IMPORTANT WORK CONTINUE



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Restoration

- 13.8 ha forest restored
- 650 m river restored
- 6269 trees planted
- 411 native plants
- 24 logs positioned
- 20 tons garbage removed
- 10 bat boxes installed



Monitoring

- 929 Juvenile salmon at Ci?ci Creek
- 9,881 Juvenile salmonids at Tranquil River
- 6 Beach seines in Tranquil Estuary
- 40 Spawner surveys
- 9 Watersheds



Education

- 9 Interpretive tours
- 4 University Groups
- 7 Presentations
- 1 Conference



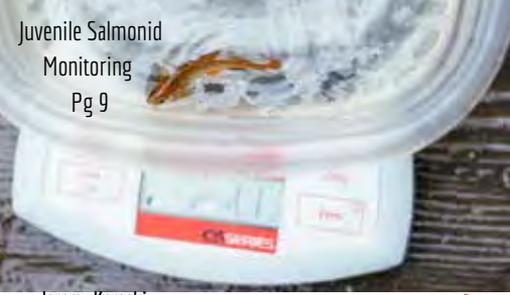
Stewardship

- 293 Volunteers
- 22 Employees
- 3 Fundraisers
- 1 Awarded Tofino's Non-profit of the Year

\$1.1 million dollars raised and invested in research, monitoring, training and restoration in 2018-2019

This work could not be done without our sponsors and collaborators!





Juvenile Salmonid
Monitoring
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Jeremy Koreski



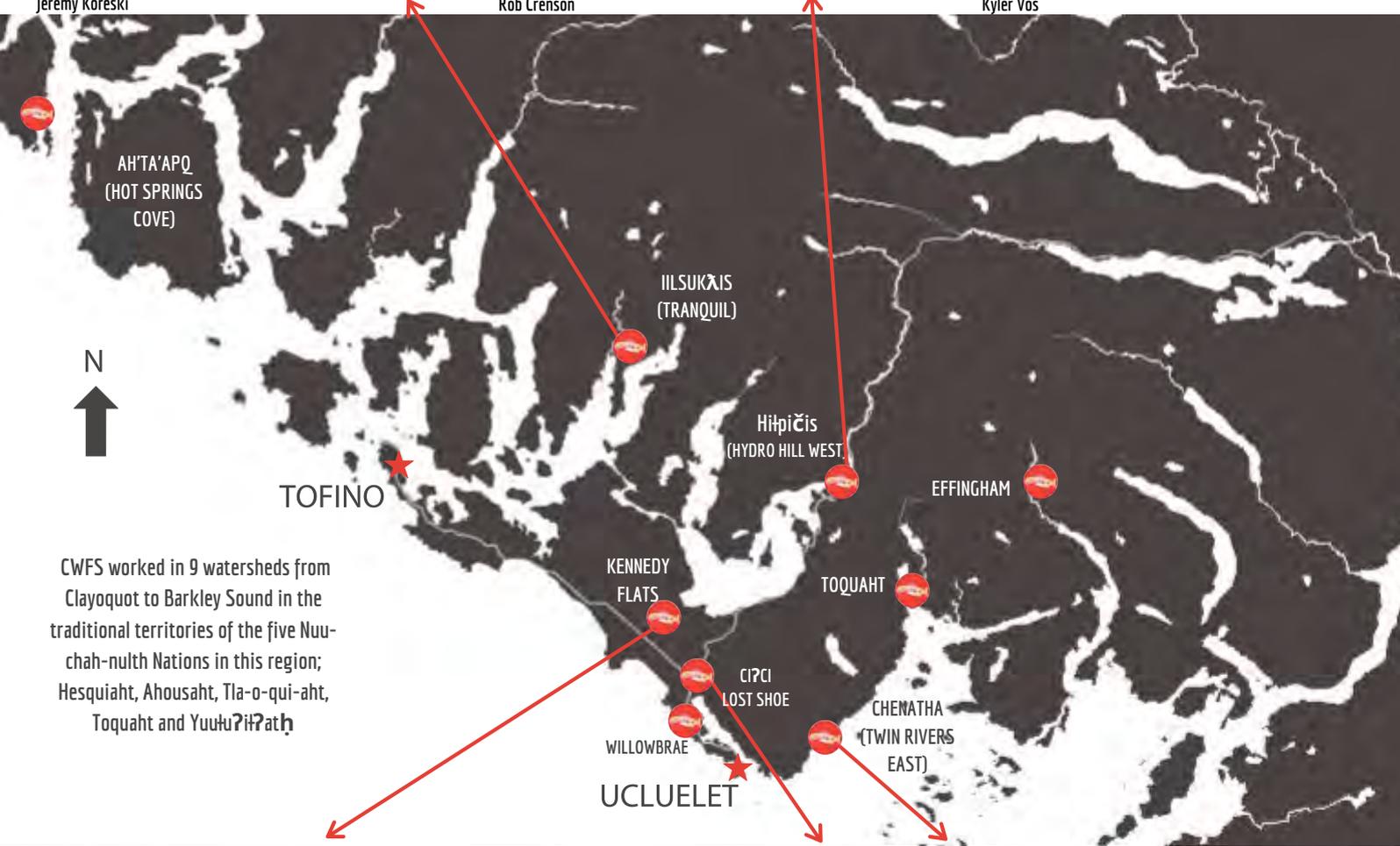
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CWFS worked in 9 watersheds from Clayoquot to Barkley Sound in the traditional territories of the five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations in this region; Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ



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SALMON PEOPLE

WORDS AND IMAGES BY MELODY CHARLIE



Before Canada was a country & most definitely before načiks became Tofino & probably even before Nuu-chah-nulth named themselves, we've been dependent on salmon.

Our lives have always completely revolved around the sun, the moon & the salmon. Summer harvest that would provide our communities with plenty of warmth & nourishment throughout the entire winters. Families would be found working together, cleaning, cutting, jarring, drying & smoking. It was a time of gathering, a time when it felt like everyone had purpose & no one was dare found sitting still.

From the fishermen who went out, took time away from their families to provide for not only their own families but their whole communities. To the grandmothers who always seemed to be in charge, working the hardest & yet somehow never ran out of energy or had time to complain about all the work these salmon brought. To the siblings & the grandchildren who took orders from those strong matriarchs slaying 200-300 salmon like the women warriors they were & are.

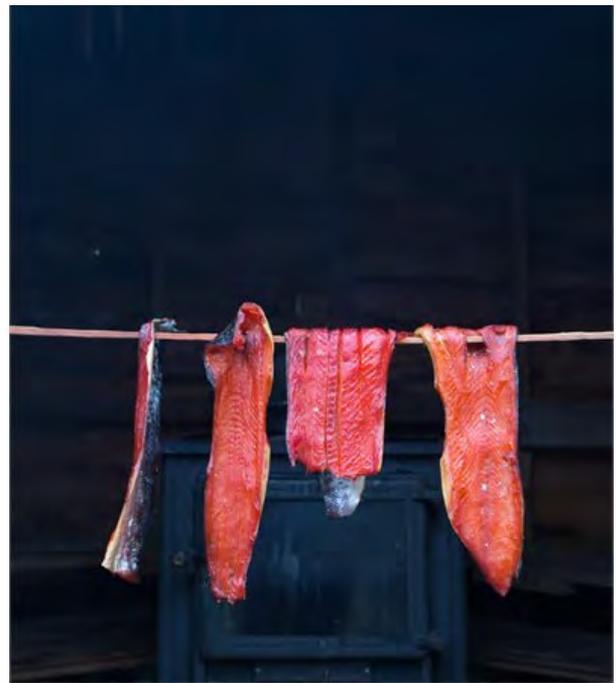
200-300 salmon per family seemed to be the norm then. Entire docks would be covered in salmon waiting for their communities to come and claim their winter's warmth. Today, for those Nuu-chah-nulth communities that might still be providing 'food fish' to their members, some might receive maybe 10 - 20 fish per year, if any at all.

So much of our identity comes from these silver slabs. Who are we without salmon? It's hard to imagine any season without salmon, especially ceremony season. So much of who we are & who we've been has been shaped through these sacred swimmers.

As our lands & waters continue to shift, as we continue to attempt to repair what we as humans broke, it somehow feels like the salmon are trying to fix us. Like as if they're telling us, ʔusum ʔuuʔakatquu haḥuʔi, we need to take care of our territories.

Take care of our homes that they live in, all so the salmon can die in us. After all, it is their death that gives us life & what life do we have without their death?

Melody Charlie grew up in Ahousaht on Flores Island. Her photography strongly reflects her connection to culture, family and spirituality. To see more of her work visit www.melodycharlie.com



WEST COAST TRIPLE PLANK RAISES OVER **\$13,000** FOR SALMON RESTORATION

This May, Vancouver Island hosted the third annual West Coast Triple Plank. This one of a kind event is a three day long surf-skate-snow competition held here on the island. Though the event revolves around these three boarding contests, the overarching goal is to bring awareness to local environmental issues that our coast faces.

The West Coast Triple Plank was started in 2017 by two locals; Marie-France Roy and Alicia Gilmour. These two women have a huge appreciation for the environments that sustain us. Not only do they want to bring people together to celebrate the activities that we love, but also to remind us

that we need to bring about change in order to protect where we play. The proceeds of this event go towards local salmon habitat restoration projects carried out by Central Westcoast Forest Society (CWFS).

The event starts off with participants visiting an ongoing restoration site and helping to restore the stream banks by planting native vegetation. This year, we visited Hiłpičis Creek (Hydro Hill West). The events the following day are carried out in the coastal towns of Tofino and Ucluelet for the surf and skate contests. The third day sees a convoy of people making their way up to Mount Washington for the snow component and grand finale.

Photo of Hiłpičis Creek by Rob Crenson



In between contests the days are jam packed with fun events; including barbecues, silent auction, tree planting, live music and camp outs. Throughout this flurry of fun and fundraising, the contest achieved its goal by successfully raising over \$13,000. This contribution will go towards under-funded and remote habitat restoration projects in our region.



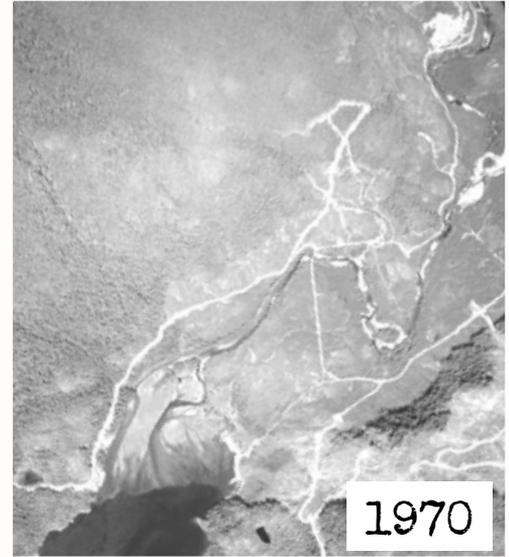
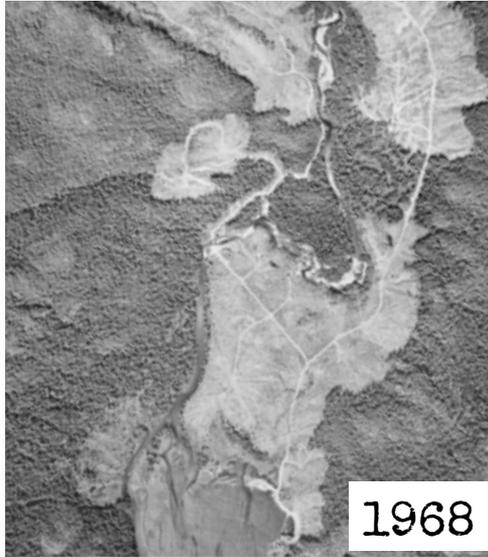
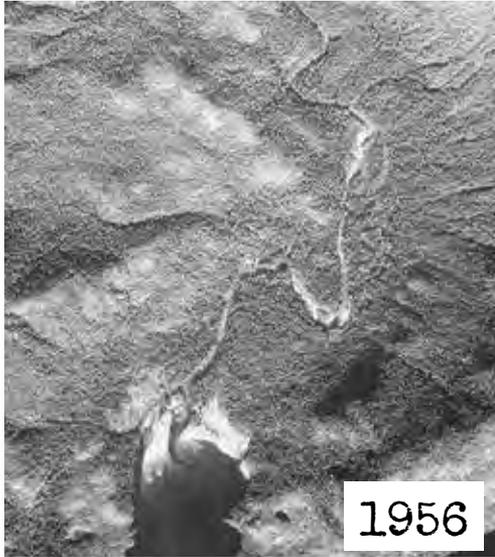
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Top left: Tranquil watershed before industrial logging Top middle: Extensive clear cut logging on river left Top right: continued clear cuts throughout the watershed
Bottom left: Second growth forest dominates the Tranquil watershed at this time



Before it was Logged

by Christine Spice, CWFS Intern
MSc Candidate, Simon Fraser University

Tranquil Creek watershed is located 20 km northeast of Tofino. Air photos of this watershed date back to 1936. They were initially undertaken as part of the war effort and flown by the Royal Canadian Air Force. Later, the images were collected for the purpose of forest inventory mapping.

Today we can use them to quantify changes over time including: forest cover, landslides, hydrology, and river channel structure; all of which are important indicators of the health of the watershed for chinook salmon.

Industrial scale logging began in Tranquil watershed in the 1960s. At that time, no protection was afforded to the riparian zone or fisheries resources; heavy machinery was used in-stream and throughout the riparian zone. A dense network of roads compacted soils increasing sediment and water delivery to the river. The damage caused by this logging persists today.

Our research focuses on how historic logging practices continue to affect chinook rearing and spawning habitat in the river as well as in the estuary.

Through an air photo analysis we can determine if the removal of trees and the subsequent increase in bank erosion and landslides in the upper watershed has altered river hydrology and salt marsh ecology. With this information, we will develop a comprehensive restoration plan to restore the conditions required by chinook salmon for successful rearing and spawning.

Restoring chinook salmon habitat is a difficult task and we are lucky to have many partners in this endeavor. We are honored to be able to work with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and to help advance the current knowledge on estuary restoration in BC.

Funding for this project was generously provided by Ocean Outfitters and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.



The Tranquil estuary's vegetated salt marsh supports many species of salmon including chum, chinook and coho. Funding for this project is provided by Ocean Outfitters and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

Juvenile Salmon Monitoring: Tranquil Watershed

By Kaylyn Kwasnecha

As the daylight stretches longer, skunk cabbage along riverbanks emerge, and the snow begins to melt off the mountains, juvenile salmon are already making headway down creeks towards the sea. An impressive physiological transition occurs when young salmon (fry and parr) migrate from freshwater to the marine environment and adjusting to living in salt water (smolt).

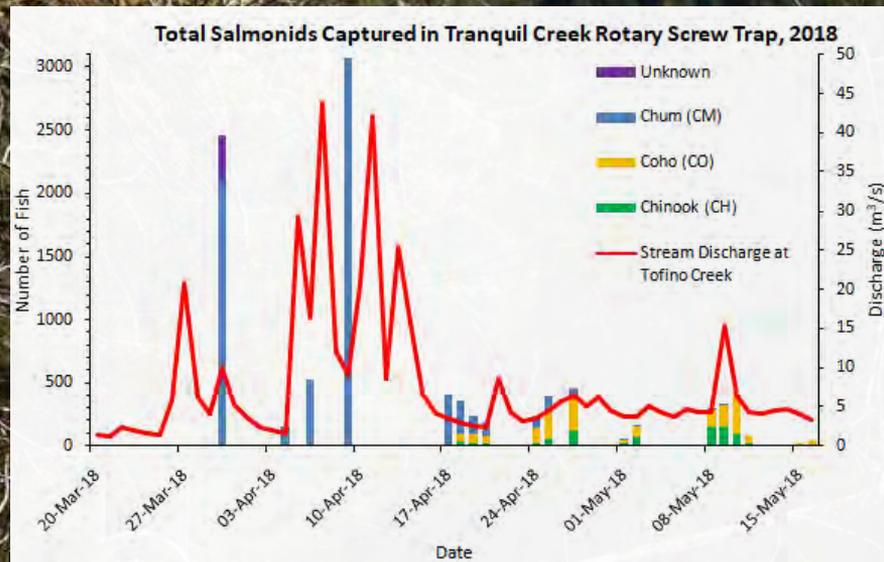


Andrew McCurdy

From March until June, a Rotary Screw Trap (RST) was in operation in the Tranquil Creek watershed. An RST is a floating metal cone facing upstream that spins with the river flow to funnel fish into a box. Crew counted the salmon and trout, identified species and life stage, measured fork length and weight, and checked for abnormalities. Fish were then released downstream to continue on their way.

Almost 10,000 young salmon were seen in the trap over 21 days of checking. The day with the highest fish count was on April 9 which corresponded with the highest rainfall in the area. In a degraded watershed that has been logged, access to low-flow off-channel rearing habitat is often lost and juvenile salmon are flushed out to sea following a large rainfall event. The longer the salmon rear in the river the larger they are when they enter the estuary. Undersized juvenile salmon are easy pickings for mergansers, blue herons, harbour seals and a host of predators that await them at the mouth of the river. Quality habitat in the river is key to their growth and survival.

In 2017 just 89 adult chinook salmon returned to Tranquil Creek. The population dropped again in 2018 with only 59 spawners returning. Now more than ever we need to keep a close eye on our wild salmon stocks. Monitoring the survival of salmon from egg to fry will provide important insights into the health and productivity of the river. Monitoring our stocks will be key to their recovery over the long-term.





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HOW STRUCTURE CAN BE A GOOD THING

By Tom Balfour

West coast rivers are tough places to try and make a life.

Relentless winter rain causes bank-bursting floods while summer droughts see rivers warming to lethal levels or just plain drying-up; that's before humans started messing things up.

A watershed is a massively complex interface between terrestrial, fresh water and marine ecosystems. Over millions of years many species of fish have evolved to be able to thrive in these ever-changing systems. Adapting to live in a river is an impressive feat, but it couldn't have happened without trees.

Trees are critical to many ecosystem functions: trees hold slopes and stream banks together, they protect banks from erosion and they manage how water moves through the watershed.

It is this positive feedback loop that allowed our salmon runs to thrive and the trees to become giants. Living trees provide immeasurable ecological value, but fish need dead trees too, especially in the river.

When flowing water meets a big old dead tree laying in the stream the force of the water being pushed over and around the log scours out deep pools and forms calm eddies while the tangled roots provide cover and shade for young fish to live amongst.

Trees also provide shade to cool the creek and habitat for insects - fish food.



In turn, fish fertilize the forest by returning annually to spawn and deposit vast quantities of marine-derived nutrients.

Rivers are naturally dynamic systems in a constant state of flux, and in-stream wood provides pockets of much needed stability.

Unfortunately all of these natural systems that make a watershed livable are disrupted or destroyed when the area is poorly logged. In an unlogged watershed there is a constant supply of old-growth trees making their way into the stream one way or another, toppling off banks, carried in with a landslide or felled by a beaver.

When a watershed is logged bank-to-bank this natural system for recruitment of large wood is lost.

In most cases, second- growth trees are not large enough to provide functional habitat yet, often flushing out to the ocean immediately.



Comic by Emma Quinn

"HEY RICK! YOU SEE THE WOOD CONDOS THEY'RE PUTTING IN AROUND THE BEND? IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY ROUGHENED UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD!"

HOW TO BUILD HABITAT FOR SALMON

A legacy of “stream cleaning” saw much of the large wood intentionally removed from streams in an early attempt to improve fish habitat. In many rivers the absence of in-stream wood is often a major limiting factor for fish productivity.

With fish populations struggling and riparian forest still 200 + years away from being able to contribute wood in a meaningful way; restoration efforts are needed.

Building large wood back into rivers is a big part of what we do at CWFS. By engineering log structures in damaged streams we can increase both the quantity and quality of spawning and rearing habitat while mitigating erosion and gravel movement; log structures are designed to stand in as functional habitat while the riparian forest and natural wood recruitment regime recovers.

Log structures on their own are just a “band-aid” solution for fish habitat but when applied in concert with upslope and riparian restoration efforts, they become a key part of a holistic watershed restoration project. Since 1995, CWFS has built hundreds of structures in damaged watersheds across the west coast of Vancouver Island in an effort to create habitat and ultimately rebuild wild fish populations.

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Jeremy Koreski
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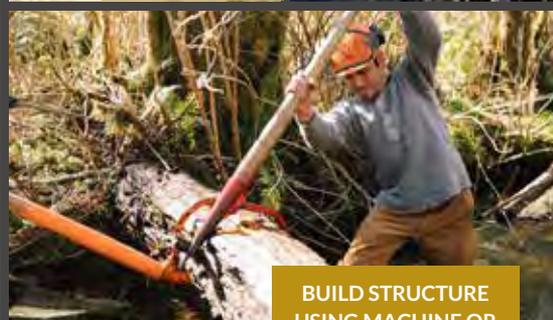
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The west-coast of Vancouver Island is home to ancient systems of Indigenous law, and the legal reality in British Columbia today – particularly as it relates to Indigenous rights and title – is complicated.

Indigenous Rights and Title *-in relation to west coast nations-*

Article by Sarah Robinson, cofounder of Uukwiis Wildlife Adventures
Input from Eli Enns

When non-Indigenous people travelled to the west-coast in the 1700s, Nuu-chah-nulth Nations were living as they have for millennia – in intricately organized societies with complex hereditary governments structures.

Because European settlement in the territories now called Canada largely occurred from east to west, treaty-making roughly followed the same path. Early settlers relied on Indigenous knowledge in order to survive, and also relied on treaties in which Indigenous Nations gave permission for settlers to (peacefully) remain in their territories. In fact, in 1763 Britain issued a Royal Proclamation to guide settlers’ conduct in North America and to explicitly recognize that all land in “the colonies” is Indigenous land until ceded or sold to the British Crown.

However, by the time treaty-making efforts pushed towards the west-coast in the late 1800s, many Indigenous Nations had lost up to 90% of their populations due to European disease epidemics.

These mass tragedies, coupled with geopolitical implications of building the Canadian Pacific Railway, made settlers’ expansion to the west easier and shifted power into the hands of settler leadership and gave them little incentive to complete treaties. As a result, roughly 80% of British Columbia still does not have treaties in place.

Because there are few treaties in BC, and because Indigenous Nations were not conquered in war, and because Indigenous Nations did not cede or sell their territories as alluded to in the 1763 Royal Proclamation, it means that the Canadian and British Columbian governments’ proclaimed “sovereignty” stands on no legal ground in BC. This is why our legal reality – particularly as it relates to Indigenous rights and title – is so complex.

Instead of pursuing treaties, settlers began to develop legislation about Indigenous peoples. In the 1850s, the Province of Canada created “Indian Status” and gave settler leadership – instead of Indigenous Nations – the power to decide who could receive Indian Status.

"In today's era of truth and reconciliation, this is the hard truth that precedes reconciliation."

This is a power the Canadian government continues to hold today. In 1880, legislation undermined Indigenous Nations' hereditary or traditional government structures by ordering the establishment of elected band councils. This negatively impacted Nations such as the Nuu-chah-nulth, whose hereditary governments have been in operation for millennia. At this point, for a period of time, it was mandatory for Indigenous children to attend residential schools, such as the Port Alberni Residential School, where many were sexually, physically, emotionally and spiritually abused.

These oppressive legislative efforts are perhaps best summarized by Canada's first prime minister, John A. MacDonald, who in 1887 said: "the great aim of our legislation has been to do away with the tribal system and assimilate the Indian people in all respects with the other inhabitants of the Dominion as speedily as they are fit to change."

In today's era of truth and reconciliation, this is the hard truth that precedes reconciliation.

Despite colonization's best efforts, many Nuu-chah-nulth and other Indigenous Nations continue to follow some form of hereditary or traditional governments which operate alongside elected leadership. Some Nuu-chah-nulth Nations continue to govern under the Indian Act; some are signatories to the Maa-nulth Final Agreement that was implemented in 2011; and some blend elements of hereditary leadership into both. Many Indigenous peoples across the country continue to practice our Creator-given Aboriginal rights, such as managing our territories, distributing property, hunting, fishing, gathering, potlatching, socially organizing by clans or houses, speaking our languages, selling our harvest to earn moderate livelihoods, trading and bartering with other Indigenous peoples, and keeping other traditions alive.

Indigenous people's very existence points to our ancestors' resilience and determination to keep our governments, cultures, and traditions alive and thriving. As west-coasters, we owe it to the next seven generations – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – to turn the tide of history and build respectful, healthy, culture-strong environments and communities that our grandchildren will be proud of.



Memorial totem carved by Dennis Hetu to recognize Chief Bert Mac and Toquaht Nation hereditary chiefs
photo by Kyler Vos

20th Annual Back Road Cleanups



The logging roads surrounding Ucluelet and Tofino provide numerous vehicle access points to the forests and creeks of the Kennedy Flats Watershed. While this provides a huge benefit to locals and visitors alike, it also creates an opportunity for illegal dumping. The accumulation of waste is consistent and continuous with new unwanted belongings joining that which was left behind from old industrial operations decades before. There is no rhyme or rhythm to what is found in the backroads; from household appliances, beverage containers, abandoned campsites to broken down vehicles and campers. Though much of the issue stems from poor camping etiquette from visitors, a huge source of the garbage is from locals and residents evading landfill charges.

To mitigate the negative effects of dumping in our local watersheds, CWFS hosts an annual community clean up. This year we hosted two clean ups ; one being a collaboration with the local non-profit Surfrider Pacific Rim. To make light of a disheartening matter, the events are planned so that they are fun and rewarding for volunteer participants. Prizes are awarded for different categories including Strangest Item and Grossest Item collected and at the end of the clean up is a free barbeque for participants at the landfill. Needless to say, the competition was steep for both of the above categories. Community support for this program is immense with many local businesses donating time and equipment.



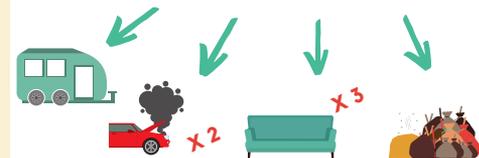
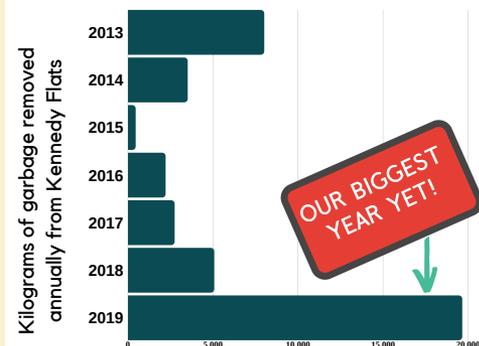
Photos by Jamie Lee Mock

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The smolt trap in Lost Shoe Creek is our longest ongoing monitoring project with the project dating back to 2007. The purpose of this project is to detect changes in local populations of salmon post stream-restoration and to provide educational opportunities within our community. Lost Shoe (Ci?ci Creek) is home to a number of fish species including coho and chum

salmon, steelhead/rainbow and cutthroat trout, dolly varden, lamprey, and stickleback.

We need volunteers daily from March to June. So next year sign up to take a look in our trap! This project could not be done without the support of the many volunteers dedicating their time to monitoring wild salmon migration.

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The value of small streams

• HIŁPICIS • CHENATHA • AH'TA'APQ CREEK •

article by Tom Balfour

photo by Jeremy Koreski



Why we should sweat the small stuff

Fraser, Skeena, Columbia and Thompson: B.C.'s biggest rivers tend to dominate the conversation around conservation of salmon and steelhead in the province. While there is no doubt that these massive river systems offer immense fisheries values, the importance of small streams and their role in the big picture is often overlooked.

Both small and large streams each play their own critical roles in supporting populations of fish and other stream-dwelling organisms. While fish density may be greater in larger systems because of better flow conditions, and easy access to larger areas of complex habitat, small streams are equally important. Whether they contain fish or not, small streams contribute water, sediments, nutrients, and organic matter to downstream fish-bearing segments; this development and transport of essential stream elements is one of the key drivers of overall watershed health and function. Small streams also provide unique habitat types not found in larger rivers further contributing to overall watershed productivity.

Big-river bias carries over into land use planning practices as well. Prior to 1994 the BC Government's forestry regulations afforded little to no protection to fish bearing streams. Although improved, forestry regulations today continue to use stream size as the basis for determining buffer widths.

cont. .. The value of small streams

S1 streams (>20m channel width) require a 50m reserve zone with no allowed cutting, and 20m management zone where harvest is allowed with restrictions, while the smallest classification of fish-bearing stream S3 (>1.5m-<5m width) only require a 30m management zone and non fish-bearing streams S5 (<3m width) and S6 (>3m width) require 30m and 20m management zones respectively.

Because of the perceived lower value of small streams they continue to be poorly treated during resource extraction and development which has resulted in a significant loss of vital habitat.

While many small streams and creeks have been heavily damaged, the small channel size and disproportionately high habitat value of these S3/4 streams makes them ideal candidates for habitat restoration efforts.

The smaller stature decreases project complexity and the resource requirements offering more “bang-for-your-buck” allowing for more area of habitat to be restored more effectively and at a lower cost than in a major river.

CWFS has long advocated for the value of restoring small streams and has worked in numerous small creeks on the west coast. In 2019 CWFS continued restoration on Chenatha River, Ah'ta'apq Creek and Hydro Hill Creek West.

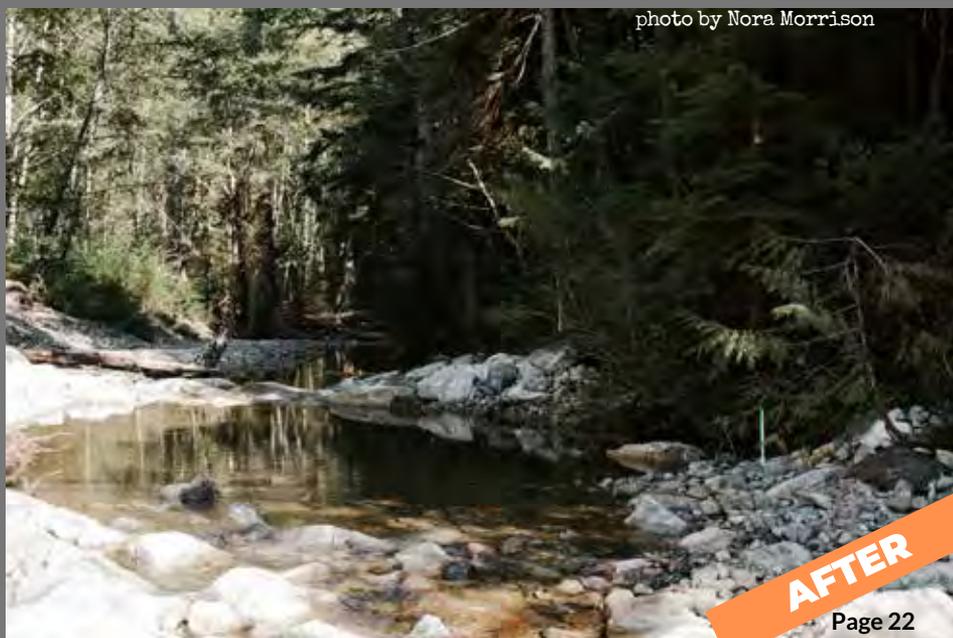
By restoring these smaller systems we are able to effectively improve habitat conditions with limited funding and contributing to the regional recovery of salmonid population health. Restoration efforts in these watersheds have been designed to increase habitat quality and restart the natural processes that make these small stream ecosystems such a valuable component of watershed health.

Special thanks to: Derek Tripp, Lisa Nordin, John Rex, Peter Tschaplinski, and John Richardson- for recognizing the importance of small streams in B.C.

Hiłpičis (Hydro Hill Creek West)

Hiłpičis flows into the eastern arm of Kennedy Lake. Following industrial logging that took place between 1950-90, severe changes have occurred in this watershed which negatively impact local fish populations as well as to the adjacent

highway. Bedload transport, aggradation and summer dewatering contribute to habitat impairment and loss of connectivity. Restoration in this watershed has been underway for three years and has been successful in maintaining surface flow year round, preventing flooding to the highway during spawning season and providing spawning and rearing habitat for salmonids and trout.





Cover and back photos by Kyler Vos

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Mailing Address: 3720 MOORE ROAD PORT ALBERNI, BC V9Y 8S8	
Contact Name: DEANA HORTON	Phone Number: 250 735-6740
Email Address: deana.horton@icloud.com	

Grant Requested: 20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance Amount \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance Details: _____
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- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 50018580

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

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6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

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7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$ 20,000
Year: 2018 Amount: \$ 20,000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

6. Submit your completed Grant-in-Aid Application, including the above documentation to:

**Corporate Secretary
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
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Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

The **Deadline** to Submit Grant-in-Aid Applications is **January 31st** of each year.

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Signature of Applicant

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3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot:

Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission sponsors an annual Halloween event for the community, complete with refreshments, a costume parade, prizes for each child, a bonfire and a fireworks display. We also coordinate and sponsor an annual "Christmas in the Country" craft fair. We provide space for the many talented crafters and also organize the kitchen in order to provide lunch for the shoppers. This event is one of the primary fundraisers. We have opened the doors and offered space to several youth groups including: Alberni District 4-H Council, Scouts, Beavers, Brownies and Pathfinders. Other groups that currently use or have used the Cherry Creek Community Hall include: Rock and Gem Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, SPCA and their annual fund raiser, 2308 Army Cadets, Kuu-us Crises Services, Special Olympics, Cherry Creek Waterworks District, Cherry Creek Volunteer Firemen, Co-ed Fitness Boot camp, Alberni Valley Kennel Club Yoga - including classes for seniors, Polling station for provincial, federal, regional and school district elections. The community hall also provides rental facilities for such things as weddings, memorial teas, family reunions and family special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas dinners). We also maintain a large field that was previously used as a softball field. The field is often seen being used by dog owners walking and training their dogs. The field is also used for an annual Cherry Creek Volunteer Firemen's weekend. We are currently in the process of completing the long term goal of establishing a large playground. The playground is going to benefit young families and their children and also the grandparents and grandchildren. We did receive a grant from the Co-op Community Spaces to purchase the park equipment.

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Cherry Creek Community Hall has been the heart of the Cherry Creek Community for over fifty years. With the closure of Cherry Creek School, this central facility has been needed more than ever for its residents. However, please note that the Cherry Creek Community Hall not only serves the residents of Cherry Creek, but all of the residents of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and the City of Port Alberni with its many special events and sponsorship of youth groups and community groups. Cherry Creek Community Hall is a designated reception center and is part of the Alberni Valley Emergency Program. The hall is located adjacent to the Cherry Creek Fire Hall and is available to assist in any kind of disaster. Cherry Creek Community Hall is set up to provide all reception needs including but not limited to registration, group lodging and feeding. Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission provides a space for many youth groups to hold their weekly meetings and

annual events. It is also a facility that is available for non-profit organizations to hold fundraisers, meetings, banquets and annual general meetings.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

In previous years Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission applied to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Licensing and Grants Division for a gaming grant to assist in operating costs. However, we were declined because the programs did not fit their eligibility criteria. In 2019 we were successful in obtaining the Grant in Aid and were able to update the exterior of the hall. This has greatly enhanced the ability to rent the hall for special events and large rentals for such things as weddings and family reunions and many wedding ceremonies have been held outside. In 2018 we received a large grant from Co-op Community Spaces to install a new park, all funds went directly to the purchase of park equipment.

8. (c) A brief report outlining what the Grant in Aid would be used for:

Cherry Creek Hall is over fifty years old. We are slowly updating and replacing the aging infrastructure. The next project is to update the interior of the hall with new paint, flooring and kitchenette in the basement rental area. This is going to help make the hall more appealing and inviting to renters and residents. Over the past couple of years the income from the basement rental is the only steady, ongoing income that the hall can rely on. The kitchenette is in bad shape, the sink is leaking and the counters and cupboards are in poor shape. The floors are stained and coming apart. We are requesting a one-time grant-in-aid in the amount of \$20,000 to cover the cost to update the interior of the hall. The volunteer board has also offered to donate hours as their in-kind contribution to the project. With the loss of the gaming license, we struggle to meet the operating costs. Operating costs include, telephone, hydro, insurance, general hall maintenance and janitorial services. Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission is working very hard towards achieving sustainability. The goal is to have sufficient rental income and fundraising efforts in order to cover the annual operating costs. In order to achieve this goal, we are actively marketing and promoting hall rentals through a variety of avenues in order to increase the rental income. Cherry Creek Recreation Commission is run by a board that volunteers many hours in order to continue offering community services and to sponsor youth groups and non-profit organizations. We have spent countless volunteer hours on the maintenance of Cherry Creek Hall. We continue to do smaller capital repairs as funds become available. However we do not have funds to cover leasehold improvements. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization <i>MUSIC BY THE SEA</i>	
Mailing Address: <i>76 Gorge Rd. West, Victoria BC. V7A 1M1</i>	
Contact Name: <i>CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON</i>	Phone Number: <i>(250) 888 7772</i>
Email Address: <i>director@musicbythesea.ca</i>	

Grant Requested: <i>MUSIC BY THE SEA SCHOOL + FESTIVAL</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u><i>2,000.</i></u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no

2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: *51471*

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

Music by the Sea provides a high-quality + diverse programme of both classical + jazz music in a festival of 11 concerts in July in Bamfield. In addition to providing live music programming to such a remote community's residents, it also attracts visitors to Bamfield + the Region from all over Vancouver Island and from beyond. We also offer outreach events in the school + inter/cultural events with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:
the isolated location of Bamfield would normally prohibit this amount of diverse musical performance that can be available locally. We also provide 'out-reach' events.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:
In 2019 we received \$10,000 from the Federal Government's CAPF fund, and \$5,000 from the BC Gaming Grant. We have applied for 2020.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:
 Year: 2019 Amount: \$2000.00
 Year: 2018 Amount: \$2000.00

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:
- (a) **Annual Report;**
 - (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
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Mr. Keith Whyton, ACRD Representative for Electoral Area "A", Bamfield

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Building a permanent centre for the arts in Canada on Vancouver Island

Christopher Donison, Executive Artistic Director

January 29th, 2020

Committee for Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Grant -in-Aid Applications

RE: Usage of Grant funds from ACRD by Music by the Sea (MBTS)

Music by the Sea continues, even in its 15th season, to struggle to achieve the sort of sustainable stream of revenues that would enable predictable budgets and more dedicated commitment to specific use of funds. In years when revenues fall short we prioritize differently and some things have to be discontinued or altered in scope. Last year we did suffer a sizable shortfall.

However, we are undertaking series of undertakings this year to increase our earned revenues. The main initiative is a new level of partnership with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. We are partnering with them in the following special package designed to increase our attendance.

Music by the Sea at Bamfield, is made easy!

The HFN Group of Businesses

in association with

Music by the Sea

And Pacific Seaplanes

Offers a **3-day complete curated, tour-guided all-in cultural get-away package** directly from Victoria, which includes:

- Travel by Pacific Seaplanes from Victoria Harbour to Bamfield
- Be met by Music by the Sea's concierge and event guide upon arrival
- transportation from the plane to Hacas Inn to settle in for 2-night stay

- Brunch during mornings and dinners before evening concerts at Hacas Inn
- tickets to Music by the Sea evening concerts and transportation to and from the Rix Centre
- Huu-ay-aht First Nation guided tour of Kiixin.
- on-going support and extra events-planning from our concierge during your entire stay
- Day 3 Brunch and return to Victoria Harbour

This is taking our Partnership with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation to a new level and we are very hopeful that this will help us get to that place of sustainability that we have been seeking.

As in the past we will be using funds from the ACRD grant in aid should we receive it, to help pay for local expenses in productions of the event.

I know I speak for all of our Directors, Artists, Bamfield supporters and wider Regional supporters, that support from the ACRD has been very much appreciated over the years and we thank you in advance for any support which you can provide to us in 2020.



Christopher Donison, Executive Artistic Director
 Music by the Sea at Bamfield British Columbia
 General Delivery, 100 Pachena Road, Bamfield BC, VOR 1B0
 Victoria Office location: #101-76 Gorge Road West, Victoria BC, V9A 1M1
 Email: director@musicbythesea.ca <http://www.musicbythesea.ca/>
 Bamfield office Tel :250-728-3887 cell: (250) 888-7772

Music by the Sea is a non-profit society and a Registered Charity (# 83328 5166 RR0001)

Grant-in-Aid Application Form



Name of Organization <i>Port Alberni Association for Com. Living</i>	
Mailing Address: <i>3008 2nd Ave Port Alberni, BC V9V-1V9</i>	
Contact Name: <i>Krista Nelson</i>	Phone Number: <i>250-724-7150 ext #1 ext 5</i>
Email Address: <i>krista.nelson@paac.l.ca</i>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u><i>4300.00</i></u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: *S-5188*

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

PAACL support individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. Our Pathways Clubhouse is a recreational and social drop in centre developed and hosted by the Port Alberni Assoc. for Community Living. It offers an opportunity to build personal networks and friendships.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

The Port Alberni Association for Com. Living advocates with and for person with diverse abilities to have choices and to live inclusively in the community. Core values- Person Centered Planning, inclusive and respectful, safe and supportive, accessible and collaborative

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$3600.00
Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
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[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

Jan 29, 2020
Date

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Dear Corporate Secretary,

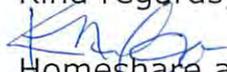
Pathways is a program that is funded through gaming and fundraising.
Pathways wish list for 2020:

We are requesting money to purchase refurbished Computers/Monitors, new fencing and electronic games for Nintendo switch. The amount we are requesting is \$4300.00

Fencing \$3000.00
Refurbished Computer/monitors \$1000.00
Nintendo switch games \$300.00

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity for apply for the Grant in Aid.

Kind regards,


Homeshare and Adult Service Manager

Grant-in-Aid Application Form



Name of Organization <p style="text-align: center;">Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society</p>	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 98, Station Main Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M6	
Contact Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Ian Arklie</p>	Phone Number: <p style="text-align: center;">250-724-3744</p>
Email Address: iarklie@shaw.ca	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>25,000</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no

2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S-28606

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
The Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society is a non profit, volunteer group who primary focus is to support Station 39 of the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue organization. The Society is responsible for the capital costs, maintenance and other costs associated to the operation of the "Alberni Responder" and her crew. In 2019, our members contributed approximately 18,860 volunteer hours to the community. The goal of the Society is to ensure the vessel, equipment and training provided to its volunteer members, is off the highest standard. Please see the included material which explains our present situation.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:
Station members volunteer their time to ensure 24 hour search and rescue services, including medical evacuation, providing assistance to EMBC through a newly created MOU, and boating safety information is available within the Alberni Inlet of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:
In December 2019, the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society received a Community Gaming Grant of \$20,000 for operational costs associated to Station 39 of the RCM SAR organization.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$6,000
 Year: 2018 Amount: \$ 6,000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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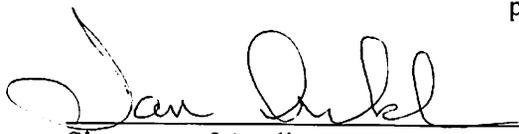
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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
2020 Grant-in-Aid
Rationale

The Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society, which supports Station 39 of the RCM-SAR organization, operates a Falkins Class rescue vessel to provide marine safety in the Alberni Inlet. The Society has been purchasing equipment for the vessel and personal safety gear, for its volunteers, to ensure the vessel and its crew of community volunteers are adequately prepared to fulfil its mandate as a state-of-the-art emergency response vessel.

In 2019, the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue organization entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Emergency Management BC. This MOU enables RCMSAR stations to provide assistance to any Provincial/Federal agency that is in need of on the water assistance. As such, RCMSAR stations are now in a position to assist, when requested, agencies such as the British Columbia Ambulance Service – transporting patients from the Bamfield area to Port Alberni, the Alberni Valley Search & Rescue Squad – transporting ground search teams throughout the Alberni Inlet as well as various agencies who are involved in marine spill response and monitoring.

In past years, the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society has requested funding from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, through a Grant-in-Aid, for the purchase of personal safety gear and equipment for the vessel. This year, however, we have a more significant need. Station 39 is in the process of completing a major project. To reduce maintenance and prolong the life of our rescue craft, the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society has constructed a new boathouse to house our vessel and equipment.

Coastal Bridge, a local company, was the lead contractor and various other local firms assisted the initiative by providing services and/or building materials at a reduced cost to our Society. The boathouse has been paid for and is ready for occupancy, however, due to higher construction costs and as a result of discussions with the Port Alberni Port Authority, we need additional funding for pilings to secure the boathouse at their presently chosen location.

We realize the amount of our Grant-in-Aid request may be considered high, by some, however, the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society wishes to assure the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District that this is an exceptional request for this project, required to assist the completion of the boathouse and continue the work of maintaining marine safety in the Alberni Inlet. The Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society had budgeted for some piling work and has some funds for the pilings, but not enough to meet the requirements of the Port Authority for their chosen location.

Our fiscal year end is December 31. The financial statements, for 2019, are presently being prepared by our accounting firm, and our financial statements for 2018 are included. The 2018 financials indicate that we have a large cash balance, however those funds were expended in 2019 for boathouse construction. Also included are our closing bank statements for 2019, which shows the \$20,000 Community Gaming Grant – our operating grant for 2020.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Grant-in-Aid
Application Form



Name of Organization: Port Alberni Victim Services Society	
Mailing Address: 4444 Morton St, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 4M8	
Contact Name: Tamara Cocco	Phone Number: 250 724 8910
Email Address: tamara.cocco@rcmp-grc.gc.ca	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>26 000</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no

2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0046397

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

 See Attached

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

See Attached

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: 26 000
Year: 2018 Amount: 26 000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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3. Port Alberni Victim Services provided support and referrals to over 500 victims of crime and trauma in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District in 2019. Crime affects people financially, emotionally and physically. Victim service workers strive to help victims of crime and trauma in our community deal with these needs.

Trained workers provide in person and telephone support to any victim of crime or trauma in need of assistance. This service may take the form of emotional crisis support at the scene of a crime or traumatic incident, practical assistance as needs arise in the days and weeks following an incident and ongoing court support as the file goes through the justice system. We provide a unique service as we are able to provide up to date police and court information that can assist with a victim's safety plans and sense of empowerment within the justice system.

5. With Port Alberni having a high rate of violent crime and highest proportion of low income people in BC it is, now more than ever, important to provide support for victims of crime and address the emerging needs of our community.

Victims have rights to information, participation, safety and restitution. Without the involvement of Victim Services, often people are unaware of these rights and are unable to access the resources available to them.

Through these services we are able to lessen the impact of crime and trauma on victims and increase their safety, thus strengthening their level of participation in, and sense of empowerment within the criminal justice system.

We also provide community education at public events around violence, elder abuse, grieving and property crime.

Supporting victims contributes to a healthier more productive community.

WHAT GRANT WILL BE USED FOR

The 2020-2021 Grant in Aid will be used to ensure that the program can continue to operate at a professional level. The funding will offset salary, transportation and training expenses.

Port Alberni Victim Services Society

4444 Morton St
Port Alberni, BC
V9Y 4M8
phone: 250 724-8910
fax: 250 724-8986



**Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Grant in Aid
Annual Report
2019**

As our fiscal year runs through March 31, 2020, all funds have not yet been allocated. The portion that has been spent augmented our staffing, program delivery costs and training. The remaining amount will be further utilized as such for our last quarter.

As we end 2019 our program has experienced the highest file count in over 12 years. Victim service staff has assisted over **485 people** during the year and expect to reach 500 by December 31. Workers provided emotional and crisis support, practical assistance and justice system information to clients. We provided court orientation or attended court with 145 victims and witnesses.

The complexity of our files has changed drastically over the last decade. These challenges result in increased staff time per file. This program could not maintain service levels without the financial assistance of the ACRD. The 25 hours a week of client service, provided by our essential part time worker, is only possible because of your continued financial support.

This year have continued to partner with Citizens on Patrol to provided property crime information to the residents of the Alberni Valley. This program has garnered positive feedback from community members. We continue to organize the monthly regional domestic violence meetings and are participating with the RCMP in addressing a coordinated response to sexual assault files. We participated in the National Victim's Advisory Council discussions on how to improve services to victims of crime. We engage regularly with our community partners, promoting victims services and building on existing positive relationships.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tamara Cocco
Manager
Port Alberni RCMP Victim Services

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

~~Our organization provides four vital services to communities on the west coast. First, we fill the need for organized beach cleans, which remove plastics and other debris from the coastline. In 2019, we organized 27 clean ups, and removed 15 tonnes of marine debris from local ecosystems. Second, we are the only organization that is campaigning to eliminate single use plastics from this region, which exacerbate the ocean pollution crisis and climate crisis. Thirdly, our organization is also focused on working towards a circular economy by diverting waste from landfill and keeping materials in use through making recycling programs more accessible for businesses and individuals. This includes cigarette butt recycling, wetsuit recycling, textile recycling and writing utensil recycling. Through our Ocean Friendly Business Campaign, we also increase the amount of businesses composting, and connect businesses to waste diversion services. Fourth, and certainly not last, we also provide education about plastic pollution and a circular economy with youth, businesses, individuals, government and the public. Surfrider Pacific Rim is widely recognized as the expert on eliminating plastics and protecting the health of the oceans and coastline.~~

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

~~Currently, there are no other active grants we've received from the government, however, we will be applying for a Council Grant with the District of Tofino in February. Past grants received from government include the provincial government's Rural Dividend Grant, the ACRD Grants-in-Aid, and the District of Tofino's Council Grant, and the District of Ucluelet's Grants-in-Aid.~~

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$5000.00
Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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Surfrider Pacific Rim: ACRD Grants-in-Aid 2020 Application

The issue at hand:

Though the west coast has access to some of the cleanest drinking water in British Columbia, both residents and visitors still turn to bottled water for consumption. It is recommended to have some bottled water in storage in case of an emergency like a tsunami. However, the vast majority of the time plastic bottles are purchased to drink on the daily. Many water bottle companies utilize water sources from some of the most drought ridden places in the West. The prime example of this is California, where water sources that are in a severe state of lack are exploited for people who have ample water— like British Columbians. The costs do not stop here, it is estimated in North America that 60-70% of plastic water bottles sold are not recycled, they end up in landfills and our waterways. According to Ocean Legacy, a million beverage containers go missing everyday in B.C., which includes water bottles. The carbon cost of this product is also intensive, the Pacific Institute has calculated that the equivalent of 17 million barrels of oil are used to make plastic bottles every year in the US (many of which are exported to Canada). Adding the fossil fuels used for transportation of water bottles, refrigerated units to cool the bottles, and energy used to recycle bottles if and when they make it that far makes this carbon footprint even higher.

Additionally, one plastic water bottle can break down into enough microplastics to be present on every mile of every beach in the world. From our over reliance on this product it's not surprising that plastic bottles have become one of the most common forms of plastic found in our seas and coastlines. On our last 8 day remote shoreline cleanup in the Broken Group Islands, we collected 1128 water bottles from just 6 km of shoreline. This is just from the surface; it's estimated around 10% of what's on the surface is accessible to be picked up. In addition to being lost to ecosystems, plastic water bottles are also sent to landfill, where they will forever remain, contributing to shorter lifespans of landfills.

Proposed Local Solution

In the late spring, we will launch a campaign to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles under one litre from all businesses on the Pacific Rim. Larger bottles could still be purchased for use, including emergencies. This is the most common single-use plastic we find on beaches, and thus, this campaign action is going to have one of the biggest impacts for our region. To accompany this campaign, we are installing water dispensers on the Pacific Rim. The District of Tofino has agreed to fund one dispenser in Tofino, and a private business has agreed to sponsor another two dispensers within Tofino. For this effort to be successful, we believe there needs to be consistency throughout the Pacific Rim, and thus, we need funding to install a dispenser in Ucluelet, which will match the same style as the Tofino dispensers. In conjunction with this, we're developing signage to accompany the

Surfrider Foundation, Pacific Rim Chapter | Mailing Address: Box 964 | Tofino, British Columbia | Canada, V0R 2Z0
Physical Address: The Ecolodge at the Tofino Botanical Gardens, 1084 Pacific Rim Highway | Tofino, British Columbia | Canada, V0R 2Z0

Website: pacificrim.surfrider.org

dispensers, which will educate individuals about our clean water sources, and the impact plastic pollution has on the environment. Additionally, the District of Ucluelet is reviewing their budget for sustainability based expenditures, so it's our hope that they will also be able to install a second dispenser.

The requested funding from the ACRD would cover 75% of the cost of a water dispenser. Surfrider will cover the costs of installation, the other portion of the dispenser, the staff time needed to support this project, along with signage for the dispensers across the coast, and the rest of the costs needed to execute our campaign to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles under 1L. This initiative will also support and enhance the existing project we're working on for the ACRD, as we've been contracted to educate the west coast communities about proper waste management practices and diversion services, which includes eliminating common forms of unnecessary plastics that end up in landfills and found on beaches.

Project Budget

Expenditure	Description	Cost	Funding Requested	Confirmed Funding
Elkay Outdoor Water Dispenser	Water refill station for residents and visitors to use free of charge	\$8000.00	ACRD Grants in Aid: \$6000.00	Vancouver Foundation: \$2000.00

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization	Vancouver Island North Film Commission		
Mailing Address:	Suite 100, 401 11th Avenue, Campbell River, BC V9W 4G2		
Contact Name:	Joan Miller, Film Commissioner	Phone Number:	250-287-2772
Email Address:	joan.miller@infilm.ca		

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>10,000.00</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S-0034704

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

See attached

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

See attached

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

See attached

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District? yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2018 Amount: \$7,500
Year: 2019 Amount: \$10,000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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Joan Miller
Signature of Applicant

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Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Dear Chairperson Jack and Directors,

I am writing to you as President of the Island North Film Commission to request Board support for our annual grant in aide funding for \$10,000.00

The Island North Film Commission (INfilm) is a certified film commission who's role is to attract and facilitate the motion picture industry. Our service region is the mid and north Island including areas of the mainland west coast running up through Mt. Waddington. As mandated by our international certification we cannot charge production clients for the services we provide, our operations budget comes from a combination of Provincial, Regional and City service contracts.

The Province of British Columbia recognizes us as one of seven regional offices investing \$40,000 annually via Creative BC (CrBC). The balance of our operating budget comes from the Regional Districts of Mount Waddington, Comox Valley, Alberni Clayoquot, Nanaimo and the City of Campbell River.

2020 is our 25th year as a registered Not for Profit Society, INfilm is recognized by its peers as an experienced and successful film commissions not only in BC but on the international stage. We have built a strong network or industry clients and developed working partnerships with North Island College and Tourism Vancouver Island. INfilm is a champion of jobs training and the second wave of local economic impact through expanded film tourism initiatives.

The constant and valued support of our regional funders and their ability to see the potential and growing impact of this industry has been recognized in VIEA's 2019 State of the Island Report as one of Vancouver Islands growing and successful industries.

On behalf of Island North Film Commissions Board and staff we thank you for your continued support and look forward to a strong and prosperous 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Tipple".

Stephanie Tipple
President, Vancouver Island North Film Commission

INFILM Year End Report

Summary / Forecast

(quote from Jason Momoa lead actor SEE, Aqua-man and Game of Thrones)

“Vancouver Island Is Winning”

2018 / 2019 Summary

The mid and north Island region has experienced a record breaking 60 million dollar economic infusion into the local economy from productions both large and small. From Apple’s TV+ “SEE” 8 episode dystopian series (filmed on location in the Strathcona Regional District), “Thunderbird” and “One Strange Rock 2” (filmed in Mount Waddington Regional District), Paramount Studios tent pole feature “Sonic The Hedgehog”, (filmed on location in Ladysmith, Regional District Nanaimo, Comox Valley Regional District and the Strathcona Regional District) Disney’s blockbuster Descendant’s 3 (Nanaimo Regional District), Hallmarks popular tv series Chesapeake Shores(Nanaimo Regional District) as well productions like Canada’s “Amazing Race” (Nanaimo Regional District), CBC mini series “Unspeakable”(Comox Valley Regional District),independent features “Come To Daddy” , “The Whale” along with many commercials and documentaries in the (Alberni Clayoquot Regional District). These and many more to name a few. Our office has been extremely busy working through the many stages from initial email or phone requests for information packages, follow-up scouting, surveys, logistics, prep, principle production and wrap. Each client requiring different levels of support, local expertise, time and resources.

Infrastructure - March 2018 the Errington based Vancouver Island Film Studios opened its doors for business, in 2019 the studio grew from 1 stage to 3 plus an office and construction shop. The stages are currently rented out until 2022. We are now in search of and in discussions for more stage /warehouse space as the need for content has exploded with the launch of new streaming companies ie; Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Disney, HBO and Netflix. We here on the Island have had an uptake in requests for studio space associated with several tv series willing to cross over from the mainland to Vancouver Island.

Training - North Island College wrapped 3 cohorts of film training in Campbell River, Port Alberni and Parksville.

Training and expanding our local crew is critical as the industry is looking closer at the advantages of filming on Vancouver Island. In 2019 we partnered with North Island College on a review of the pilot training program and presented recommendations to the Ministry of Advanced Education. The report was delivered to the Ministry of Advanced Education in June of 2019 identifying the successes with recommendations for expanding the program to include a Train the Trainer component and the purchase of specialized equipment.

The next phase of training was applying for funding and sponsorship of a series of 3 Indigenous Women's Writers workshops led by Doreen Manuel Director of the Bosa Centre at Capilano University, we delivered 3 workshops to date with participants from the entire region, the program continues into 2020.

INfilm sponsored 3 Women In Film & Television Vancouver Island Chapter meetings with a goal to encourage more women to feel confident to enter the industry at all levels.

In June INfilm sponsored a Creative Industry Solutions "Hackathon" designed to facilitate honest and meaningful discussion regarding Diversity and Inclusion solutions within the creative industry. All regional economic development officers including First Nations were invited to participate with independent game, VR, film and post productions companies based within the boundaries of our service area.

Crew data base — we have partnered with Creative BC to develop and populate a new industry recognized ReelScout Crew Data-base launched October 1st 2019. This tool allows people who qualify to register themselves for work as local crew. We provide this information to all producers we work with to encourage local hire. Crew covers the region from Ladysmith to Port Hardy.

Policy and Government Relations - continue as a champion for policy reviews as it pertains to the challenges of developing the motion picture industry in the regions of BC.

Support local Independent filmmakers through keynote addresses and mentorship.

Screen Tourism - INfilm championed and leads by example the development and implementation of a secondary film tourism initiative. Speaking on and moderating panels at tourism and film conferences. In November 2019 we returned to Los Angeles with our partners Tourism Vancouver Island, Tourism Vancouver and the Vancouver Film Commission to meet with Paramount - Apple - Disney - Warner Bros - Facebook - Netflix and Hallmark to discuss upcoming campaigns highlighting projects that filmed throughout the region.

In November Tourism Vancouver Island and INfilm signed a Memorandum of Understanding moving forward as sector partners.

Marketing - Business attraction and marketing is part of the 5 year plan. In 2019 we were successful in leveraging a grant through Creative BC to develop and implement a one day Producers Familiarization Tour of the region. Community assets were profiled as potential locations. The feedback was very positive. We are currently working on 2020 projects looking at the west coast (Ucluelet) and North Island (Sointula) with several producers who were on the tour.

Locations Scouting and Surveys - A considerable amount of time and resources goes into scouting and surveying with production clients, some are already committed to filming in 2020 many are taking a close look at the region as an alternate to filming in Vancouver. Once we have been through the initial process and discussions on the creative looks for the project we send out a digital photo package. If the production likes the look we then get in a car / truck / van / boat or plane accompanying the early key production crew to the physical locations. Our office covers the vehicle rentals, packs and pays for the many coolers of food and beverages as we don't usually stop for lunch we eat on the move due to the tight timelines. Behind each of these production our office is making calls, opening gates, tracking down contacts, researching weather patterns, looking for additional qualified local crew along with managing a lot of other logistics. The challenge is to provide the same level of support to multiple clients and different stages of the production cycle from initial contact, prep, principle production and wrap.

BC Report - Below a link to the Creative BC Impact Report 2018/2019 was just released. This report outlines the impacts of the Motion Picture Industry in BC with a focus on leadership. Vancouver Island North Film Commissioner Joan Miller is featured in a Spotlight Story on page 37.

https://www.creativebc.com/database/files/library/IMPACT_REPORT_Creative_BC_FY2018_19_webversion_1.pdf

VIEA State of the Island Report 2019 - we are proud to be recognized as part of the new economy on Vancouver Island

“Vancouver Island’s economy has diversified”

- development of tourism on the west coast
- **film and television production**
- tech
- craft brewing
- cannabis

Production To Date 2018 / 2019

- 175 requests for location packages
- 37 productions filmed in the region

*Apple TV series SEE Strathcona Park, Campbell River

*TV Chesapeake Shores Season 3 entire region RDN

*TV Chesapeake Shores Season 4 entire region RDN

*Feature Film Paramount Studios Sonic the Hedgehog / RDN, Ladysmith, Comox Valley, Shelter Point Distillery

*Disney’s Descendants 3 Qualicum Beach

*Disney’s Upside Down Magic Shawnigan Lake

*Disney’s Timmys Failure Strathcona Park

*TV Canada’s Amazing Race / RDN

*Commercial Brit-a Water / Nanaimo, Ladysmith

*TV Bring Me / Qualicum Beach

*Indigenous Feature Film “The Whale” **Long Beach, Tla-O-Quiah First Nations**

*Documentary Year in The Wild / Bowser

*Commercial BC Hydro Power Smart / Bowser

*Documentary Christina Mittermeier / Nanaimo

- *Feature Come to Daddy / Tofino, Errington
- *TV Shinrin-Yoku / Qualicum Beach
- *Commercial BC Hydro / Electoral Area F
- *Boogie Man Cox bay, Rosie Bay, Matlby Rd
- *Clean Energy Getaway /Cox Bay, Chesterman Beach
- *Mini Series “More Out There” / Cox Bay
- *Commercial Yeti Coolers / Cox Bay, Chesterman Beach
- *Lifestyle Abbott Healthcare / Cox Bay, Chesterman Beach
- *Still Shoot Model Surfer-girl / Cox Bay, Chesterman Beach
- *Tourism DBC / Tofino
- *Commercial Rivian Electric Truck / Cox Bay, Chesterman Beach, Osprey Lane, Main Street, Maltby Rd.
- *Commercial Mercedes-Benz EQC and the inspiring Cristina
- *Mittermeier / Frank Island, Chesterman Beach, Cox Bay, Tofino Harbour, Tofino

Infrastructure

- Vancouver Island Film Studios Errington
- Looking for new stage .warehouse space throughout the INfilm boundaries

Training

- Phase 5 LMP Ministry of Advanced Education - North Island College
- Tricksters and Writers - Indigenous Women's Script Writing Workshops 3 weekend workshops completed to date
- Diversity and Inclusion Roundtable VI Film Studio

Partnerships

- Creative BC - Reel Scout locations data-base / crew data-base
- Canadian Film Commissions Association - members of new Canada wide organization
- Regional Film Commissions of BC - Joan Miller currently serving as President for 2018 / 2020 term-the provincial organization shares best practices / development of provincial film tourism strategy / toolkit - Indigenous partnerships
- Association of Film Commissioners International - marketing / professional development

- Tourism Vancouver Island - Memorandum of Understanding to partner of film tourism development
- North Island College - partnering with ongoing development film training
- Women In Film & Television - sponsor local chapter meetings / script writing workshops

Film Tourism

- Hallmark - Chesapeake Shores campaign partnered with Tourism Vancouver Island / Tourism Nanaimo / Tourism Parksville Qualicum Beach to profile entire region
- Disney - Shot in Qualicum and Victoria, Descendants 3 campaign partnered with Tourism Vancouver Island / Tourism Vancouver / Vancouver Film Commission
- Apples “SEE” film tourism promotion in development for 2020 release
- Paramount “Sonic The Hedgehog” film tourism program releasing Feb 2020

Marketing

- Producers Familiarization Tour of the region with 23 producers
- Joint Trade Mission Los Angeles November 3rd / 7th 2019
 - Apple TV (SEE)
 - Paramount (Sonic The Hedgehog)
 - Disney (Descendants 3) (Upside Down Magic)
 - Facebook
 - Netflix (4 productions in prep for 2020)
 - Hallmark (Crown Media) Chesapeake Shores

Funding 2019

• Nanaimo Regional District	50,000
• City of Campbell River.	50,000
• Alberni Clayoquot RD increased to	10,000
• Mount Waddington RD	3,000
• Creative BC	40,000
• Comox Valley Regional District.	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>168,000</u>

2020 Forecast

Production Forecast - We have several large feature films currently moving through the permitting process for filming in the spring of 2020, with 4 television series in stages of scouting or permitting their choice of locations which includes areas in the Strathcona Regional District & Mount Waddington Regional District, Comox Valley Regional District, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, Powell River Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo. In a recent discussion with the Chesapeake Shores Producer Matt Drake stated “We are awaiting word on an official pickup on season 5 and are hopeful due to the positive ratings season 4 received.” Currently have 2 productions in different levels of surveying the West coast for tv and feature films.

Infrastructure

- Vancouver Island Film Studio booked out through 2022
- In consultation with several local developers to identify options for studio space

Training

- North Island College Train the Trainer Program to enhance the current film training courses, Introduction to production Accounting as well as Location production Assistant
- Ongoing Women in Film & Television workshops
- Tricksters & Writers moves into the final stage of editing scripts

Film Tourism

- Paramount Studio - “Sonic The Hedgehog” film tourism campaign partnered with Tourism Vancouver Island / Tourism Nanaimo / Tourism Cowichan Valley/Comox Valley Tourism (TAVI to take the lead role) Pre screening event February 12th with 5 sweepstakes launching in 5 major US Cities
- Apple TV Plus - “SEE” film tourism campaign partnered with Tourism Vancouver Island / Destination Campbell River / Tourism Vancouver /

- Hallmark - “Chesapeake Shores” partnered with Tourism Vancouver Island / Tourism Nanaimo / Tourism Parksville Qualicum Beach (in development) future campaign to include entire region.

Funding 2020 Forecast Budget

We have signed a new 3 year contract with the Comox Valley Regional District beginning in 2020 lifting their contribution from 15 to 20,000 per year. Alberni Clayoquot RD approved their contribution to go from 7,500 to 10,000. We are in discussions with the Cowichan Regional District regarding film services to the northern areas of their service region.

• Creative BC (Province)	40,000
• Regional District of Nanaimo	50,000
• City of Campbell River	50,000
• Mount Waddington Regional District.	3,000
• Cowichan Valley Regional District.	in discussion
• Alberni Clayoquot Regional District	10,000
• Comox Valley Regional District.	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>173,000</u>

INfilm 2019 / 2020 Board of Directors

- President - Stephanie Tipple / Campbell River
- Vice President - Lillian Hunt / Alert Bay
- Sec / Treasurer - Marsha Foster / Comox Valley
- Director - Dan Brady / Nanaimo
- Director - Paul Galinski / Powell River
- Director - Kathy Campbell / Lasquiti Island
- Director - Geoff Lyons / Ucluelet
- Director - Mike Galinski / Qualicum Beach

Grant-in-Aid Application Form



Name of Organization <p style="text-align: center;">West Coast Aquatic Management Association</p>	
Mailing Address: 7 - 5440 Argyle St., Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1T7	
Contact Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Tawney Lem</p>	Phone Number: <p style="text-align: center;">250-723-0708</p>
Email Address: tawney@westcoastaquatic.ca	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance Amount \$ <u>12,000</u> Details: _____
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1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no

2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0047556

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

We promote and support regional decision making that is ecosystem based.
This provides a greater voice to citizens so that natural resource management decisions
are based on Indigenous and local knowledge and more reflective of the values held in
Alberni-Clayoquot communities.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:
 Please see attached letter

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:
 Please see attached letter

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$17,000
 Year: 2018 Amount: \$17,000

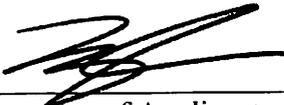
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 - (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
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 Signature of Applicant

Jan. 29, 2020

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West Coast Aquatic

#7-5440 Argyle Street
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250-724-3600

Jan. 29, 2020

Re: Description of How Grant-in-Aid Will Be Used, Report on 2019 Activities, Financials, and Budget

Dear Mayors, Directors, and Corporate Secretary:

The West Coast Aquatic Management Association brings together diverse people who are passionate about the west coast of Vancouver Island – people who make a living from its waters, rely on its health for food, and protect its beauty – to help improve their connection with the living landscape that they are a part of.

We promote and support regional decision making that is ecosystem based. This provides a greater voice to citizens so that natural resource management decisions are based on Indigenous and local knowledge, and more reflective of the values held in Alberni-Clayoquot communities.

The Year in Review: 2019-2020

Salmon Roundtables

The core of the West Coast Management Association's (WCA) work last year continued to be facilitation of salmon Roundtables on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Within the ACRD boundaries we facilitated the Area 23 (Barkley) Harvest Table, Barkley Salmon Working Group (Stewardship for Area 23), and Area 24 (Clayoquot) roundtable.

Fisheries are a critical resource in the area for Indigenous food security and for Indigenous and non-Indigenous economic opportunity. However, there have been several serious challenges facing the Barkley and Clayoquot fisheries. In Barkley Sound, significant issues affecting the sockeye fishery include the low return (ratio) of the Great Central Lake stock (for a second straight year) and the threat of warm water in years of low flow. In Clayoquot, a significant conservation concern has been identified for wild Chinook, prompting the requirement for a rebuilding plan under the *Fisheries Act*. The status of West coast Vancouver Island (WCVI) Chinook will be assessed next Fall under the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and the result is not anticipated to be positive. The Roundtables represent a coordinated forum where all interests are working to find consensus solutions to these issues.

Achievements at these tables in 2019 included:

- Consensus development of annual fishing plans, including agreement on area closures for conservation, gear type, harvest timing, and monitoring.
- Review of the Barkley Risk Assessment (2014) to understand how factors affecting abundance of sockeye and Chinook have changed over the past 5 years.
- Co-development of the Robertson Creek hatchery plan by First Nations and DFO.

- Development of a methodology and workplan for conducting a marine risk assessment in Clayoquot.
- Development of a methodology and workplan for a Chinook rebuilding plan as required by Bill C-68, given the threat to conservation of WCVI Chinook.
- Support for numerous funding applications, including a cold water strategy for Barkley and various habitat restoration projects in Clayoquot.

WCA Governance Board

In addition to the Roundtables, we have continued to facilitate discussions of the WCA Governance Board, which looks at higher level policy issues affecting the whole of WCVI. The Board has been in a state of transition for a few years but significant direction was provided this year. The Board confirmed that they wish to pursue formal status as a management authority with delegated decision making. This was the original vision of the Board when it was formed by all levels of government in 2001. The vision was not realized due to various changes in the political and legal environment. However, members feel that there is a window of opportunity for a Nuu-chah-nulth led, multiparty body given federal commitments to reconciliation and new provincial *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. We are working with Nuu-chah-nulth to explore this concept further.

In the meantime, the Board continues to communicate on issues that arise. An issue that re-emerged in 2019 was the remaining mitigation funds from the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The Area G Troll fleet (WCVI) was and continues to be significantly impacted by the Treaty (e.g. only getting ⅓ of their allocation this past year). Their original proposal for the mitigation fund was not adopted by DFO, nor has their ongoing requests for a review of the use of the funds. However, late in 2019, DFO announced that they would be looking at reprofiling the funds. The Board proposed to DFO that the funds should be administered through their multiparty process, including development of a plan for the funds that benefits WCVI communities and fishers.

Marine Ecosystem Reference Guide

The Marine Ecosystem Reference Guide (MERG) is an online mapping tool that includes multiple knowledge systems (indigenous, local and scientific). MERG can inform decision making for activities being proposed in the marine area. In 2019 our development of MERG focused on making it more specifically usable for the Roundtables. Significant information had been generated through the Risk Assessment processes underway since 2015. However, this information was only accessible to the Roundtables in paper form. We have been gathering digital data and adding it to MERG, which will be valuable for future analysis such as additional Risk Assessments, the Chinook rebuilding strategy, local level restoration, and sub-regional fisheries management. The value of this tool has been acknowledged and it is now being duplicated by other groups in Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

Marine Protected Areas

A large offshore marine protected area is proposed for WCVI. First Nations have an interest in significantly advancing their role in the planning, management, and monitoring of these MPAs. We facilitated a workshop on Indigenous Co-Governance of MPAs that was jointly hosted by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Haida Nation.

Area Based Management

The Government of Canada has committed to work on increased sustainability of aquaculture. We were invited to participate in a multiparty committee making recommendations on Area Based Management (ABM) for aquaculture. ABM is similar in many ways to the Salmon Roundtables, in that it bases management on the specific environmental and social conditions of an area and includes more local level governance. There is an opportunity for Clayoquot Sound to pilot ABM once committee recommendation to the Fisheries Minister have been approved.

Past Grants-in-Aid

As a neutral facilitative body, there are not a lot of traditional funders that we have access to. We are working on self-funding options, but in the meantime we are particularly appreciative of the past grants-in-aid that the ACRD has provided. We continue our commitment to bring tangible results to communities and individuals in the regional district. To this end, we:

- Employ local people – in 2019 this included 2 permanent full time staff
- Contract local people – including facilitators, graphic designers, and web designers
- Procure local goods and services – including caterers, office supplies, furnishings, accounting, printing
- Contribute to the local tax base through rental of local office space.

In terms of our relationships with funders and contributors, one priority of WCA is to demonstrate leveraging and return on investment. In 2019, we were able to leverage 10 times the investment of the ACRD, for every \$1 that the ACRD invested in WCA, we spent \$15 dollars in the region.

The Year Ahead: 2020-2021

In 2020-2021 we will continue to adhere to the values, principles and objectives you helped set out in the Coastal Strategy. Some of the plans for this year are:

- Completion of the Clayoquot marine risk assessment
- Substantial drafting of the WCVI Chinook Rebuilding Plan
- Development of a strategy for Great Central Lake/Sproat Lake Sockeye
- Development of a strategy for the revitalization of the WCA Governance Board

Sub-regional efforts such as the Salmon Roundtables have been an effective way to hear the diverse perspectives of First Nations, stewards, industry and government, and work these into local solutions. We expect to see real progress this coming year in the development of tools and forums that connect the sub-regions to successfully address issues that are common to the whole of WCVI.

To support this work, we are respectfully requesting \$12,000 for this fiscal year, which is a reduction from our request last year.

The ACRD is a founding member within the WCA Governance Board's Terms of Reference. The Regional Government's investment has been of key importance in enabling us to leverage other funding. We use the grant-in-aid to cover part of our core costs and meet diversification requirements of funding sources.

We continue to be told by external partners that our role as a neutral facilitator for collaborative processes is a unique one. We are proud of the attention that the Salmon Roundtables have garnered province wide. Through the ACRD's support, this brings recognition to you as leaders promoting an innovative way of managing natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tawney Lem', written in a cursive style.

Tawney Lem, WCA Management Association, Executive Director

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization <p style="text-align: center;">Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society</p>	
Mailing Address: <p style="text-align: center;">PO Box 978 Tofino, BC, V0R 2Z0</p>	
Contact Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Marcie DeWitt</p>	Phone Number: <p style="text-align: center;">250 726 5019</p>
Email Address: president.wisar@gmail.com	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance Amount \$ <u>6,000</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance Details: _____
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1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0039833

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

The target population benefiting from WISAR Society activities consists of the residents of the region and visitors. The resident population of the Clayoquot Sound Region is approximately 6,000 spread between the villages of Tofino, Ucluelet, Toquaht, Opitsaht, Esowista, TyHistanis, Ahousaht, Hot Springs (Hesquiaht) and a number of small settlements, float homes, etc. Tourist numbers in the region are roughly 20 000 on a peak summer day and increasing over the years. Visitors to the region include mushroom pickers who range through forested areas, tourists traveling by kayak, those who travel to hike between Port Alberni and the junction or those who stop to walk along the rapids of the fast flowing Kennedy River (beside Highway 4 between Port Alberni and Tofino), increasing the need for a fast response to a variety of incidents.

WISAR works with a wide range of agencies in the region including municipal governments, RCMP, Coastguard, forest companies, National Parks and others.

In addition to its core area WISAR also provides mutual support to other agencies from Nootka Island to Port Renfrew and the Port Alberni area. We have been included as a resource in a number of recent industrial safety plans in the region. We are an important resource in the West Coast communities

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

1. Prevention of Loss of Life:

The climate on the West Coast of Vancouver Island receives over 3 metres of rain per year, and is inhospitable to anyone who is lost or injured. The Society can increase its chances of finding someone in the crucial first few hours or days as it provides more adequately trained and equipped volunteers. Loss of life has obvious impacts to the owner, but also affects family, friends, and is disruptive to the economy of a community.

2. Mitigation of Injuries:

The earlier someone is found, the less severe his or her injuries are likely to be. Serious injuries put a drain on health care resources and cause economic hardship. One or two cases of advanced hypothermia could cost the taxpayer more money than is requested in this proposal.

3. Reduced Cost to Taxpayer:

Volunteer searchers do work that would otherwise have to be done by public servants or private companies. In the past, searches in Clayoquot Sound have been carried out by groups from other areas. This has resulted in higher travel and support costs compared with a locally based group.

4. A Safety Resource for Industry in the Region

We are increasingly being asked to provide details of our capabilities to groups writing safety plans for operations in remote areas of the region. We can be an important adjunct to other resources for difficult and technical evacuations.

5. Value to Tourism Economies:

Having local search and rescue capability makes the West Coast of Vancouver Island a safer place to visit. This may give a competitive advantage to British Columbia over other rugged travel destinations. Clayoquot Sound is in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and it is expected that the level of tourism, including wilderness based tourism, will increase in the coming years.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

Please see attached documents.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2019 Amount: \$6,000

Year: 2018 Amount: \$6,000

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:
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**ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
2020 GRANT-IN-AID
APPLICATION**

Name of Organization

Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society (WISAR)

WISAR is a non profit society and is a registered charitable organization

Mailing Address

Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society
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Web site: <http://www.westcoastsar.org/>

Society Registration Number

S-39833

Name of Project

Search and Rescue training and development

Type of Project

1. Renovations to the WISAR hall for water and sewer to increase Society capacity and readiness – deferred to 2020
2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for members meeting and exceeding required hours

Amount of Grant Requested

We are requesting \$6,000 from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Who will it serve?

The target population benefiting from WISAR Society activities consists of the residents of the region and visitors. The resident population of the Clayoquot Sound Region is approximately 6,000 spread between the villages of Tofino, Ucluelet, Toquaht, Opitsaht, Esowista, TyHistanis, Ahousaht, Hot Springs (Hesquiaht) and a number of small settlements, float homes, etc. Tourist numbers in the region are roughly 20 000 on a peak summer day and are seeing a steady increase over the years. Visitors to the region include mushroom pickers who range through forested areas, tourists traveling by kayak, those hiking in the trails between Sutton Pass and the Junction or those who stop to walk along the rapids of the fast flowing Kennedy River (beside Highway 4 between Port Alberni and Tofino), increasing the need for a fast response to a variety of incidents.

WISAR works with a wide range of agencies in the region including municipal governments, RCMP, Coastguard, forest companies, National Parks and others.

In addition to its core area WISAR also provides mutual support to other agencies from Nootka Island to Port Renfrew and the Port Alberni area. We have been included as a resource in a number of recent industrial safety plans in the region. We are an important resource in the West Coast communities

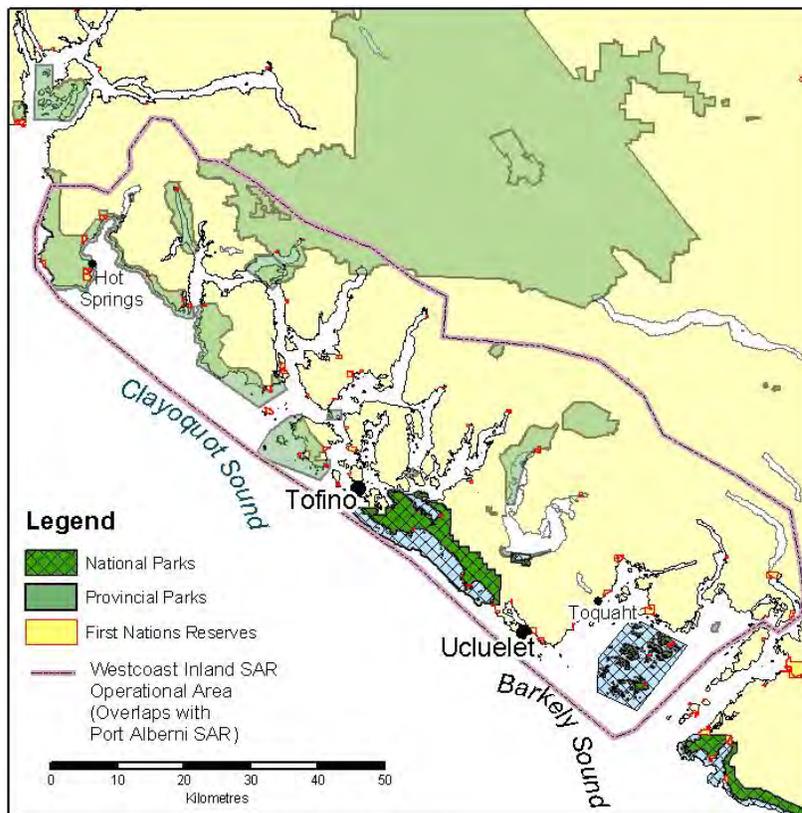


Figure # 1: Shows the West Coast Inland Search and Rescue Society Operational Area.

How many will be directly involved?

Certified WISAR Membership actively able to respond immediately to emergency callouts is currently 43. These members provide substantial in-kind contributions in terms of training time, operational callouts and participation in other emergency planning and management activities in the region. In 2019 WISAR responded to 12 incidents with a total of 637 volunteer hours, 46 trainings with a total of 265 hours training time and 30 community events and meetings with a total of 113 volunteer hours.

The trained individuals in the WISAR Society represent an important resource for search and rescue operations in the region as well as for all emergency management related activities including disaster response. WISAR has provided support and active membership to the Emergency Management Committees in both Tofino, Ucluelet, and the Area C emergency management committee when requested.

What is the economic benefit to the area?

1. Prevention of Loss of Life:

The climate on the West Coast of Vancouver Island receives over 3 metres of rain per year, and is inhospitable to anyone who is lost or injured. The Society can increase its chances of finding someone in the crucial first few hours or days as it provides more adequately trained and equipped volunteers. Loss of life has obvious impacts to the owner, but also affects family, friends, and is disruptive to the economy of a community.

2. Mitigation of Injuries:

The earlier someone is found, the less severe his or her injuries are likely to be. Serious injuries put a drain on health care resources and cause economic hardship. One or two cases of advanced hypothermia could cost the taxpayer more money than is requested in this proposal.

3. Reduced Cost to Taxpayer:

Volunteer searchers do work that would otherwise have to be done by public servants or private companies. In the past, searches in Clayoquot Sound have been carried out by groups from other areas. This has resulted in higher travel and support costs compared with a locally based group.

4. A Safety Resource for Industry in the Region

We are increasingly being asked to provide details of our capabilities to groups writing safety plans for operations in remote areas of the region. We can be an important adjunct to other resources for difficult and technical evacuations.

5. Value to Tourism Economies:

Having local search and rescue capability makes the West Coast of Vancouver Island a safer place to visit. This may give a competitive advantage to British Columbia over other rugged travel destinations. Clayoquot Sound is in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and it is expected that the level of tourism, including wilderness based tourism, will increase in the coming years.

Overview of Attached Financial Statements

Summary financial statements for 2018 are attached, 2019 financials have not been completed yet.

A key feature of the WISAR organization is that with the donation of relatively small amounts of money from local governments and organizations we have been able to leverage very large in-kind contributions and grant funding from external agencies. While we have been able to get provincial and federal grant funding this would not be possible without the monies that we receive from local governments.

Grants from the Regional District of Alberni Clayoquot have allowed us to address targeted projects including the acquisition of safety equipment for road searches and training, equipment for shoreline search and rescue activities, critical help to complete our SAR building and acquisition of specialized equipment.

Society Background

The Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue (WISAR) Society is based in the communities of Tofino and Ucluelet and provides Ground and Inland Water Search and Rescue services to local police authorities (RCMP and National Park Wardens) for Clayoquot Sound, and parts of Barkley Sound. The Society currently has 27 volunteer members and 16 new members in training about to graduate their extensive training program.

The geography of the WISAR operational area includes hundreds of kilometers of coastline in the traditional territories of several First Nations. In the course of various SAR responses, WISAR interacts with more than 16 other agencies: two RCMP detachments; several neighboring GSAR Groups; two volunteer fire departments, national and provincial parks; Canadian Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary; BC Ambulance Service; emergency coordinators in two municipalities and five First Nations Bands; and the Department of National Defense.

Project Description

In 2013 the WISAR Hall was destroyed by a fire, thanks to generous community donations and funding the team has rebuilt and restored capacity to our operational equipment and most of the hall. While rebuilding the team has prioritized being 'rescue ready' ensuring our equipment and volunteers are in prime condition for the tasks we are assigned. As call volume in the region and throughout the province increases, our need to add capacity to our hall is evident. In 2019 we had hopes to add water and sewer to our hall, but our new intake of members proved to be too busy to complete this task. We have deferred the plumbing work to 2020 which will enable us to conduct meetings, wash trucks and equipment while reducing meeting space costs, time for members to complete equipment maintenance as well as comfort to members while attending training sessions. Remaining funds will be allotted to Personal Protective Equipment for members who have met and exceeded their required society hours, for which we provide an additional Arteryx Atom layer jacket and Arteryx gortex pants.

We are asking for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for a Grant in Aid of \$6,000 to be split between:

1. Renovations to the WISAR hall for water and sewer to increase Society capacity and readiness
2. Personal Protective Equipment for members meeting and exceeding society hours

Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society
P.O. Box 978, 620 Industrial Way,
Tofino, BC VOR 2Z0



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, B.C.
V9Y 2E3

January 20th, 2020

Please find attached our application for a Grant-In-Aid for 2020. The Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue Society (WISAR) would like to thank you for your donations in previous years. Grants like yours have allowed us to continue to develop and maintain our capacity to provide an effective emergency response service to our communities.

In 2019 we successfully recruited and trained 16 new members who will be graduating our six month Ground Search and Rescue Training course this winter. The ACRD grant in aid was incredibly helpful in providing funds for our training program and purchasing team jackets. Our basic Personal Protective Equipment for members is valued at over \$750 per member. Thank you for assisting to welcome our new members to the team, acknowledging the hard work they have put in over the past months.

We are asking for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for a Grant in Aid of \$6,000 to be split between:

1. Renovations to the WISAR hall for water and sewer to increase Society capacity and readiness which was deferred to 2020 due to intensity of the training program.
2. Personal Protective Equipment for members meeting and exceeding required hours, we provide Arcteryx gortex pants and an Atom hoodie.

While continuing to build our capacity we still respond regularly to emergency tasks in our region. We are also maintaining our trained and certified membership with regular exercises and training programs to maintain readiness and maintain and continually increase the level of skills in the team. This includes basic ground SAR training, advanced rescue training, helicopter safety training and familiarity with the region.

More information is available at our web site <http://www.westcoastsar.org/> which we are in the process of updating; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this application and once again we thank you for the support you have provided WISAR in the past.

Yours Sincerely,

Marcie DeWitt
President, Westcoast Inland SAR
250 726 5019
president.wisar@gmail.com

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization <i>Alberni Community & Women's Services</i>		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RECEIVED JAN 31 2020 </div>
Mailing Address: <i>3082 3rd Avenue Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2S5</i>		
Contact Name: <i>Eileen Trood</i>	Phone Number: <i>250-724-7111 x228</i>	
Email Address: <i>efrood@acaws.ca</i>		

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u><i>4,200.⁰⁰/₁₀₀</i></u> Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: *10785 2584 RE0001*

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

Please see attached

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Please see attached

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

Please see attached

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: _____ Amount: _____
 Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

6. Submit your completed Grant-in-Aid Application, including the above documentation to:

**Corporate Secretary
 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
 3008 Fifth Avenue
 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

The **Deadline** to Submit Grant-in-Aid Applications is **January 31st** of each year.

Late applications will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this application or the information required, please call (250) 720-2700.

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 Signature of Applicant

January 31 / 2020

 Date

For Office Use Only		
Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:



Alberni Community and Women's Services Society

Promoting Equality & Building Community

January 31, 2020

Corporate Secretary
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

Dear Grants Administrator,

I am pleased to submit our application for the 2020 Grant-in-Aid program.

ACAWS is now in its 40th year of operation. Serving women and children impacted by abuse and intimate partner violence is of the utmost importance. We continue to see more women every year and the domestic violence numbers reported by RCMP are not declining.

We have had the honour of being invited into the lives of so many individuals and to bear witness to the stories of heartbreak and resilience that shape the landscape of our work. We have accompanied those who are distressed, fatigued and defeated and seen compassion strengthen their resolve as they restart their lives and begin a journey of healing.

We continue to work to end the cycle of violence!

As a nonprofit here in the regional district, we realize it is a very competitive landscape when reaching out for community support and we are most grateful for the opportunity to submit our application. And while an appeal to upgrade lighting may not appear terribly exciting, it is one nonetheless that is badly needed.

Please help us shine a little light on those we work with!

Respectfully,

Ellen Frood
Executive Director

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
Grant-in-Aid Application
Alberni Community and Women's Services Society

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

Alberni Community and Women's Services (ACAWS) believes in the strength and equality of women. Now in our 40th year of operation, we are an organization committed to responding holistically to the needs of our diverse community. We promote the empowerment and safety of women, children and youth through high quality counselling, education, support and resources. We work toward community connectedness and a violence-free society. We run various programs for survivors of violence, sexual assault and gender-based violence, feminist-based counselling and other direct services including a transition house – a shelter for women and children fleeing violence. Services include:

- Shelter for women & children fleeing abuse – The Port Alberni Transition House
- Community Resource Drop in Centre
- PEACE Program (Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling, Empowerment)
- Harm Reduction through public health
- Adult and Youth Outreach Services
- Community Based Victim services
- Stop the Violence (STV) counselling

In fiscal 2018/19 there were 123 women and 76 children served in our Transition House (1,832 bed stays). Our PEACE program served 624 children & youth (339 individual and 250 in the school program). We received 39 referrals to our Sexual Abuse Intervention Program. Our Stopping the Violence (STV) program had 154 clients over the past year and our Youth Outreach program provided 342 counselling, support and referral services to women. The Community Based Victim Services (CBVS) had 234 referral clients. And, on average we served 301 people monthly through our Community Resource Centre

5. Please describe how the services provided by organization fill a need in the community:

We are central to other helping services such as job readiness programs, free clinic and a soup kitchen and we partner with the local health provider to offer health care services through nurse practitioners. We partner with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre on the provision of groups and have weekly drop-in on-site legal services available to clients. We are often the first stop for those needing help and are always a safe haven for those who have previously accessed services. Through our Drop In Resource Centre we offer personal care needs and will distribute harm reduction kits if requested and our staff have First Aid and Naloxone training in case of emergencies. Most know our agency can be relied on to provide free, supportive services and referrals that speak to individual needs, not pre-set criteria. Programs have evolved to fit user needs for the benefit and safety for not only clients, but also their children and families. Community benefit is we are the only service of this kind in the area and the Centre is open to anyone in the community regardless of gender, age, ethnic origin, socio-economic background, education, sexual orientation, etc. There are no restrictions on those who accesses the Drop In

Centre, what services they can request or how long they can stay (during our normal operating hours).

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

City of Port Alberni CIP – In-Kind Assistance for bus passes and recreation centre passes

Coastal Community Credit Union - \$1,000 received for ACAWS Christmas family & singles Christmas program

HRJ Consulting - \$68,000 grant applied for in support of program enhancements to increase hours and services in our Outreach, Victim Services and Drop In Centre programs. This is pending and if received would be for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

8. Please include with your application copies of the following:

Annual Report – enclosed

Current Budget and latest financial statement – enclosed

Report outlining what the Grant-in Aid would be used for

If successful in our application funding would be used to replace and upgrade building lighting to LED. Current fixtures are aged and no longer in production. Ours is an older building and some of the capital costs can be significant. As a non-profit we do not have a reserve for building costs such as this and must therefore reach out to the community for donations to assist. While these items are necessary and are ultimately in support of our programs, it is often difficult to find the dollars needed for repairs. To date we have participated in the façade improvement program and have upgraded heating/cooling equipment as well as done window replacement and repaired rot around some of the windows. We are working to ensure work is done as needed. We would be most grateful for support from ACRD.



ANNUAL REPORT

2018/19

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Alberni Community and Women's Services Society

2018/19 Annual Report

3082 Third Avenue

Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2A5

Main Office: 250-724-7111

Transition House: 250-724-2223

OUR VISION

Ending violence, healing hearts, minds and communities.

OUR MISSION

We are committed to building a healthy community and improving the status of women. We provide a safe place and innovative services for women, children, men, and families.

OUR PURPOSE

- To promote the equal status of women and educate the community on women's issues.
- To provide an emergency shelter for women and their children.
- To provide counselling, outreach, victim services and other supports to women, children, youth, men, and families.
- To develop and provide new programs and services for women, children, youth, men, and families to help build a healthy and safe community. These services could include housing for adults, and/or counselling, outreach, education and other supports and services for women, children, youth, men and families.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we present to you the annual report for our fiscal year from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 from Alberni Community & Women's Services Society (ACAWS).

ACAWS is a very special place because we aim to serve those individuals most vulnerable, often women and their children. Like you, we know that when women are safe, healthy and educated, our entire community thrives.

What was our biggest achievement this past year? We secured 20 units of second-stage housing! These units will provide support for women and children fleeing violence. This marks the first major investment in transition housing in over 20 years! Women will be able to stay in the units for six to 18 months as they prepare to transition to more permanent homes. The planning phase is already underway and we couldn't be more thrilled.

In addition to securing additional housing, ACAWS hosted a very successful walk-a-thon. Our annual Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) was held on February 23, 2019 and attracted more than one hundred people. Over \$22,000 was raised. New to the event was entertainment from Alberni Teens Can Rock, Elite Dance group and a silent auction. Walkers and volunteers received coffee, tea, donuts and delicious warm chili from the Red Hot Chili Preppers.

Big thank you to our staff, volunteers, donors, local businesses and our lead sponsor, the Rotary Club of Port Alberni. Special thanks to Carol Hanson for organizing this event. She does such a great job of organizing this event and we're so thankful for her commitment.

Advocating for those underserved in our community is difficult. It often involves late nights, sleepless nights and weekends lost. The rewards however of creating a safer and more compassionate community are worth it. Our Board of Directors would like to thank everyone at ACAWS - and you - for supporting our work! Your dedication and commitment to ACAWS and our efforts are most appreciated.



Lesley Fox
Chairperson of the Board



OUR 2018/19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DIRECTOR	<i>Cathy Braiden</i>
DIRECTOR	<i>Jeff Cook</i>
DIRECTOR	<i>Seva Dhaliwal</i>
DIRECTOR	<i>Pat Kermeen</i>



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thirty-nine years ago ACAWS was founded. In moments such as this, it is important to intentionally pause and reflect with upon our past and our future. Each year unfolds with resolve, optimism and hope for the ride ahead. The reality, almost always, is more exciting and more challenging than imagined!

Our Coldest Night of the Year event continued to improve and after three years, we have generated in excess of \$60,000 in revenue in support of our programs and services. This could not have been possible without the dedication of staff and volunteers. In particular I am so very thankful for the contributions of staff member Carol Hanson who without fail, managed to keep us all organized! Special mention goes to the Red Hot Chili Preppers led by Susan Roth, who fed all of the participants and volunteers for each of those years.

In the fall of 2018 we learned with great excitement, that our long-time desire to bring Second Stage Housing to Port Alberni will happen. Working in partnership with BC Housing and the City of Port Alberni we look forward to seeing this project become reality in late 2020. Second Stage Housing was one of the primary goals of our 2016-2019 three-year Strategic Plan and this announcement is indeed a fitting way to end the three-year plan.

Together we have had the honour of being invited into the lives of so many individuals and bear witness to the stories of heartbreak and resilience that shape the landscape of our work. Together we have seen the beauty of the human spirit rediscovered, liberated and empowered. Together we have accompanied those who are distressed, fatigued and defeated, and seen compassion strengthen their resolve as they restart their lives and begin a journey of healing. Together we have worked to end the cycle of violence.

There is no "typical" domestic violence abuse survivor. Survivors are young mothers, mature professionals, high school students, and men. Survivors are children of all ages, from infants to teenagers.

One in three women experience domestic violence at the hands of an intimate partner. One might say domestic violence abuse is a national epidemic. We're proud to be on the forefront of solutions here in our local community. As you read through the pages in this report, you'll see a snapshot of how our programs and services supported survivors on their journey of finding hope and second chances.

We could not have accomplished as much as we did, without the continued cooperation and engagement of staff, volunteers, Board members, community leaders, and community partners. Our strength lies in our people, their ideas, their differences, and their diverse talents and perspectives. ACAWS is comprised of experts, problem solvers and visionaries dedicated to promoting creativity and innovation.

I would like to recognize the dedicated staff at ACAWS who have formed a strong working team and have created a solid foundation for services in our community, as well as thank the Board of Directors for helping ACAWS forge forward with such positive transformation!

The complexity of domestic violence and the competing community needs press upon us. It is essential that we work with others and keep asserting our belief that safe families are at the core of a healthy community.

We embrace the responsibility for advancing the dialogue, and as we move into our 40th year I look forward to continuing this work along with our dedicated team of staff and volunteers!



Ellen Frood
Executive Director

OUR TRANSITION HOUSE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

Transition House is core funded for eleven beds by BC Housing. We also gratefully receive donations from service organizations and private citizens.

Transition House supports women and their children who are at risk of violence or have experienced violence, by providing access to safe, secure and confidential services, including information and supports for decision-making, short-term shelter or housing, referrals to other services and links to affordable housing. All women are eligible for the program services regardless of ethno-cultural background, religious beliefs, physical ability, health, mental wellness, social context, sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Women who are referred but do not reside at Transition House are provided initial contact services including an immediate safety assessment, short-term plan for safety, emotional support and referrals to alternative and appropriate resources.

We have noticed the length of stay for women has become longer on average due to the lack of affordable housing options within our community. This has also created an increase in homelessness for women in Port Alberni where women are put in unsafe situations of trying to survive. Our stats have risen slightly from last year which shows the continued need for this service in our community. This situation is being experienced in other communities also.

Transition House staff continue to work within the model of reducing barriers for women. Successful outcomes include: women being safe; mothers being able to have their children reside with them at the house instead of foster care; women gaining skills and knowledge of resources available in our community; women being able to exercise their right of choice in how they choose to live. Of utmost importance, our reduced barriers model is accomplished with safety of the house, clients and staff at top of mind.

Over the past year, Transition House completed the second stage of renovations through BC Housing and government funds. The renovations have given our Transition House a fresh, clean new look.



Cindy Blake

Manager of Transition House

FACTS ABOUT TRANSITION HOUSE

NUMBER OF WOMEN
BED STAYS AT
TRANSITION HOUSE

1,341

NUMBER OF CHILDREN
BED STAYS AT
TRANSITION HOUSE

496

TOTAL NUMBER OF
WOMEN SERVED AT
TRANSITION HOUSE

123

OUR TRANSITION HOUSE 2018/19 STATISTICS

RESIDENT CLIENTS (WOMEN AND CHILDREN) MONTHLY							
2018 / 2019	ADULT BED STAYS	CHILDREN BED STAYS	TOTAL MONTHLY BED STAYS	NO. OF WOMEN SERVED	NO. OF NEW WOMEN	NO. OF CHILDREN SERVED	NO. OF NEW CHILDREN
April	81	7	88	9	3	3	1
May	93	12	105	10	9	6	6
June	97	40	137	9	4	5	1
July	105	16	121	10	8	2	1
August	102	12	114	12	8	4	3
September	143	56	199	12	6	3	-
October	25	9	34	9	6	3	3
November	207	112	318	10	6	6	3
December	141	63	204	14	9	5	2
January	132	107	239	8	3	6	4
February	64	36	96	8	6	6	3
March	151	26	177	12	8	6	4
TOTAL	1,341	496	1,832	123	76	55	31

NON-RESIDENT CLIENTS (WOMEN AND CHILDREN) MONTHLY						
2018 / 2019	ACCEPTED BUT DID NOT SHOW UP		UNABLE TO HOUSE AT TRANSITION HOUSE		PHONE CALLS CRISIS	FULL HOUSE NIGHTS
	WOMEN	CHILDREN	WOMEN	CHILDREN		
April	3	4	8	1	15	-
May	14	13	10	4	15	-
June	3	2	6	3	9	-
July	13	8	9	4	22	-
August	7	7	10	5	12	2
September	7	-	11	3	11	8
October	3	2	17	17	13	-
November	6	6	24	15	20	26
December	11	3	15	13	7	1
January	5	2	20	10	23	9
February	4	4	21	13	14	-
March	2	1	15	9	15	1
TOTAL	78	48	166	96	176	47



“ Once upon a time...there was the simple understanding that to sing at dawn and to sing at dusk was to heal the world through joy. The birds still remember what we have forgotten, that the world is meant to be celebrated... ”

TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

OUR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH



The PEACE Program

The Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment (PEACE) Program is specifically designed to provide individual and/or group counselling for children and youth ages 3 through 18 who are experiencing violence and abuse in their lives. Support for parents and caregivers is also available. The PEACE Program is based on a psycho-educational approach integrating art and play therapy techniques to address emotional, social, behavioural, and psychological issues associated with exposure to abuse. Our funders are, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General Victim Services and Crime Prevention Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch.

In 2018-19 the PEACE Program has reached another milestone in our community service and we are pleased to announce that we have exceeded the numbers of service delivered to the children/youth, and community. Throughout the years our PEACE Program has become more in demand and has developed into an essential program that is consistently requested in the schools and through referrals from other local service providers in Port Alberni.

This year our BELIEVE Sexual Violence Program that is presented to grades 6 to 8 has gained momentum and is frequently requested at the elementary school level. The BELIEVE project is a new development of the Violence Is Preventable program that promotes increased awareness for children and youth within the schools and community. The BELIEVE project offers support and education concerns of sexual violence that involves safety, consent, technology misuse, harassment and resources to empower students in their physical and mental health.

Overall it has been an exciting busy year and we are grateful for the opportunity to present such important work to the children, youth and community and we look forward to serving our community for years to come.



Brenda Wainwright
The PEACE Program

Sexual Abuse Intervention Program

Program Overview

The Sexual Abuse Intervention Program (SAIP) is designed for children and youth between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been sexually abused or where sexual abuse is suspected and for children aged 12 and under who exhibit inappropriate sexual behaviours.

The program is trauma-informed, child centered, strengths based and respectful of cultural differences. The goal is to lessen the impact of trauma for the child/youth, improve personal functioning at home and at school and strengthen their connection to supportive systems (family, community, social).



Services Provided

Individual therapy sessions may include counselling, psychotherapy, art therapy, sand play therapy and/or play therapy depending on the needs of the child/youth. The number of sessions varies according to individual needs. Support is also provided for the families and caregivers. These may include:

- Supportive counselling as needed
- Developing safety plans for within the home
- Education on childhood sexual development
- Education on appropriate vs. worrying sexual behaviours
- Encouraging parents to engage with their children and providing appropriate tools
- Education and support on parenting issues and concerns
- Providing referrals to other supports as needed

Community Outreach

Community outreach for this reporting period has been a combination of the following: more time spent working directly with the families and caregivers of SAIP clients providing services as noted above; providing support and education around sexual abuse/sexual assault to school counsellors in SD70 which includes those located on the West Coast as well as Port Alberni; relationship building and providing information to other service providers both within and outside the community; providing counselling sessions within the Haa-huu-payak Elementary School.

Trends

The number of First Nations client referrals is increasing over previous years. The number of teens (ages 13-18) who are disclosing is on the increase. The number of referrals of children ages 12 and under due to inappropriate sexual behaviours is increasing (as compared to actual disclosures). Many of these reports are of children inappropriately touching or being touched by other children of a similar age and we make every effort to get help for all the children involved. Not all these cases can be linked to a history of sexual abuse. More and more it appears children have access to the internet and much of it is not monitored. Children are now gaining access to pornography whether through their own mobile devices or through access to others' devices (parents, friends, neighbours). Children's access to pornography and other inappropriate online content is a new area of concern and comes up frequently in our discussions with caregivers.

Sexual Abuse Intervention Program Counsellor

Our SAIP Counsellor, Gayle Maddocks, has been in the position since February 2014. Gayle is a Registered Clinical Counsellor with the BC Association of Clinical Counsellors, a Registered Art Therapist with both the BC Art Therapy Association and the Canadian Art Therapy Association and a Registered Art Psychotherapist with the Health and Care Professions Council in the United Kingdom. She has a Master's Degree in Art Psychotherapy from the University of Derby in England, studied Counselling Psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology at the Master's level in Vancouver and has a BFA from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver. She is also trained in play therapy and sand play therapy. She has extensive experience, both in England and here in BC working with children and youth with multiple traumas as a result of abuse combined with losses and family struggles of poverty, violence, generational trauma, substance misuse and mental health issues. Many of the children and youth Gayle has worked with are in the foster care system; some struggle with developmental delays and/or FAS or have a variety of mental health diagnoses.



Program Challenges

Funding

It is with great sadness and disappointment that we received the news from MCFD that funding for this program may not continue beyond August 2019. We are anxiously waiting for the information on how to submit an RFP so that we can participate in the process. It is the sincere hope of this agency that this program will continue in Port Alberni so that the many children, youth and families within this community who rely on this service will continue to receive support.

Access to Services

There is an ongoing challenge for people who live in the outlying areas such as the West Coast (Tofino, Ucluelet) as well as the First Nations reserves located in Ahousat and Nitinaht to access services. Currently there are no Sexual Abuse Intervention Programs in these areas and transportation for them to attend sessions here in Port Alberni continues to be a barrier.

SEXUAL ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM REFERRAL SOURCES	
Self-Referral	5
Relative/Foster Parents	9
ACAWS Youth Outreach/PEACE	5
USMA (Aboriginal Agency)	0
School	10
Ministry of Children & Family Development	2
Child & Youth Mental Health	1
Vancouver Island Health Authority	1
Family Guidance	0
Community Based Victim Services	0
Police Based Victim Services	1
General Practitioner	4
Other Community Service	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERRALS	39



Gayle Maddocks

Sexual Abuse Intervention Program

She knew this transition was not
about becoming someone better but
about finally allowing herself to
become who she'd always been.



OUR PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN & YOUTH

Stopping The Violence Program

Stopping the Violence (STV) Program provides individual and/or group counselling for women who have experienced sexual assault, violence / abuse in relationships, or childhood abuse, and who:

- Reside in Port Alberni and the surrounding area;
- Are nineteen (19) years of age or older; or
- Where no other suitable services are available, are leading an adult life style and are under 19 years of age.

STV is funded through the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General. Service delivery to women is provided using an individual approach and/or group approach, based on the needs presented by each woman. If clients require more than the program offers, with their consent, they can be referred to other counselling agencies.



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COUNSELLING
SESSIONS
FOR WOMEN

102

WOMEN
REFERRED TO
PROGRAM

87

UNSCHEDULED
COUNSELLING
SESSIONS

10

TELEPHONE
COUNSELLING
SESSIONS

Stopping The Violence Program Counsellor

My name is Kerry Cacinaas Erickson, and I am the new temporary Stopping The Violence Counsellor here at ACAWS. I have mixed indigenous roots that span from Sandy Bay Ojibwe First Nation in Manitoba, to Hesquiaht First Nation of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. I have recently finished my bachelor of social work degree at the Vancouver Island University. In my five weeks with ACAWS, I have met some really amazing and resilient women, and I look forward to continuing this very important work.

Kerry Erickson

Stopping the Violence Counsellor

“...the responsibility lies with each and every one of us to create—or at times defend—the right for individuals of all backgrounds to be safe.”

ELLEN FROOD, Executive Director

Women's Outreach Program

It was a very busy time in the Women's Outreach Program during the 2018-2019 fiscal year! We received a one-time federal grant in the beginning of 2018, which extended outreach hours from 11 to 27 a week and has proven to be extremely needed. The number of women served more than doubled this year, and an enormous amount of support, advocacy and assistance was provided. The Outreach services are provided to women 19 years of age and older, who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing abuse, threats or violence within their lives.

Our Outreach program provides a holistic approach to ending violence against women, to walk alongside women as they avenue on their healing journey, and planning with women to address their needs. Addressing needs, meeting women where they are at and relationship building has built confidence, empowerment and hope in many women.

Outreach services offered include:

- Emotional and crisis support
- Crisis intervention and safety planning
- Accompaniment and advocacy at appointments outside our agency i.e.: medical, legal, mental health and addictions, MSDPR, MCFD, USAM, family court, community health services, etc.
- Referrals to and assistance in accessing other services that are beyond the scope of our mandate
- Assistance with life skills (prioritizing, budgeting, and goal setting)
- Assistance with paper work (divorce/ separation, protection orders, housing and subsidy applications, rental applications, crisis grant applications, and recreational subsidies
- Culturally relevant public education about violence against women and the range of our services
- Group facilitation: Making Connections
- Workshop facilitation: Indigenous Trauma and Resiliency
- Group Presentations provided at: Nuu-Chah-Nulth Health Centre, young mom's groups, prenatal classes and other community organizations
- Training gained: Homeless Count, Finding and Securing Housing, Negotiating with Landlords and more

Sarah Henshall was the Outreach Worker until February 1, 2019, and did extraordinary work. She then became the Community Based Victim Services Coordinator, but still provided immediate support and advocacy to women accessing Outreach, as there was no permanent Outreach Worker until the end of the fiscal year. Abby Liggett has since taken over this position.

I am very honoured to work with the beautiful women who access our services and look forward to this next year!

OUR NUMBERS FOR WOMEN'S OUTREACH

NUMBER OF WOMEN
THAT RECEIVED
OUTREACH SERVICES

367

**173% INCREASE SINCE
LAST YEAR**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN
THAT RECEIVED
OUTREACH SERVICES

33

**50% INCREASE SINCE
LAST YEAR**

NUMBER OF WOMEN &
CHILDREN WE WERE
UNABLE TO SERVE

15

**81% DECREASE SINCE
LAST YEAR**

Youth Outreach Program

Our Youth Outreach program provides support to youth at both Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) and 8th Avenue Learning Centre. Building relationships with the youth is most important, so trust can be built and barriers can be broken to have difficult conversations around what might be going on in their lives. We work to enhance the overall well-being of youth, minimize the impact of stress and create a safe space.

In collaboration with Brenda Wainwright, PEACE Program counsellor, Sarah Henshall co-delivered the BELIEVE and VIP program to many classes in the Alberni Valley. These programs educate students around the risks of sexualized violence, impacts of domestic violence on children and youth, healthy relationships, ages of consent and lots more.

Sarah Henshall continued to volunteer at the ADSS Breakfast Program, which provides bagels, apples and yogurt to an average of 100 students in the mornings. This was a great way for the students to get to know her and build relationships. She also gave many presentations to different classes at ADSS around healthy relationships.

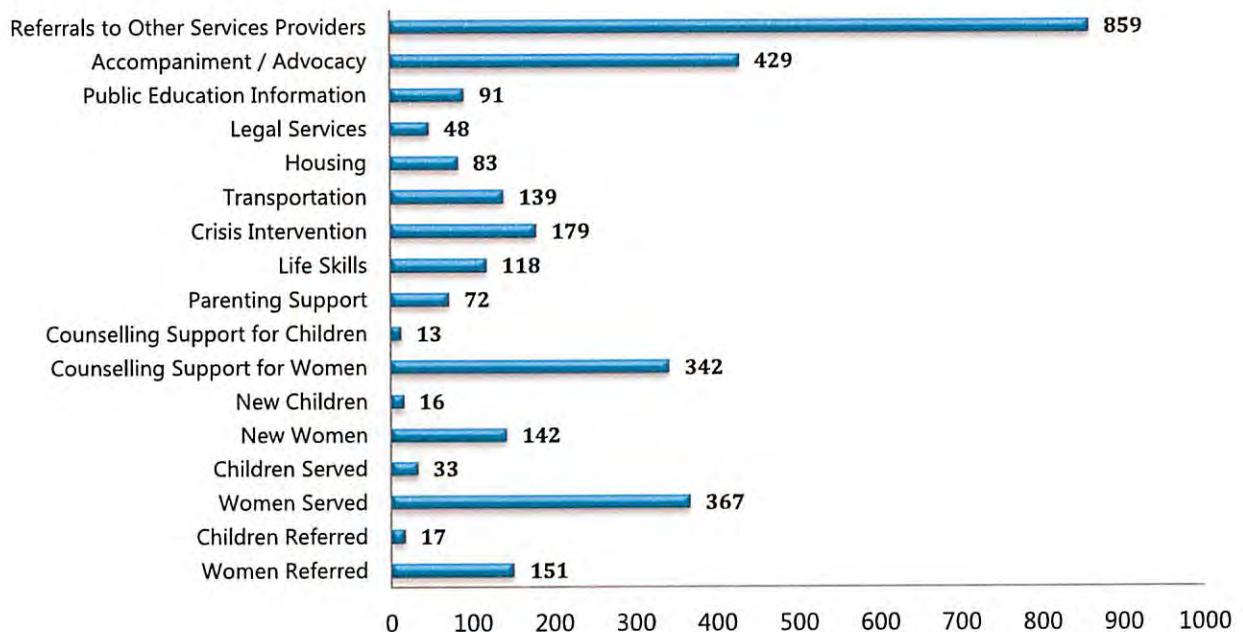
A trend we are seeing is more youth in the schools are being referred to Community Based Victims Services, for being a victim of intimate crimes, such as child and youth sexual assault, sexual abuse and criminal harassment. Our presence in the schools is very important.

Sarah Henshall moved into the Community Based Victim Services coordinator role, and Abby Liggett took over this position at the end of the fiscal year.

Abby Liggett has really enjoyed getting to know the youth and feels very lucky to be in the schools.



Outreach Program Statistics



Abby Liggett
Outreach Program Worker

OUR PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Community-Based Victim Services

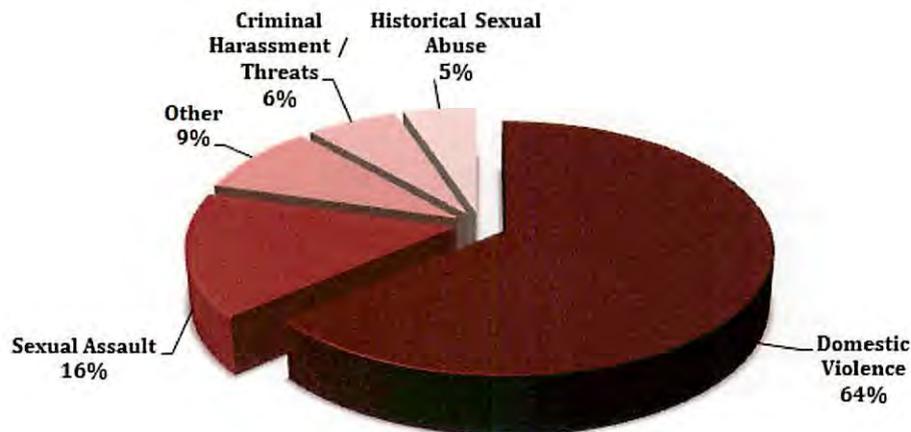
Community-Based Victim Services (CBVS) provides emotional support, practical assistance, general as well as justice-related information to women, men, youth and children who are victims of intimate crimes. Intimate crimes include violence in relationships, adult, child and youth sexual assault, sexual abuse, historical sexual abuse and criminal harassment (i.e. stalking). The funding for this program is provided by the Ministry of Justice.

CBVS recognizes the importance of giving the victim the choice of participating in the criminal justice system, and focuses on ensuring the victim has access to services that support and promote safety. The program concentrates on four objectives, which include lessening the impact of crime and trauma on victims and assisting in their recovery, increasing victim safety and helping reduce the risk of further victimization, increasing the sense of empowerment when engaging in the criminal justice system, and increasing the effectiveness of victims while acting as witnesses during court proceedings.

CBVS strives to meet the program objectives by providing a number of services to clients such as transportation to court and other related meetings and appointments, providing court orientation and trial preparation, accompanying victims to scheduled interviews with the RCMP and judicial hearings, informing victims of the status of investigations, assisting with forms such as Peace Bonds and Protection Orders, Victim Impact Statements, and Crime Victim Assistance Program applications, promoting safety plans, and referring victims to other programs and agencies for continued support.

Program Statistics

From April 2018 to March 2019, the CBVS program received 234 new referrals, along with 243 general inquiries or brief service contacts. Of those client referrals, 195 of those resulted in referrals to the CBVS program because of family violence. The following pie chart displays information pertaining to the types of crime.



Community-Based Victim Services continued

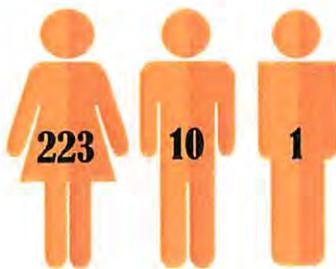
During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, long-time CBVS staff member Kim Touchie was offered the opportunity to work for the Provincial Government at the courthouse and after 10 years of service as the Community Based Victim Services Coordinator she moved on to this new opportunity. Sarah Henshall moved into this position in February 2019 from the Youth and Adult Outreach Worker role. This worked well as Sarah had been assisting Kim with some of the CBVS workload in part due to a Federal Government grant. Together Kim and Sarah attended Domestic Violence Committee meetings, and several community events. Both attended the annual Picnic in the Park, which is organized by the local First Nations Mental Health agency Quu'asa, where ACAWS hosts a table, and provides hampers to raffle off. We also were invited as dignitaries to the North Island College graduation. Joint training opportunities included the Victim Services Webinar, a one day Indigenous Trauma and Resiliency Workshop, the annual EVA BC Teleconference, a Crime Victim Assistance counselling webinar, a one day Mental Health, Addictions and Trauma training and the annual three day Ending Violence Association of BC Training Forum in Richmond in the fall of 2018.

On behalf of ACAWS, Sarah was able to present, network and promote our services at Maht Mahs Harm Reduction conference, the Halloween Howler at 8th Avenue Learning Centre, young moms groups, prenatal groups, NETP Career Fair, at sexual health tables in the community and at the Friendship Centre.

In addition Sarah participated in a two day BC Housing training as a community Vulnerability Assessor for persons experiencing homelessness, attended two day Motivational Interviewing, a 3rd Party Reporting Webinar, three day "How to support Survivors of Sexual Assault" training in Vancouver and Police-based Victim Services training. Sarah was able to speak and support youth victims at the ADSS "Be More than a Bystander" BC Lions event this past February.

Additionally, in collaboration with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, Sarah co-facilitated four "Rebuilding Lives" 8 week programs which is a program delivered to women to empower them to implement the Seven Sacred Teachings into their daily lives.

NUMBER OF CLIENTS BY GENDER



NUMBER OF REFERRALS BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

Domestic Violence	149
Sexual Assault	37
Other	21
Criminal Harassment / Threats	15
Historical Sexual Abuse	12
TOTAL	234

Sarah Henshall

Community-Based Victim Services Program Co-ordinator

"Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth."

William Faulkner

Our Resource Center

At the center we provide advocacy for those experiencing difficulties finding and/or obtaining appropriate resources, filling out forms, providing emotional support and basic hygiene items in addition to harm reduction supplies.

Having a safe place to come to obtain the applicable referrals, simply sharing space and even grabbing a cup of coffee is a huge relief to members of the community who may be experiencing difficulty in their daily lives.

Providing these essential services is key to establishing a cohesive network of support that helps the community by providing assistance to those disenfranchised by individual struggles be it domestic, systemic, addiction, poverty or otherwise.

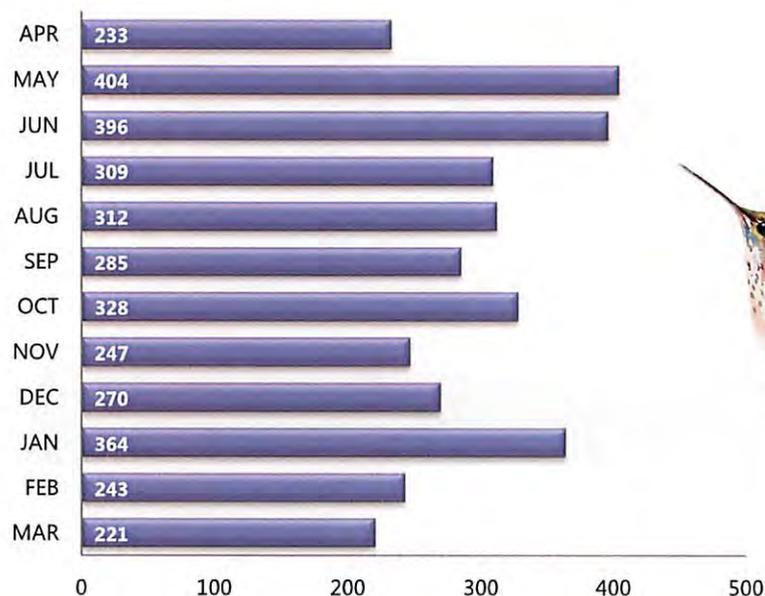
In addition to the aforementioned services we collaborate with other service providers to provide occasional in demand workshops which may pertain to addiction, culture, emotional regulation and other relationship building skills.

Although demographics are constantly shifting, currently we are averaging 301 different individuals in Drop In per month with more women than men and typically 15 plus visits per day on average. However numbers are typically higher in the winter months. Our clients are evenly comprised between those with mental health problems including those with addiction problems, and often the two are combined.

Over the course of the past year and as a result of the current opioid crisis, we have seen a rise in the amount of Naloxone kits being asked for. Basic hygiene items continue to be frequently requested.

The chart below shows the number of people that have come into our resource center for assistance each month during the past year. In total, 3,612 people sought our assistance.

Statistics: Number of Clients Monthly



Sabrina Ross

Resource Centre Program Co-ordinator

OUR FUNDRAISING COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR



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Alberni Valley News

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 A5

'Coldest Night' raises more than \$22,000

ELENA RARDON
Alberni Valley News

Organizers are pleased with the results of the third annual Coldest Night of the Year event in Port Alberni.

The walk-a-thon on Saturday, Feb. 23 raised funds for Alberni Community and Women's Services Society, which runs the Port Alberni Transition House, along with a number of other programs in community.

"We had a good turnout—there were lots of happy walkers," said ACAWS executive director Ellen Frood after the event.

Frood said she was "thrilled" with the added entertainment and the atmosphere it provided at the Alberni Athletic Hall on Saturday. This year's event included performances from Alberni Teens Can Rock and Elite Dance Academy, as well as a silent auction. And, of course, the Red Hot Chili Peppers were ready with warm bowls of chili for the end of the walk on Saturday evening.

Coldest Night of the Year also featured a few special guests, like Mid Island-Pacific Rim MLA Scott Fra-

ser and Port Alberni Mayor Sharie Minions, as well as other members of city council.

On Saturday, Minions acknowledged the importance of the event and what it represents.

"I think for most of the people in this room, having a roof over our heads, having a warm place to sleep at night and knowing where our next meal comes from are things that are really easy to take for granted," she said. "But a lot of people in our community don't live with those same comforts. And we're really fortunate to have organizations like ACAWS who are there for those people when they need that extra bit of support."

Numbers are still being counted, but so far this year's event has raised more than \$22,000 for ACAWS.

"It's a little bit less than last year, but we're still thrilled with the support we received from the community," said Frood.

Next year's Coldest Night of the Year event is scheduled for Feb. 22, 2020 and preparations are already underway.



Walkers cheer as they leave the Alberni Athletic Hall on Saturday to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year.

ELENA RARDON PHOTO

“ We walk humbly realizing that anyone can lose their footing and then lose everything else. ”



A WARM THANKS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

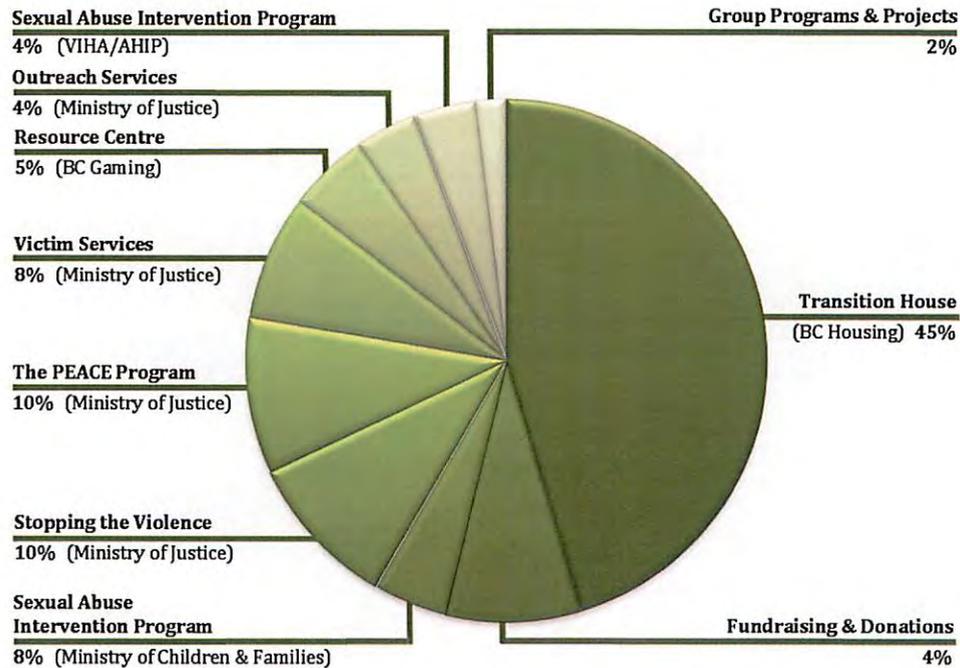
It always amazes me how this community comes together for a cause. On behalf of *Alberni Community and Women's Services Society*, I would like to thank everyone who participated in *Coldest Night of the Year* through sponsorship, volunteering, walking, and pledging. Community partners like you have made this event a success year-after-year. I am looking forward to our next event on February 22, 2020!

Carol Hanson

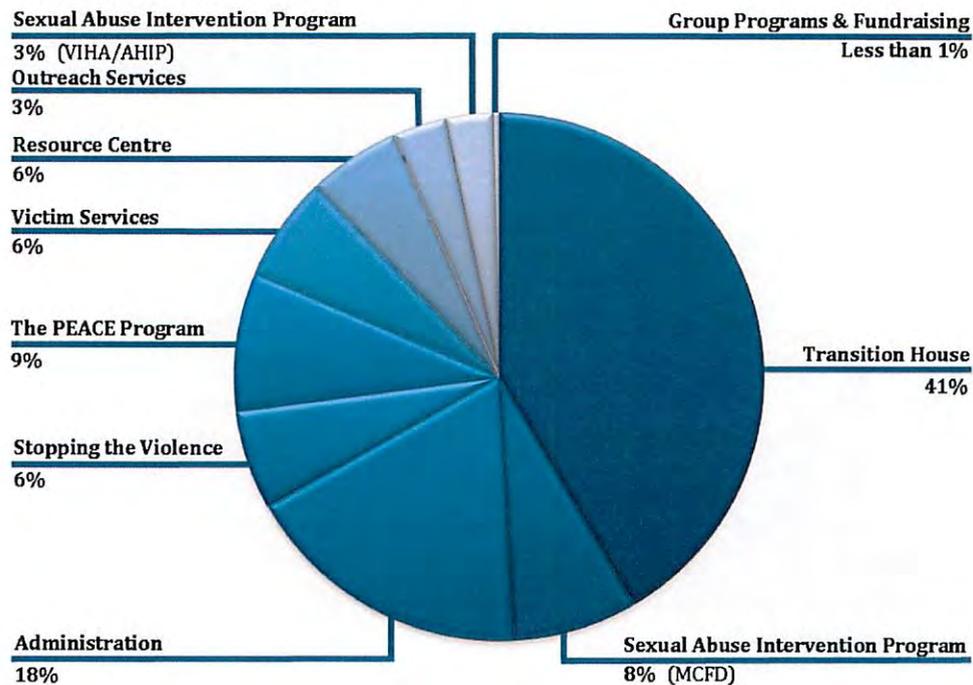
Administrative Assistant, Volunteer & Program Coordinator

OUR NUMBERS

2018/2019 REVENUE



2018/2019 EXPENSE



Susan Roth
 Manager of Finance and Administration

**Our full financial report is available upon
request or on our website at:**

www.acaws.ca



*Thank you for your
continued support!*

Alberni Community and Women's Services Society

2018/19 Annual Report

3082 Third Avenue

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Main Office: 250-724-7111

Transition House: 250-724-2223

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization Alberni Valley Community Foundation	
Mailing Address: 3100 Kingsway Ave Port Alberni, BC V9Y 3B1	
Contact Name: Peggy Hartman, Treasurer	Phone Number: 250 724-0332
Email Address: phartman.comm@gmail.com	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>2,000</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0031702

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

The Alberni Valley Community Foundation (AVCF) provides a unique opportunity for citizens and organizations to make a tangible and lasting contribution in support of our Community. A Community Foundation is a pool of charitable donations where the pool is invested, and the income earned is distributed to local charitable organizations. Since 1999 AVCF has distributed \$373,000 to local charitable organizations.

In 2015 and 2018 AVCF produced Vital Signs for the community. Vital Signs is Canada's most extensive community-driven data program. Vital Signs is spearheaded by Community Foundations of Canada and led by community foundations in Canada and worldwide.

The cost of production is roughly \$20,000. Our aim is to produce a new edition in 2020. This document is highly regarded by local organizations, Ministries and individuals for the insight into the conditions in the Alberni Valley and throughout the regional district.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

The Foundation supports : Arts & Culture, Education, Health and Physical Activity, Social Services and the Environment through our grants.

Since 1999 AVCF has contributed through bursaries and grants to organizations such as Bread of Life, Alberni Community and

Womens Service Society, Hospice Society, Our Town, Rollins Art Centre, Shelter Society North Island College and many more.

AVCF wishes to continue to support the community through the production and distribution of a 2020 edition of Vital Signs.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

City of Port Alberni Economic Development Commission has donated \$2,000 toward 2020 Vital Signs

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: _____ Amount: _____

Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

6. Submit your completed Grant-in-Aid Application, including the above documentation to:

**Corporate Secretary
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

The **Deadline** to Submit Grant-in-Aid Applications is **January 31st** of each year.

Late applications will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this application or the information required, please call (250) 720-2700.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:

ALBERNI VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2019

In 2019 there were several changes in the Alberni Valley Community Foundation Board. We mourned the loss of our well-respected former mayor, Gillian Trumper who had served on the board for nine years and we accepted with regret the resignation of Dave Jarrett. We welcomed two new members, Jean McIntosh and Jack Ensign.

May 30, 2019 our AGM was held at the Alberni Athletic Hall. In attendance were previous and current year grant recipients. Those receiving grants in 2018 gave presentations on the use of the grant funds. The 2019 grant recipients gave an outline of the intended use of the grant and received their cheques. The grants for 2019 totalled \$31,900 and bursaries \$4,000.

On 4th November AVCF together with the Sunshine Club presented an Estate Planning Seminar at Echo Centre. The panel was made up of Shawn Heidema & Danny Zich (*Coastal Community Credit Union*), Mathew Dearin (*Clarkstone and Dearin notaries*) and Rob Anderson (*R Anderson & Associates accountants*). 23 people attended and Vital Signs & brochures were distributed. The response was very positive from all attendees and presenters.

We are very grateful for donations in 2019 totalling \$26,192.11.

Alberni Valley Community Foundation

Brief history of the Foundation?

24th Annual General Meeting, 19 years of grant making.

Makeup of the Board of Directors?

Board is appointed by committee made up of a cross section of the Community that includes the Mayor, the Director of North Island College, a Member of Nuu Chah Nulth Tribal Council, a Local Judge or Chair of the Bar Association and the President of the Labour Council.

Why an appointed Board?

To prevent one group introducing Board Members to gain a majority, thereby redirecting funds to their field of interest.

Why does a Foundation differ from other charities?

The money received by the Foundation is not given directly to local charities, but invested. The returns on investment are then distributed within the Valley. An analogy would be to consider Service Clubs, Medical Need Groups etc. as the chequing account, then we are the savings account. The capital remains in perpetuity.

Our current assets and how much do they generate?

Our assets are currently just over one million dollars and we have distributed in excess of \$350,000 over the last nineteen years.

To whom do we make grants?

All facets of the community, Education, Heritage and Restoration, Arts & Culture, Senior Citizens, Social Services, Children and Youth.

The Future?

We need to build up the asset base so that significant interest is generated to fulfill all the needs of this Community. We currently receive more requests for funds than we can generate, and therefore have to turn down some very worthwhile projects. We would appeal to the more fortunate citizens of the Alberni Valley to consider making bequests (and there are many ways one can do this) to the Foundation, so that we can continue to help those less fortunate within our Community.



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*The Alberni Valley
Community Foundation*

Message from the Board Chair

Once again, I am proud to serve on the board of the Alberni Valley Community Foundation, and proud to share our 2018 Vital Signs® report with the community. In the three years since we released our first report, we have seen significant changes within the Alberni Valley. Issues that are impacting larger urban centres have cropped up here, too – indeed, the opioid crisis, the need for adequate and affordable housing for all, and increased crime have all made themselves known in the Alberni Valley. At the same time, important work has been done in the arenas of poverty reduction, reconciliation, and sustainability.

It can be difficult to make sense of the changes in our community and in our world. Much of how we perceive the world is informed by the way an issue affects us or our loved ones, or what we read on social media. Vital Signs® presents an alternative. Alongside community perceptions and opinions are indicators – discrete data points that allow us to track change over time. We hope that the information in this report adds to your knowledge about the Alberni Valley, and we hope that the data are used to inform planning and decision making in our community.

Hugh Grist, Board Chair

Alberni Valley Community Foundation

Vital Signs team

Alberni Valley Community Foundation board members:



Hugh Grist
Chair



John Mayba



Olga Tardif
Secretary



Peggy Hartman
Treasurer



Gillian Trumper



Ken Watson



Dave Jarrett



Robert Gunn

Research Facilitator: Maggie Hodge Kwan

The Alberni Valley Community Foundation would like to acknowledge that the geographical scope of this report is within the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Hupacasath and Tseshah people.

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About The VitalSigns® Program

Vital Signs® is a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada. It measures the vitality of our communities, identifies significant trends, and supports action on issues that are critical to our quality of life. For more information, please visit www.communityfoundations.ca/vitalsigns.

Why a VitalSigns® report?

By compiling local information and tracking it over time, we will deepen our community knowledge and provide a valuable tool for our foundation, residents, elected officials, and other community groups, giving us a basis from which to develop innovative ideas that build a stronger Alberni Valley.

How is the report organized?

The Vital Signs® report examines quality of life through a number of different lenses, or issue areas. In addition to the twelve issue areas we reported on in 2015, we have added two more: Food and Recreation. We are committed to monitoring and reporting on issues that impact life for all in our community. In each issue area, several indicators are presented. Indicators act as measurement tools, demonstrating how the Alberni Valley has changed over time. Where possible, we have offered comparisons to historical data, other communities, and provincial and/or national statistics.

What is the Alberni Valley?

For the purposes of this report, the Alberni Valley is defined as the City of Port Alberni, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District electoral areas B (Beaufort), D (Sproat Lake), E (Beaver Creek), and F (Cherry Creek), and the Tsahaheh 1, Ahahswinis 1, Alberni 1, and Klehkoot 2 reservations. All efforts have been made to obtain data for this geographic area, but occasionally different geographic areas are measured. This will be noted.

Community Foundations of Canada

The Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) oversees the development of all 191 community foundations across Canada. CFC also coordinates the Vital Signs® program, and provides some of the data included in this report.

Data and Indicators

Data

Some of the data within this report was collected by CFCs data partner, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Where possible, it has been verified by local experts in each issue area. Additional information was provided by local agencies and organizations. All data sources are listed on page 22.

Note: Due to data limitations, some indicators included in the 2015 report have not been updated in the 2018 report.

Indicator Selection

Indicators were selected and prioritized based on the following guidelines:

Indicator Characteristics

- Perceived public interest (informed by community survey and consultations)
- Indicator's ability to inspire action
- Indicator reports on an issue or trend that community members can do something about
- Indicator reveals a strength or weakness of the Alberni Valley

Data Selection

- Understandable
- Measureable
- Ease of collection
- Currency
- Frequency of collection in future

Community Survey

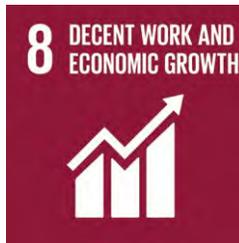
Throughout May, we ran a survey to better understand how local residents feel about the pressing issues in our community. In total, 498 community members participated in the survey. The demographics of survey respondents were closely aligned to the demographics of the Alberni Valley. The survey is statistically valid, but survey responses are presented under the heading "Community Voices" and not with the indicator data.

The AVCF and the Sustainable Development Goals

Like many community foundations, the Alberni Valley Community Foundation supports the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations. The Sustainable Development Goals, or Global Goals, were created and ratified by all United Nations member countries in 2015, with the intention of putting the world on a more resilient and sustainable path by 2030. More information about the goals is available at sustainabledevelopment.un.org.



The grants that we give in the Alberni Valley support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Three recent projects are highlighted below.



In 2018, our grant contributed to the purchase of a pump for the Hupacasath First Nation community farm. The community farm not only grows produce, but supports the development of life and employment skills. SDG 2, Zero Hunger, and SDG 8, Decent Work, are both impacted by this project.



In 2017, we supported the Alberni Valley Community Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness in implementing their strategic plan, "Still At Home in the Alberni Valley." The plan is in favour of appropriate and affordable housing for all. This work is linked to SDGs 10 and 11, Reduced Inequalities and Sustainable Cities and Communities.



In 2016, a grant to the Bread of Life helped the organization to renovate the kitchen. The work of the Bread of Life contributes to SDG 2, Zero Hunger.

Report Highlights

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While our total population is relatively unchanged, demographic shifts have taken place since 2015. Our Aboriginal population is young and growing, while our population as a whole is growing older. Our median age has risen by 5 years over the last decade.

Housing - Pages 14 & 15

Housing has emerged as a critical issue, with house prices rising quickly and half of renters paying so much for housing that they are at risk of homelessness.

Income Gap - Page 16

Poverty remains an issue, as the Alberni Valley experiences a higher rate of poverty than the provincial average. Child poverty is an especially prominent concern.

Belonging & Leadership - Page 7

Our community demonstrates its heart through civic engagement – voting, donating, volunteering, and supporting the many non-profits that make the Alberni Valley such a caring community.

Our Valley

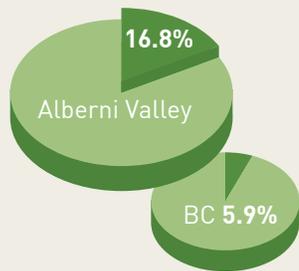
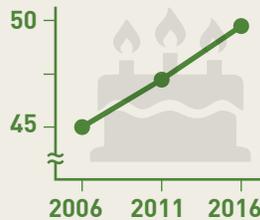


25,112 Population

The population of the Alberni Valley was nearly unchanged between 2011 and 2016. Census data shows a population of **25,112** people. Neighbouring regional districts including Nanaimo Regional District and the Comox Valley Regional District grew by **6.2%** and **4.7%**, respectively, while the provincial population increased by **5.6%**.^{1,2}

49.6 Median age

The median age in the Alberni Valley continues to rise, up from **45** in 2006, to **47.3** in 2011, and to **49.6** in 2016. Our community is older than the provincial median (**43.0**) and the national median (**41.2**).^{1,2}

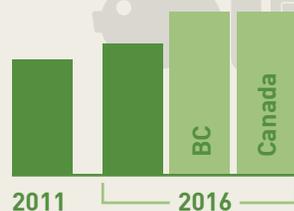


16.8% Aboriginal identity

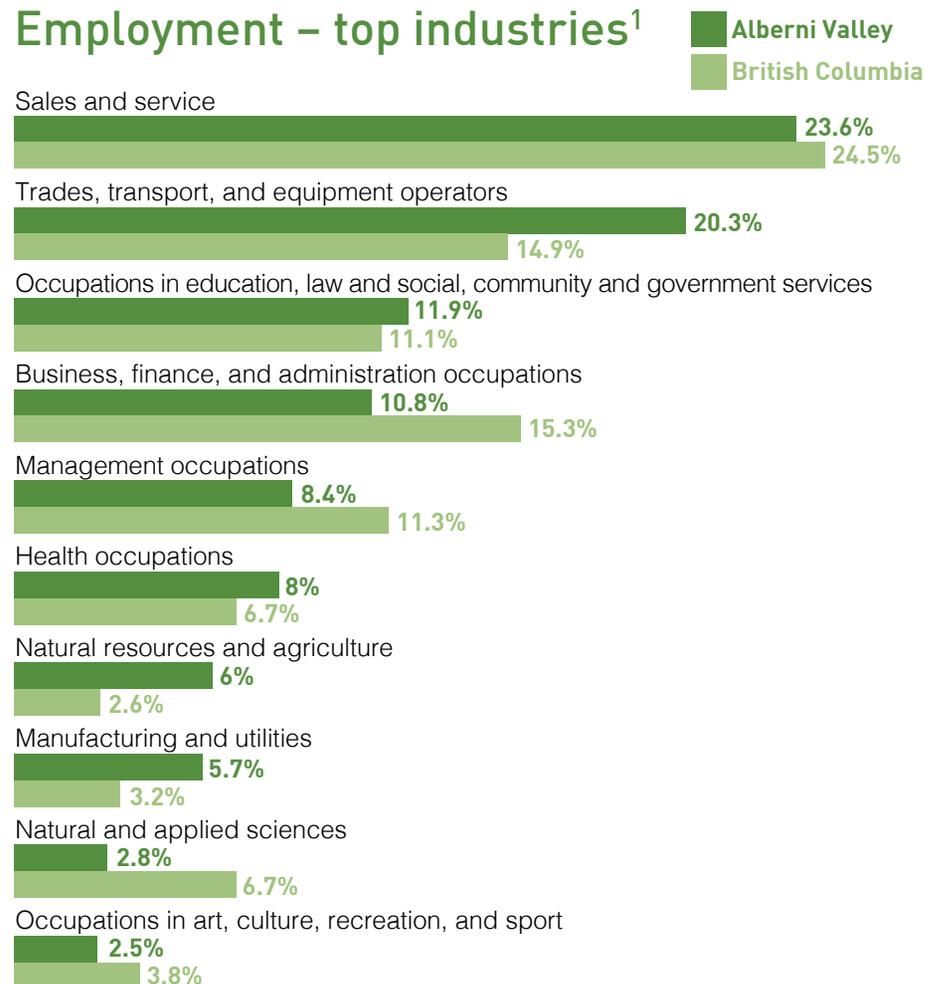
More than **4000** Alberni Valley residents, or **16.8%** of the total population, identify as Aboriginal (First Nations, Metis, or Inuit). This is an increase of **3.5** percentage points since 2011, indicating that the Aboriginal population is young and growing. In British Columbia, **5.9%** of the population identifies as Aboriginal.^{1,2}

\$49,609 Median income of household, after tax

In 2016, Alberni Valley households reported a median income of **\$49,609**, after taxes were deducted. This is an increase over 2011 (**\$43,619**). In both instances, the Alberni Valley lags behind the province – in 2016, the provincial median was **\$61,280**. Nationally, households reported an after-tax income of **\$61,348**.^{1,2}



Employment – top industries¹





Arts & Culture

1.3%

Education in the arts

Just over one in one hundred adults ages 25-64 in the Alberni Valley have post-secondary training in the arts (visual or performing). Across the province, **2.1%** of people ages 25-64 have an arts education.¹

2.5%

Employment in cultural occupations

The proportion of residents working in arts, culture, recreation, and sports has not changed since 2015. This is lower than the provincial rate of **3.8%** and the national rate of **3.1%**.¹

7,506 Registered library borrowers

A total of **7,506** people, or **29.9%** of the population in the Alberni Valley, have a library card. In 2017, **102,108** visits to the Port Alberni branch were recorded, or an average of **4** visits per resident.⁴

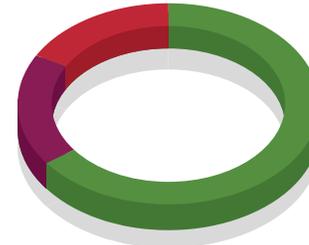


\$30,000 Canada Council for the Arts grants

National arts and council grants are awarded each year to support local arts initiatives. In 2017, Alberni Valley artists were awarded two grants. Prior to this, no Canada Council for the Arts grants have been awarded in Alberni since 2012.⁵

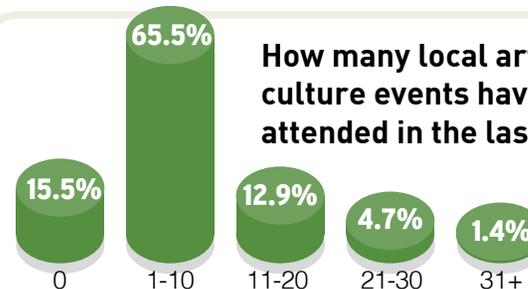


Community Voices³



I can afford to participate in local arts and culture events.

- 65.1%** Strongly agree and agree
- 17.7%** Neutral
- 17.2%** Disagree and strongly disagree



How many local arts and culture events have you attended in the last 12 months?





Belonging & Leadership

71.7%

Sense of community belonging

Nearly three-quarters of Central Vancouver Island residents, which includes the Alberni Valley, reported a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging in 2015-2016, a decrease of slightly more than seven percentage points since 2013-2014. Provincially, **71.6%** of residents feel they belong, compared to **68.4%** nationally.⁶

16.6%

Percentage of tax filers making charitable donations



Tax filer data from 2016 indicates that **16.6%** of Alberni Valley residents made a charitable donation. This compares to **19.5%** of British Columbia residents and **20.5%** of all Canadians. In the Alberni Valley, the median amount donated was **\$270**.⁸

65.1%

Voter turnout – provincial

The 2017 provincial election saw increased voter turnout over the 2013 election. Provincially, **61%** of registered voters took to the polls in 2017, compared to **57%** in 2013. The Mid-Island Pacific Rim riding, of which the Alberni Valley is a part, had a higher than average turnout of **65.1%**.⁹

80 Number of registered non-profits

There are **80** registered non-profits in the Alberni Valley, or roughly one charitable organization per **314** residents. In 2015, there were **79** registered non-profits.⁷

76.6%

Voter turnout – federal

At **76.6%** voter turnout in the 2015 federal election, the Courtenay-Alberni riding had one of the highest rates in the province. Nationally, **68.5%** of eligible voters turned up at the polls. In 2011, **61.1%** of eligible voters cast their ballot.¹⁰



Power of people

100+ Women Who Care Alberni

The Alberni Valley has a long reputation as the “community with a heart,” and the local chapter of the 100 Women Who Care initiative cements that status. Communities across North America have created 100 Women Who Care groups, asking 100 women to gather quarterly to award \$100 each — or \$10,000 total – to a worthy local non-profit. This allows for charitably-minded women to gather, quickly learn about local charities in the Alberni Valley, and make a big impact with their combined donation. But they haven’t stopped at 100 – at last count, the 100+ Women That Care Alberni was just over 200 members. For more information, visit www.100womenalberni.com.

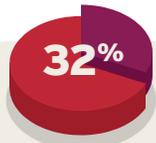




Children & Youth

5,095 Number of children and youth

There are more than 5000 children and youth 19 years and younger in the Alberni Valley. Children and youth comprise **20.3%** of the population. Provincially, **20.4%** of residents are under 19 years of age. Across Canada, **22.4%** of the population is under 19 years old.¹



Vulnerability rate

The latest Early Development Instrument (EDI) data intimates that the vulnerability rate has increased, from **30%** in 2011-2013 to **32%** in 2013-2016. An examination of a child's first five years across five domains (physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognition, and communication) demonstrates that, without additional support, **32%** of our youngest children may experience further challenges in both education and society.¹²



Adults in the community

The Middle Years Development Instrument asks students in Grade 4 and Grade 7 to reflect on their experiences at school, at home, and in the community. One of the questions queries connectedness, and asks Grade 4 and 7 students to assess the quality of the relationships they have with adults in their neighbourhood or community. On this scale, **69%** of Grade 4 students are thriving, or experiencing high well-being, and **62%** of Grade 7 students are as well. Both responses exceed the provincial average.¹³



Child poverty rate

In the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, which includes the Alberni Valley, **29.5%** of children and youth ages 0-17 years old live in a low-income family. Within city limits, **33.7%** of children and youth live in a low-income family. This is the highest municipal child poverty rate in the province. In British Columbia, one in five, or **20%** of children and youth live in poverty.¹¹



Youth self-rated mental health

When asked to rate their mental health, **81.3%** of youth in Central Vancouver Island, which includes the Alberni Valley, chose "very good" or "excellent," a slight increase over the provincial average of **79.1%** and the national average of **77.6%**.⁶



Power of Philanthropy

STARS Program

"Skills That Achieve Readiness for School," or STARS, is a program developed by Outreach Therapy. Outreach Therapy has long provided group intervention services to young children, but needed a way to reach more children to share foundational fine and gross motor, cognitive, sensory, social and emotional skills to support school readiness. Thus, STARS was born! The STARS curriculum is now offered in preschools and childcare centres throughout the Valley and on the west coast. Through play, children's coordination is developed, alongside their social skills and self-confidence. This program is made possible thanks to a number of funders, and the Alberni Valley Community Foundation is proud to support it.



Environment

9.9ug/m³ Air quality

One measure for air quality is concentration of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). Fine particulate matter is a public health risk, causing lung and heart problems. Canada's Ambient Air Quality annual standard for PM2.5 is 10.0ug/m³, or 10.0 micrograms per cubic metre. In 2017, the Alberni Valley's annual average was **9.9ug/m³**, as measured at the Alberni Elementary weather station.¹⁴

530L Daily water consumption per capita

Metered water usage in the Alberni Valley is provided by the City of Port Alberni, Beaver Creek Water System, and the Cherry Creek Waterworks District. Daily average water consumption per capita was **530** litres in 2017, an increase over 2014's daily per capita average of **449.7** litres.^{15,16,17}

75.7kg Household recycling

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District collects household recycling from residents living in the City of Port Alberni, Beaver Creek, Tseshaht, and Hupacasath. In 2014, each household in these communities averaged **81kg** of recycling per year. In 2017, the household average decreased to **75.7kg** per household.¹⁶

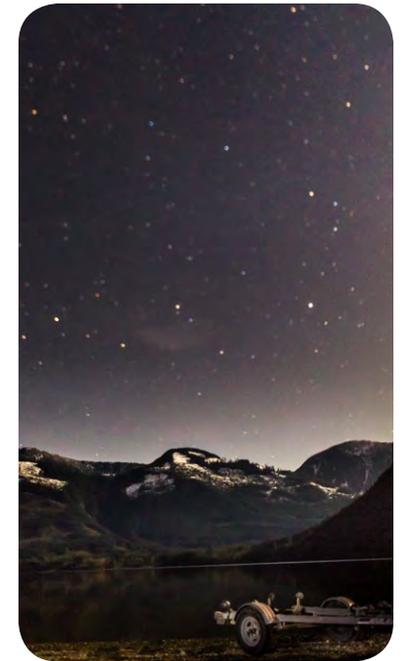
2,069mm Average annual precipitation

In 2016, the most recent year with comprehensive weather reports, **2,069mm** of precipitation fell in the Alberni Valley. This was an increase over 2014 (**1,781mm**), and higher than the 10 year average of **1,796.3mm**.¹⁴

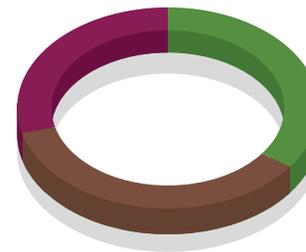
Power of people

Cycling to School

Many local organizations came together to secure funding to purchase a fleet of bikes that are used to teach Wood Elementary School students cycling skills that may support them in cycling for health and leisure and, as they get older, to support bicycle commuting. 125 students participated in the Bike to School program, cycling 1-2 times per week for 6 weeks. In total, 200 students participated in some sort of cycling program. Teachers reported that students who participated in the cycling program had increased attention in class, and demonstrated strong communication and collaboration skills. Cycling also supports mental and physical health.

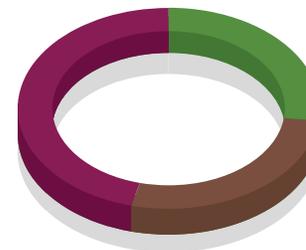


Community Voices³



The Alberni Valley has adequate options for getting around, including public transportation and active transportation.

34.8% Strongly agree and agree
35.6% Neutral
29.6% Disagree and strongly disagree



Our natural resources (air, water sources, forests) are well managed.

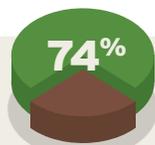
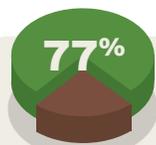
26.7% Strongly agree and agree
26.7% Neutral
46.6% Disagree and strongly disagree



Food

\$1029 Cost of healthy eating

The Provincial Health Services Authority monitors the monthly cost of healthy eating for a family of four in BC. Their most recent report shows that a family living in Central Vancouver Island pays **\$1029** to eat healthy meals each month. This is an increase over 2015, when Central Vancouver Island families paid **\$983** each month. Similarly, the provincial cost of healthy eating has risen from **\$974** in 2015 to **\$1019** in 2017.¹⁸



Meals with adults at home

77% of Grade 4 students and **74%** of Grade 7 students in the Alberni Valley eat meals with their parents or adult family members 5 or more times per week. **15%** of Grade 4 students and **14%** of Grade 7 students eat 2 or fewer meals with parents or adult family members each week.¹⁹

Power of Philanthropy

An innovative grant from Community Foundations of Canada and administered by the Alberni Valley Community Foundation is bringing greater coordination to the delivery of non-profit food services in the Alberni Valley. Through the Alberni Valley Transition Town Food Group, stakeholders will be brought together to develop a more cohesive method of food provision and distribution. Given the number of charitable organizations providing groceries or meals to those in need, identifying and creating efficiencies is essential. By supporting greater alignment in service delivery, we hope that our caring non-profits will have more time and energy to focus on the many other needs that they serve.

36 Number of farms producing and selling food

There are **36** food producing farms in the Alberni Valley producing fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs, grains, and more. Of these, **30** sell their goods on-site, by appointment, and/or with set hours.²⁰

Free and subsidized meals consumed, 2017²¹

ADSS Breakfast Club [2017-2018 school year]*	72,000
Alberni Valley Community School Lunch Program**	42,625
Alberni Valley Neighbourlink Society Read & Feed	25,862
Bread of Life	33,000
Canadian Mental Health Association, Port Alberni branch	16,000
EJ Dunn Backpack Program [2017-2018 school year]***	1,368
Grace Point Church Downtown Hope	4,160
Island Health Lunch Club Program	1,800
Jericho Road Mobile Outreach	1,600
KUU-US Crisis Line Society****	4,076
Port Alberni Friendship Centre	23,250
Port Alberni Shelter Society	30,631
Salvation Army*****	11,896
Vincent de Paul***	639
TOTAL	268,907

*With breakfast served for an hour before classes start and bagels, fruit and granola bars available at "grab 'n go" stations throughout the school, ADSS students accessed food approximately 72,000 times in the 2017 – 2018 school year.

** There is a cost per meal and families are encouraged to pay what they feel they can afford.

*** This is the number of food hampers/ grocery bags provided, not the total number of people fed by this program.

****Includes 1,074 meals and 3,002 food hampers provided during weekend outreach.

***** Includes 574 Christmas food hampers and 40 recipients of the baby formula program.

Note: Canadian Mental Health Association also provides small food hampers to people in need, but a database error made 2017 statistics unavailable.

Our apologies if we have missed any of the free or subsidized food programs in the Valley. Every effort was made to be thorough.



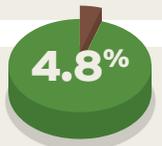
Getting Started in Our Community

345 Net migration

Between 2015 and 2016, **345** more people moved to the Alberni Valley than left the Valley. These newcomers comprise **1.4%** of the total population. When we last looked at this indicator, net migration was negative.¹

38 Languages spoken

In addition to English and French, Alberni Valley residents speak **36** languages at home. The most frequently spoken non-official languages are Punjabi, German, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish.¹

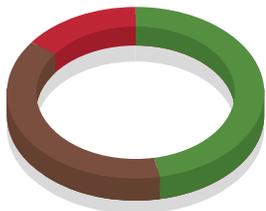


Visible minority

The proportion of residents that belong to a visible minority has increased from **3.5%** in 2015 to **4.8%** today. The largest visible minority groups in the Alberni Valley are South Asian and Chinese. Provincially, **30.3%** of residents belong to a visible minority, up from **27.3%** in 2014.¹

Note: Visible minority data does not include Aboriginal people.

Community Voices³



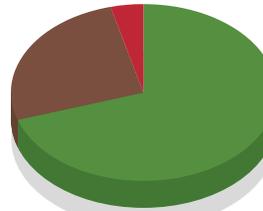
If someone new moves onto my street, they are welcomed into the neighbourhood.

47% Strongly agree and agree
37.5% Neutral
15.5% Disagree and strongly disagree

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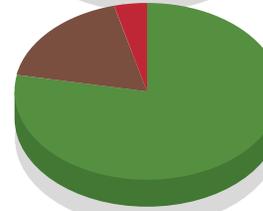


New residents¹



New residents, 2015

70% From within the province
25% From another Canadian province
4% From outside of Canada



New residents, 2010 – 2014

78% From within the province
17.6% From another Canadian province
4.4% From outside of Canada



Power of people

The Alberni Valley has welcomed many newcomers in the last few years – mostly from within the province, but from across the country and internationally as well. A net increase in migration coupled with a significant increase in the visible minority population makes us ask: How can we welcome new residents to our community?

- Deepen personal connections by getting to know newcomer neighbours
- Share helpful hints with new residents on your street, such as information about local services like the post office, recreation facilities, hospital, and library
- Ensure that new residents to the community know about local celebrations and events



Health & Wellness

79.02 Life expectancy

Life expectancy, or the number of years a person can expect to live, is a key measure of wellness. Someone born in Local Health Area 70 (Alberni) in 2016 can reasonably expect to live to **79.02** years old. This is lower than the provincial life expectancy of **82.6** years, but an increase over 2014's life expectancy of **78.67**.²⁴

10.1 Birth rate

This is slightly higher than both the Island Health birth rate (**8.4** per 100,000) and the provincial birth rate (**9.6** per 100,000).²⁵

65.4%

Breastfeeding rate

At West Coast General Hospital, **65.4%** of the 247 babies born in 2015/2016 were fed breast milk exclusively while in hospital. This is a decrease from 2013/2014, when **73.2%** of babies born at WCGH were breastfed.²²



26 Number of general practitioners

There are **26** general practitioners serving the Alberni Valley, working from one of the medical, community, or walk-in clinics. This is a net positive increase of **4** physicians since 2014. Additionally, there are **10** specialist practitioners serving the area. Across Central Vancouver Island, which includes the Alberni Valley, **10.9%** of the population was without a medical doctor in 2016, an increase over 2014's **5.9%**.^{26,6}

Note: Central Vancouver Island includes Nanaimo, Oceanside, the Alberni Valley, and the West Coast.

10 of 11 Chronic disease prevalence rate, higher than provincial average

Rates of chronic prevalent disease in Local Health Area 70 (Alberni) are higher than the provincial average in **10** categories: heart failure, chronic kidney disease, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), osteoarthritis, asthma, hypertension, depression, and mood and anxiety disorders. The only disease that appears less frequently in Alberni than in the province is ischemic heart disease.²⁵

300.7 Mood and anxiety disorders

In Local Health Area 70 (Alberni), **300.7** per 1,000 residents have a diagnosed mood or anxiety disorder. This is lower than the Island Health rate of **302.4** per 1,000 residents, and higher than the provincial rate of **267.0** per 1,000 residents.²⁵

14.4L Average annual alcohol sales

Residents of Local Health Area 70 (Alberni) ages 19 years and older consume **14.4** litres of alcohol, or **835** standard drinks, per year. This is higher than both the Island Health consumption (**10.9** litres, or **632** standard drinks) and provincial consumption (**9.0** litres, or **522** standard drinks).²³



18.2%

Perceived life stress

In 2016, **18.2%** of Central Vancouver Island residents, which includes the Alberni Valley, reported perceiving that most days in their life were quite a bit or extremely stressful. This is a decrease from 2014, when **22.6%** reported the same. Provincially, **19.7%** of British Columbians report quite a bit or extremely stressful days.⁶

14.8%

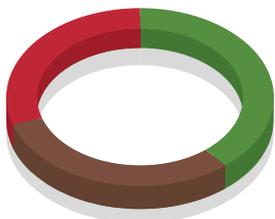
Smoking rate

The smoking rate for the population 12 years and older in Central Vancouver Island has decreased every year since 2007-2008. The most recent rate, from 2015-2016, is **14.8%**. Provincially, the rate is **14.1%** and nationally it is **17.4%**.⁶

18 Overdose deaths

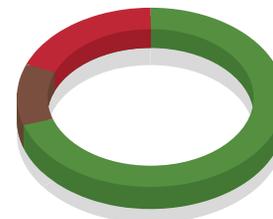
In 2016 and 2017, there were **18** overdose deaths in the Alberni Valley. In 2017, British Columbia saw **1,450** overdose deaths. Illicit fentanyl was detected (alone or in combination with other drugs) in **84%** of overdose deaths in the province.^{27, 28}

Community Voices³



In the Alberni Valley, there are adequate supports in place for promoting wellness.

38.9% Strongly agree and agree
31.4% Neutral
29.7% Disagree and strongly disagree



I have the financial resources necessary to meet my current health care needs.

70.0% Strongly agree and agree
11.3% Neutral
18.7% Disagree and strongly disagree

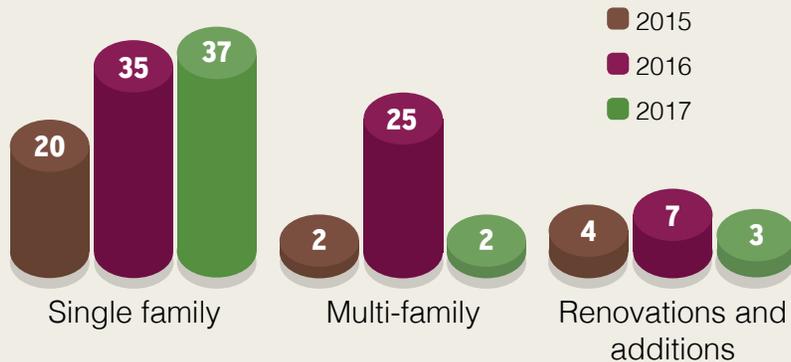


Housing

\$294,900 Benchmark home price

The benchmark sale price of a single-family home in summer 2018 in the Alberni Valley was **\$294,900** – still the most affordable city on Vancouver Island, but **\$100,000** more than in summer 2015. On Vancouver Island, the average single-family home increased from **\$338,700** in summer 2015 to **\$507,700** in summer 2018.²⁹

109 New housing units by dwelling type¹⁵



26.7%

Renter households

Of the 11,360 households in the Alberni Valley, **3,030** or **26.7%** are renter households. This is a negligible increase, from **26.6%** in 2011. The remainder are owned. Provincially, **31.8%** of households are renter households.¹

\$701, \$749 Median monthly shelter costs

Median monthly shelter costs include mortgage or rent payments, electricity, heat, water, and other municipal services. In the Alberni Valley, homeowners pay a median monthly shelter cost of **\$701**, while renters pay **\$749**.¹

9.0%

Proportion of units requiring major repair

Between 2011 and 2016, the proportion of Alberni Valley housing units requiring major repair decreased from **11.9%** to **9.0%**. Across the province, there has also been a decrease, from **7.2%** in 2011 to **6.3%** in 2016.¹

13.1%

Proportion of homeowners spending more than 30% of their income on housing

Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing are at risk of homelessness. In the Alberni Valley, **13.1%** of homeowners spend more than 30% of their income on housing, compared to **20.7%** of homeowners in BC and **16.6%** across Canada.¹



50.4% Proportion of renters spending more than 30% of their income on housing

Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing are at risk of homelessness. Half of the rental households in the Alberni Valley spend more than 30% of their income on housing, compared to **43.4%** of homeowners in BC and **40.0%** across Canada.¹

12 Number of beds in emergency shelter

The Port Alberni Shelter Society operates the emergency shelter in the Alberni Valley. It has **12** beds year-round, and may offer **15** additional beds during periods of extreme weather (November 1 – March 31 of each year).³²

147 Homeless count

The Alberni Valley's homeless population was counted in April 2018. Preliminary results demonstrate that there are at least **147** homeless people in the valley. Because the 2018 methodology differed from the methodology used in the November 2016 homeless count, the results are not directly comparable.³¹

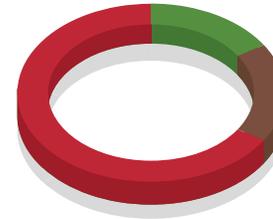


1.7% Rental vacancy rate

The rental vacancy rate in the Alberni Valley has decreased every year since 2011. It is currently **1.7%**. British Columbia's rental vacancy rate is **1.3%**, while Canada's is **3.0%**.³⁰

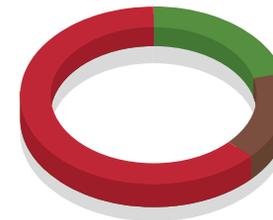


Community Voices³



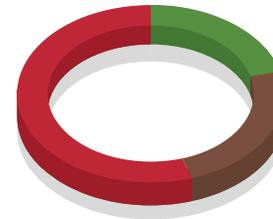
There is affordable housing for all income levels in the Alberni Valley.

16.1% Strongly agree and agree
18.4% Neutral
65.5% Disagree and strongly disagree



The Alberni Valley has a variety of housing options to meet community needs.

21.4% Strongly agree and agree
15.7% Neutral
62.9% Disagree and strongly disagree



Homelessness is taken seriously in the Alberni Valley.

21.1% Strongly agree and agree
23.7% Neutral
55.2% Disagree and strongly disagree

Power of Policy

The Alberni Valley will be the recipient of one of many housing investments currently being made across the province, as 30 units of supported housing and 5 shelter units (that can house up to 4 individuals each) are constructed on 8th Avenue, near the existing Port Alberni Shelter Society site. Supported housing units offer 24/7 supports to residents, including life and employment skills training and health and wellness services.



Income Gap

20.3%

Overall poverty rate

Using the low-income measure, after-tax, **20.3%** of Alberni Valley residents live in poverty. This is an increase of two percentage points since 2013. In British Columbia, the overall poverty rate is **15.5%**, and in Canada, **14.2%**. The national and provincial poverty rates have not changed significantly since 2013.¹

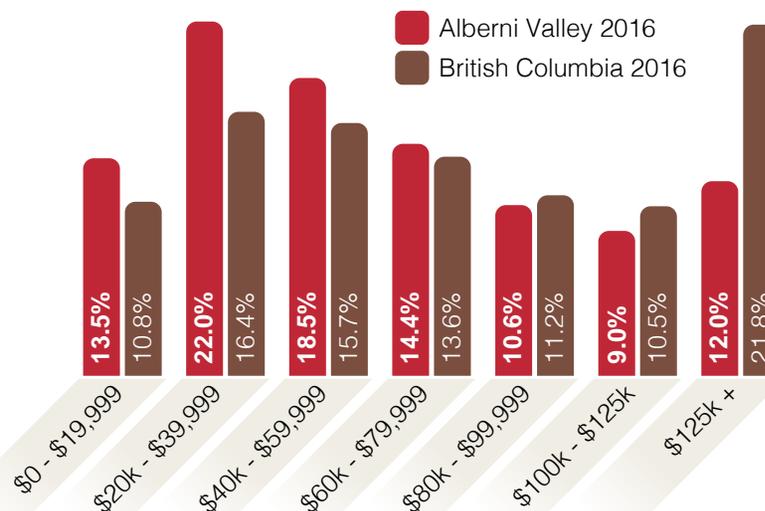
\$37,632 Median income of lone parent families, after tax

The median income of Alberni Valley lone parent families has increased since 2014, when it was **\$30,400**. The province's median income of lone parent families (after tax) is **\$46,668** and the country's is **\$48,856**.¹

Income Sources for Population Aged 15 Years and Older¹

Market income	65.7%	Employment income
	28.5%	Investment income
	24.0%	Private retirement income
Government transfers	26.5%	Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement
	35.5%	Canada Pension Plan and/or Quebec Pension Plan
	10.0%	Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
	21.1%	Child Benefits

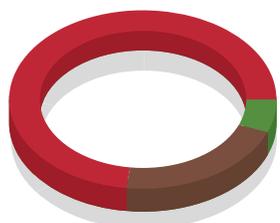
After-tax income of households, by decile¹



\$17.56 Living wage

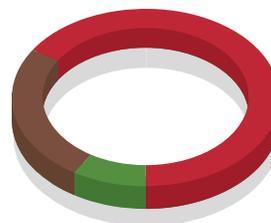
The living wage in the Alberni Valley has increased from **\$17.22** per hour in 2014 to **\$17.56** per hour in 2018. The living wage is the amount of money a family of two parents and two children needs to earn to provide for a bare bones quality of life. For comparison, the 2018 living wage in the Comox Valley is **\$16.59** and the Cowichan Valley is **\$19.05**.^{33,34}

Community Voices³



The gap between the rich and poor is closing in the Alberni Valley

5.7% Strongly agree and agree
21.4% Neutral
72.9% Disagree and strongly disagree



As a community, we are generating local solutions to ensure that residents have suitable work.

8.7% Strongly agree and agree
25.3% Neutral
66.0% Disagree and strongly disagree



Learning

74.0%

High school completion rate

Data from the British Columbia Ministry of Education demonstrates that the six-year high school completion rate has remained nearly unchanged, from **74.3%** in 2013-2014 to **74.0%** in 2016-2017. This compares to **84.0%** provincially.³⁵

56.0%

Aboriginal high school completion rate

The six-year high school completion rate for Aboriginal students has increased, from **41.7%** in 2013-2014 to **56.0%** in 2016-2017. This compares to **66.0%** provincially.³⁵

60.9%

Transition to post-secondary

The post-secondary transition rate provides the proportion of high school graduates that transition to a post-secondary institute within three years of graduation. **60.9%** of School District #70 students who graduated in 2011/2012 transition to post-secondary, compared to **59.9%** provincially.³⁵

13.2%

Education in the trades

In the Alberni Valley, **13.2%** of the population ages 15 and over has an education in the trades. This is significantly higher than the province, at **8.8%**, and the country, at **9.8%**.¹

44.7%

Percentage of population with post-secondary

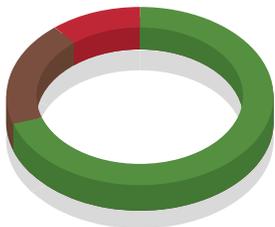
In the Alberni Valley, **44.7%** of the population 15 years and older has post-secondary education. This is an increase from 2015's rate of **43.9%**. This indicator has been increasing every year since 2001. Provincially, **55.0%** of the population 15 years and older has post-secondary.¹

\$4261

Average annual cost of undergraduate university tuition

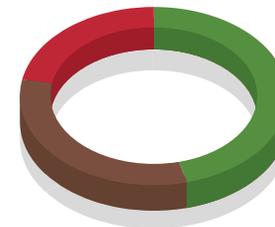
Vancouver Island University is the closest public university. Tuition has increased since our last report: it was **\$4095** in 2014-2015, and was **\$4261** for the 2017-2018 academic year.³⁶

Community Voices³



In the past year, I have increased my own well-being and life satisfaction by learning

70.1% Strongly agree and agree
19.3% Neutral
10.6% Disagree and strongly disagree



There are adequate opportunities for learning in the Alberni Valley

45.6% Strongly agree and agree
32.0% Neutral
22.4% Disagree and strongly disagree



Recreation

85,341

Admissions to recreation facilities

In 2017, **85,341** visits to recreation facilities were recorded by the City of Port Alberni. That's **3.4** visits per person in the Alberni Valley. In 2014, City recreation facilities saw **94,592** visits.³⁷

140+ Trail, in km

There are at least **140km** of trail in the Alberni Valley. Trails have been built on land owned by the City of Port Alberni, the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, and on private and industrial land.³⁸

52 Sunshine Club activities offered

The Sunshine Club is a social club for people 50 years and greater. Members, who pay an annual due of **\$70**, can participate in any of the **52** activities that are regularly scheduled.³⁷

5 Number of registered non-profits dedicated to recreation

There are **5** registered non-profits in the Alberni Valley that focus on recreation, including the Alberni Athletic Association, the Port Alberni Gymnasium Association, and the Port Alberni Youth Centre Society.⁷



Community Voices³

We asked Alberni Valley residents how they use their leisure time. In the last 12 months...

85.4%

Visited a park or recreation centre

67.8%

Visited a farmer's market

66.5%

Donated to a cause

60.5%

Provided unpaid help to a non-family member

55.8%

Volunteered time to an organization

53.7%

Visited the library

52.8%

Visited a heritage site

48.1%

Participated in a sports or hobby group

41.6%

Signed a petition

37.8%

Attended a cultural or ethnic event put on by a different cultural or ethnic group than their own



Safety

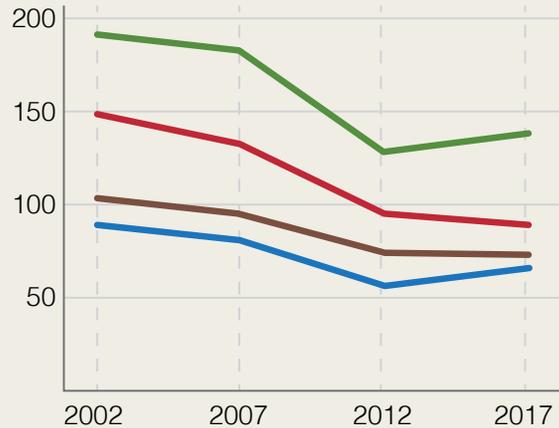
Overall crime rate, per 100,000 population³⁹



■ British Columbia ■ Canada ■ Port Alberni - municipal ■ Port Alberni - Rural

Crime severity index, per 100,000 population

The crime severity rate reflects both the number and relative seriousness of crimes reported to the police.³⁹



6,009.8 Property crime rate, per 100,000 population

Property crime rates in the Alberni Valley have been increasing since 2014, when it was **4,844**. In 2017, the Port Alberni municipal property crime rate was **6,009.8** per 100,000 population, while Port Alberni rural was **2,030.5**. Across BC, the rate has stayed relatively stable since 2014, and in 2017 the provincial rate was **4,814.5**.³⁹

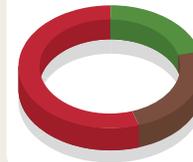
Community Voices³

The Alberni Valley is a safe community.



32.5% Strongly agree and agree
23.2% Neutral
44.3% Disagree and strongly disagree

There are adequate crime prevention measures in place here.



20.6% Strongly agree and agree
23.7% Neutral
55.7% Disagree and strongly disagree

The Alberni Valley is prepared for a large-scale emergency, such as an earthquake or a tsunami.



46.9% Strongly agree and agree
26.3% Neutral
26.8% Disagree and strongly disagree

115.5 Sexual assault rate, per 100,000 population

In 2017, the Alberni Valley's sexual assault rate was **115.5**, compared to **56.2** for British Columbia and **67.2** for Canada. Caution should be taken, though: the majority of sexual assaults are not reported, so obtaining an accurate number is difficult.³⁹

12 Number of beds in women's and children's transition house

There are **12** beds for women and children in the transition house operated by the Alberni Community and Women's Service's Society. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Transition House provided **1,737** nights of bed stays for women and children at risk of or fleeing domestic violence.⁴⁰



Seniors

24.1%

Senior population

Nearly one-quarter of the Alberni Valley's population, or **24.1%**, is comprised of seniors ages 65 years and greater. This is a significant increase from 2011, when **20.1%** of the population was 65 years and greater. Provincially, **18.3%** of the population is 65 years and greater.¹



2 Senior-specific physicians

There are **2** senior-specific physicians in the Alberni Valley: a gerontologist and a geropsychiatrist. This has not changed since 2015.⁴¹

197 Residential care beds

There are **197** residential care beds in the Alberni Valley, an increase of **5** beds since 2015. Residential care provides 24-hour professional supervision and care.⁴²

100% increase Senior population projection

Over the next 20 years, the population 75 years old and greater is predicted to double, from **2,505** to more than **5,000**.²⁵

27.4%

Percentage of senior population living alone

As in our 2015 report, **27.4%** of the senior population lives alone. Seniors who live alone often report higher rates of social isolation than seniors who live with someone else. Across BC, **25.7%** of seniors live alone.²⁵

13.9%

Senior poverty rate

Senior poverty rates are increasing across the province, and the Alberni Valley is no exception. Currently, **13.9%** of seniors have after-tax income below the low-income measure. Interestingly, **16.9%** of senior women live in poverty in the Alberni Valley, compared to **10.8%** of senior men. Across the province, **14.9%** of seniors live in poverty.¹

Note: This is not directly comparable to the data in our 2015 report, which uses a different measure of poverty. We have opted to use the low-income measure, after-tax, in all of our reporting about poverty



Power of People

Intergenerational programs are those that include children, youth, and seniors. These programs allow kids and seniors to develop fun, meaningful relationships. One such program is the Treasure Our Young Ones Childcare Centre (?iihmisuk taat'ha?is), run by the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. The program integrates two Elders into the childcare setting, and the Elders share their knowledge and teachings as well as the Nuuchahnulth language. The program is beneficial for the children, who meet caring adults, and for the Elders, who are able to share their life experiences and language. Win-win!



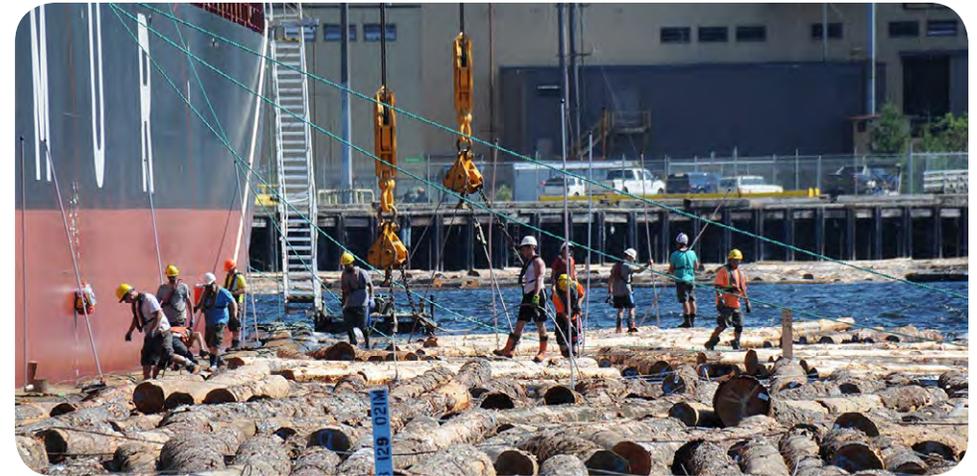
Work & Economy

48.2%

10.2%

Employment and unemployment rates

There has been little change in employment or unemployment rates since 2011. Data from the 2016 census notes that the employment rate has risen from **46.0%** to **48.2%**, and unemployment has decreased from **10.4%** to **10.2%**. Provincially, the employment rate is **59.6%** and the unemployment rate is **6.7%**.¹



474 Annual average EI benefits beneficiaries

In the Alberni Valley, an average of **474** people received Employment Insurance (EI) benefits per month in 2017, a slight decrease from **480** in 2015. This represents **4.2%** of the labour force. In British Columbia, **2.1%** of the labour force also received EI benefits in 2017.⁴³

1,400 Number of self-employed individuals

There are **1,400** self-employed individuals in the Alberni Valley, comprising **12.4%** of the labour force. Provincially **13.9%** of the labour force is self-employed, and **11.8%** of the national labour force is self-employed.¹

\$49,479 Median employment income

The median full-time, full-year employment income in the Alberni Valley is **\$49,479**, with men earning nearly \$10,000 more, at **\$58,340**, and women earning \$8000 less, at **41,310**. In British Columbia, the median employment income is **\$53,940**, or **\$61,004** for men and **\$47,039** for women.¹

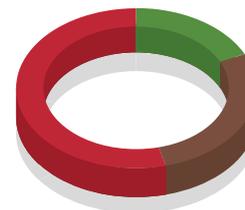
Number of new business licenses⁴⁴

*2018 data is for January – June due to publication deadlines.

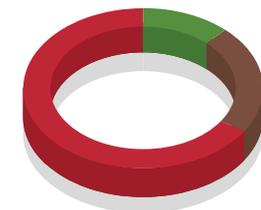


Community Voices³

Ample entry-level job opportunities exist in the Alberni Valley.



Ample professional job opportunities exist in the Alberni Valley.



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About the Alberni Valley Community Foundation

Who

The Alberni Valley Community Foundation (AVCF) is one of 191 community foundations across Canada. Community foundations act as community bank accounts, investing donated funds, allowing the principal to grow in perpetuity, and donating the interest earned annually to the community. The AVCF is governed by a board of eight, who are appointed by a local committee representing municipal and First Nations government, education, business, and labour.

What

The Alberni Valley Community Foundation:

- Invests in the future of the community by creating and managing funds. All gifts from donors go into permanent endowments.
- Provides grants to local charities to improve our shared quality of life.
- Addresses community needs and opportunities.
- Ensures the integrity of funds and the wishes of donors are respected.

When

The Foundation was formed in 1995 with contributions from MacMillan Bloedel, the Vancouver Foundation, and local donors. In 1997, the first community grants were funded. In 2018, the Foundation holds approximately \$1,000,000. The income that this money generates is distributed to community charities annually. Please visit www.albernifoundation.ca for granting information.

Where

The AVCF serves the entirety of the Alberni Valley, including lands administered by the City of Port Alberni, the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, and First Nations.

Why

The AVCF exists to satisfy the community and our donors.

Community

Organizations apply for grants to help fund local projects. The Foundation has established broad and flexible criteria, enabling it to support a wide array of community needs.

Donors

People want to be sure that their dollars are used wisely, where they can do the most good. Donors may choose to support a favorite cause or they may ask the Foundation to distribute the income according to emerging needs.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the survey respondents, photo contest entrants, subject matter experts, and other individuals that contributed to this report. You are deeply appreciated.

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*The Alberni Valley
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Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization <u>Alberni Valley Drag Race Association</u>		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">JAN 30 2020</div>
Mailing Address: <u>PO Box 472</u> <u>Port Alberni BC V94 7M9</u>		
Contact Name: <u>Ben Veenkamp President</u>	Phone Number: <u>250-735-1102</u>	
Email Address: <u>veenkampbc@gmail.com</u>		

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>5000</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC? yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 50043563

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
Thunder In The Valley provides entertainment for all ages for a weekend in August. The AVDRA includes and donates to groups within the community such as AOSB Wrestling, Toy Run, AV Bulldogs and more.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Thunder In The Valley, with the exception of last year, has provided many citizens of the Alberni valley and surrounding areas with an exciting weekend of drag racing since 2001. They visit our town, stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants and enjoy our many attractions.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

_____ *na* _____

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2016 Amount: \$7928.00
 Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) Annual Report;
- (b) A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;
- (c) A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.

6. Submit your completed Grant-in-Aid Application, including the above documentation to:

**Corporate Secretary
 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
 3008 Fifth Avenue
 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

The **Deadline** to Submit Grant-in-Aid Applications is **January 31st** of each year.

Late applications will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this application or the information required, please call (250) 720-2700.

[Signature]
 Signature of Applicant

Jan 20, 2020
 Date

For Office Use Only		
Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:

80

The AVDRA is applying for a grant-in-aid to help cover costs for hosting our Thunder In The Valley event August 8 & 9th 2020. Holding this event on Stamp Avenue has increased our operating costs by having to provide a substantial amount of fencing and security to keep racers and spectators safe. The funds, if we should receive them, will go towards these expenses. The goal of the AVDRA is to raise funds to acquire a permanent race facility to provide entertainment to the valley for years to come.

ALBERNI VALLEY DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended September 30, 2019

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Spectators	\$ -	\$ 30,613
Advertising	7,319	44,300
Racers	-	17,908
Sponsors	400	8,650
Donations	620	2,250
Camping and other revenue	-	4,278
Reader Board Sponsor	-	2,500
Vendors	-	730
	<u>8,339</u>	<u>111,229</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	559	11,794
Equipment rental	-	3,427
Fencing	-	4,526
Insurance	2,195	7,470
Interest and bank charges	17	206
Licenses, dues and permits	92	282
Office	2,486	250
Parking	-	4,000
Petition expenses	1,579	-
Prizes	-	2,900
Professional fees	775	750
Race personnel expenses	-	3,903
Race supplies and preparation	-	5,772
Rent	(1,132)	1,794
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,938
Security and ambulance	325	7,531
Septic services	-	6,000
Set up and tear down	-	12,674
Sound system	-	6,494
T-shirt expense	3,950	4,211
Telephone	160	-
Volunteer expenses	-	1,768
	<u>11,006</u>	<u>87,690</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(2,667)	23,539
OTHER EXPENSES		
Amortization	5,256	6,967
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (7,923)	\$ 16,572



Name of Organization <i>BREAD OF LIFE CENTRE SOCIETY</i>	
Mailing Address: <i>3130 3RD AVE PORT ALBERNI V9Y 4C9</i>	
Contact Name: <i>C.R. GUNN</i>	Phone Number: <i>723 - 4049</i>
Email Address: <i>breadoflifesociety@shaw.ca</i>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount <i>\$5,000</i>	Details: _____

- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: *50036591*

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:
The centre provides hot breakfast and a 'dinner' style lunch 5 days/week, all year. To do this requires 3 paid staff working 4 to 6 hrs/day along with numerous volunteers. Approx 30,000 meals are served annually. Despite the skills and dedication of staff, wages being paid are hardly above BC minimum.

Donations and tag days are providing insufficient to meet annual costs

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

- | | |
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*People using our services vary greatly by location and seasonally - we serve transi as well as people moving between the city and the coast.
 Note: In 2020 both tax relief and a grant toward water has been rec. from the City.*

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

While the number of guests served vary by month and time of month, there has been a steady need for the service. This need has perhaps increased as rents have increased in recent years. A food bank also Doctor and health nurse present weekly.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

City - Property tax relief
City - water and sewer grant
VIIHA - \$420/month office rent for dv office

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2018 Amount: \$5000
 Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) **Annual Report;**
- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
- (c) **A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.**

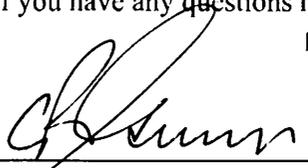
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 3008 Fifth Avenue
 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3**

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 Signature of Applicant

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The request is for \$5,000

This money will be used to:

1. Defray the costs of kitchen supplies, such as bleach, dish soap, and items condiments that cannot be obtained from donations (e.g. salt, pepper etc), and food items that cannot be sourced from the re-purposed (stale dated) food obtained daily from supermarkets.

Request for these items is \$1,000

2. To contribute to the annual wage costs of the volunteer coordinator position. Total annual wages cost for the position approx \$14,000.

This position is key to sourcing and coordinating volunteers to provide daily help to both kitchen and the food bank. At present the food bank operates daily as is open to all. Obviously enough Friday is particularly important as the kitchen does not serve food over the weekend.

The food bank is entirely dependent on food donated from supermarkets and the public and shares the results of several community food drives with the Salvation Army.

Request for this wage assistance is \$4,000

Grant-in-Aid Application Form



Name of Organization <p style="text-align: center;">Carving on the Edge Festival Society</p>	
Mailing Address: <p style="text-align: center;">P.O Box 796 Tofino B.C V0R 2Z0</p>	
Contact Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Rodney Sayers</p>	Phone Number: <p style="text-align: center;">250-731-5702</p>
Email Address:	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>2500.00</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: S0060408

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Please See Attached

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

Please See Attached

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?

yes no

If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2018 Amount: \$2500.00

Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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- (b) **A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;**
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Signature of Applicant

Jan 29/2020
Date

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CARVING ON THE EDGE FESTIVAL

January 13, 2020

**Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Port Alberni, BC**

RE: Carving on the Edge Festival Request for GRANT-IN-AID

NAME: CARVING ON THE EDGE FESTIVAL SOCIETY

PO Box 796, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0

Contact: Rodney Sayers

Email: coordinator@carvingedgefestival.com Website: carvingedgefestival.com

Grant Request: \$2500

1. & 2. Non-profit YES Registration BC Society # S-0060408

3. 2020 Festival Dates: September 10-15, 2020

Locations: - Shore Pier Events Building (on the water) 368 Main Street, Tofino BC

- Tin Wis Resort Lodge (on the beach) 1119 Pacific Rim Highway, Tofino B.C

2020 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Carving on the Edge Festival.

The focused scope of the biennial Carving on the Edge Festival, held in Tofino, encompasses carvers and participants from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. This is a unique festival that brings carvers with their families and friends. The carvers teach workshops and share their skills, while representing their homes. The purposes of the festival are to:

- **1** : Educate and increase the general public's understanding and appreciation of the traditional and contemporary coastal carving arts of British Columbia, by producing carving festival which will feature exhibits; workshops; lectures; demonstrations; films; children's activities; and other complementary events.
- **2** : Create opportunities for cultural and artistic communications and exchanges amongst our carving communities and with the general public.
- **3** : Present educational seminars and workshops that teach history, and artistic accomplishments of traditional and contemporary west coast carving for general public, youth and emerging carving artists, aiming to raise the standards of cultural achievement.
- **4** : Enhance appreciation of the importance and stature of traditional carving arts of First Nations and Aboriginal peoples by showcasing their rich cultural heritage.
- **5** : Award bursaries to young carvers that show a strong interest and aptitude for the art form.

4. Regions that benefit the Carving Festival: Entire Regional District. We have participants from all the villages & towns & areas of the Regional District.

5. How the festival fills a need: This is a unique festival that helps build cultural bridges and understandings within our communities and for the visitors to the region. It also broadens the carving community by creating opportunities for economic and cultural opportunities. It helps inspire the use of local arts in many aspects of the community and events. Our Creative Directors Emily Luce and Rodney Sayers live and work in Port Alberni, and have been networking with local artists from Port Alberni and the Regional District. This year's Festival will feature a presentation by local Port Alberni carver Cecil Dawson, who will lecture about the Language Pole project that has been spearheaded by Master Carver Tim Paul. This will include a video presentation of the project, and a short documentary film. It is anticipated that the pole will be raised in Port Alberni in 2020, and remain as a permanent installation.

6. OTHER GRANT APPLICATIONS REQUESTED FOR 2020:

Tourism Tofino	\$ 3000.00 (approved)
Destination B.C	\$34,145.00 (pending)
Canada Council	\$99,853.00 (pending)
NTC	\$2,500.00 (pending)

8. There is a photo library of the previous festivals: www.carvingedgefestival.com

Carving on the Edge Festival Society Board of Directors:

Robin Rorick, Port Alberni,

Marilyn Brewer, Victoria;

Joe David, Tla-o-qui-aht;

Joe Martin, Tla-o-qui-aht;

Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier, Port Alberni;

Christopher Roy, Salt Spring Island;

Norma Dryden, Tofino.

The Grant-in-Aid will be applied to support the regional Carvers' travel, food and accommodations, specifically those who come to the festival to teach and demonstrate.

Your support is very important to the festival's growth, as we are beginning to experience record numbers of participants. Your support will be acknowledged throughout the festival, on posters & print media, as well as our social network pages.

Festival Project Details: The Carving on the Edge Festival 2020

Carving on the Edge Festival Theme this year is “Ten Thousand More Years,” acknowledging the festivals’ tenth anniversary, and looking forward to the future. The art exhibition title “Edge Effects” reflects on the location of Tin Wis, its positioning between diverse ecological systems, and how we see ourselves in the landscape of the coast’s carving community in times of reconciliation.

Main Festival Weekend: September 10-15, 2020

Location: Shore Pier Events Building (on the water) 368 Main Street, Tofino ,
Tin Wis Lodge Resort, Pacific Rim Highway, Tofino.

The festival delivers about 25 events over 6 days.

- Opening Ceremonies and Gallery Reception for the Carving on the Edge Art Show
- Carving on the Edge Art Show
- Open carving forum with guest hosts
- Carving Workshops – 7 scheduled workshops over the weekend.
- Dugout Canoe display featuring canoes carved by Joe Martin and his youth apprentices
- Traditional Dugout Canoe Tours with T’ashii Paddle School
- Evening Programs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights
- Feature Artist Presentation with Robert Davidson
- Artist and Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- Artists Forum, Thursday, September 10th.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rodney Sayers, Co-Creative Director, Carving on the Edge Festival.



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Date: January 13, 2020

Carving on the Edge Festival

September 6th-11th, 2018

Annual Report



60+ ARTISTS

35 LOCAL SPONSORS

28 ARTISTS

EXHIBITED in the EDGE
ART SHOW

150+ AUDIENCE on

OPENING NIGHT

2500+ Local and

visiting PARTICIPANTS

from **20+** COUNTRIES

6 DAYS

25 EVENTS

12 WORKSHOPS



FEATURED

ARTISTS

Adrian Dorst
Allen Halverson
Andrea Fergusson
Cecil Dawson
Charlie Prince
Chris Paul
Christen Dokk-Smith
Court Dheensaw
Dan Law
Dave Parsanishi
Dorion Tide Reeves
Dwayne Martin
Francine Champagne
George Rammell
Gisele Martin
Ivy Cargill- Martin
Joe David
Joe Martin
John Lloyd Howley
Joshua Prescott-Shaw
Judy Schmidt
Keith Plumley
Kelli Clifton
Ken Easton
Linnea Dick

Lou-Ann Neel
Lyne Kwisahsup Cootes
Marika Swan
Mary Forest
Matthew Esquega
Michelle Foley
Mike Edwards
Nigel Atkin
Phil Gray
Rick Wolcott
Robinson Cook
Ryan Fogarty
Steve Brown
Steve Walders
Timmy Masso
Tlehpik Hjalmer Wenstob
Tom Schmidt

EVENTS

Artist Forum
Open Carving Area
Opening Night
Edge Art Show
Art Show Tours
Tool Fair
Totem Pole Raising Ceremony
& Community Dinner

Grant Writing Workshop
Language Blocks Workshop
Language Nest Demo
Artist Talks
Maker of Monsters Screening

WORKSHOPS

Platter Making x2
Adze Making x2
Transferring Design x2
Crooked Knife Making
Printmaking for Families
Cedar Weaving x2
Bentwood Box Making
Tool Sharpening

VISITORS FROM

Australia. New Zealand. China.
Southeast Asia. Iran. Italy.
United States of America
France. Spain. Portugal.
England. Scotland. Hungary.
Romania. Finland. Israel.
Guatemala. Colombia.
Morocco. Mexico.

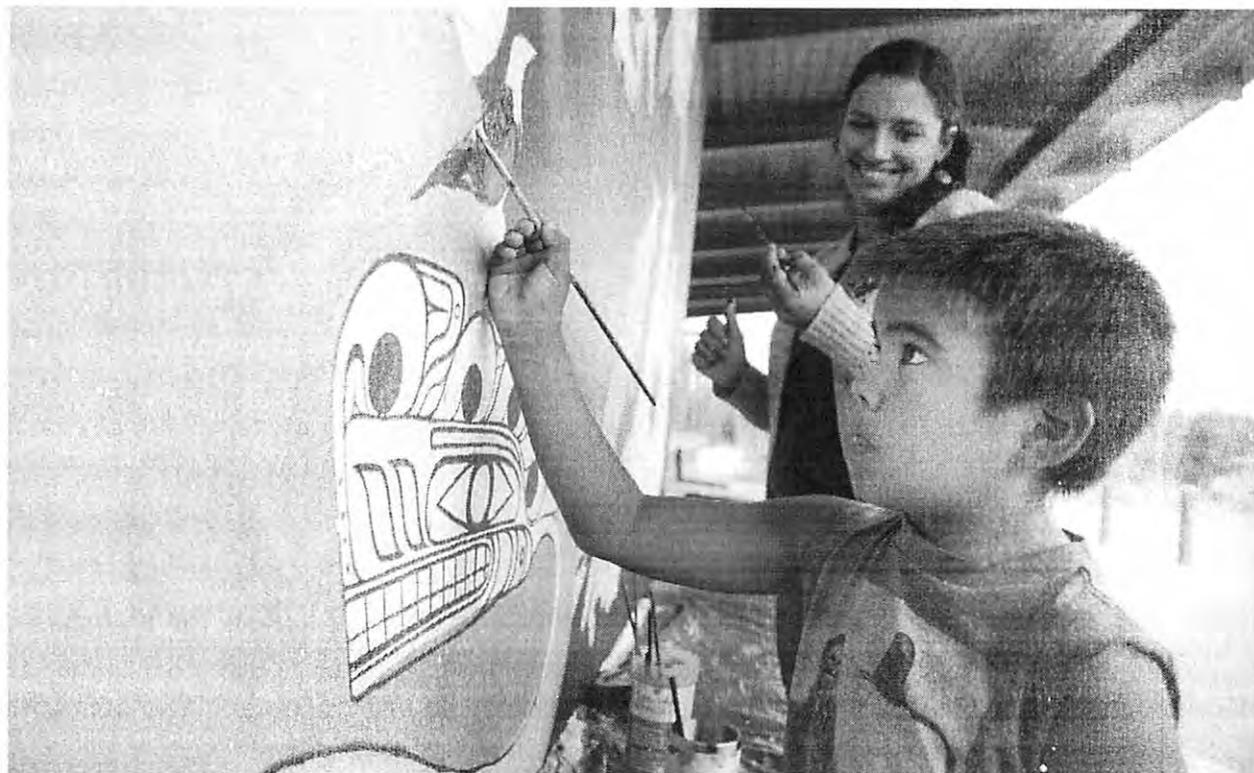
TOTEMS & TRIBUTARIES

This year's festival theme explored how individuals and communities express identity, values, and political presence on the landscape through the visual language of the traditional and contemporary carving arts. Our programming focused on creating opportunities for mentorship, intergenerational knowledge sharing, and empowering artists to use their creative voice for expression of cultural and societal values.

COMMUNITY ART & OUTREACH

TLA-O-QUI-AHT TOTEM POLE & VISION MURAL

Leading up to the 2018 Carving on the Edge Festival, our society supported the undertaking of two significant community art projects: a Tla-o-qui-aht Totem Pole carved by renowned artist Joe David & a Tla-o-qui-aht Vision Mural, a collaborative, intergenerational project between local artists and youth. These projects allowed us to further build relationships with First Nations and youth members of our west coast communities outside of festival time, helping us to strengthen ties with underrepresented audiences and encourage diverse participation in our annual gathering.



NUU-CHAH-NULTH LIVING ARCHIVE

The Nuu-chah-nulth Living Archive is a community driven research project intended to stimulate discussion and cultural renewal in partnership with diverse Nuu-chah-nulth community members. 2018 marked the first year of this 2-year innovative pilot project funded through the Vancouver Foundation Systems Change granting stream. We are in the process of researching, locating and properly identifying thousands of Nuu-chah-nulth ancestral treasures, audio recordings, photographs and cultural documents that are currently being held in museums, institutions and private collections all over the world. When completed, this project will provide a virtual space to build deeper relationships between these collections and the knowledge held in our local and urban communities.

INCLUSIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY

Through our programming we strive to create a space that allows for cultural sharing, creative expression and bridge building between individuals and communities. In 2018, this sentiment was epitomized by the Tla-o-qui-aht Totem Pole Raising which saw both First Nations and non-First Nations community members come together to participate in this historical event, honour the hereditary chiefs of our territory and share in a meal together. To support accessibility for all of our community members many of our activities and events are FREE: the Edge Art Show, Open Carving Area, & Evening Presentations. This year we provided 24 workshops bursaries to youth and those with financial barriers. We also provided travel support to local and visiting artists that would have otherwise not been able to participate.



2018 participant on what is unique about the festival: "The work to try to understand, bridge and learn from each other's culture in a compassionate, respectful, relationship based space".

ARTIST FORUM

We began our 2018 festival with a full day of presentations and introductions *by artists for artists*. This offered an opportunity for networking and professional development amongst artists before the festival opened to the public. This was a well-received, new addition to our festival programming that set the tone for activities and events over the following week.

EDGE ART SHOW

Our annual Edge Art Show exhibit took place over a 6 day period during the festival week and showcased 28 emerging and master carvers from the coastal region. Featured artists were Tsimshian artist Phil Gray from Vancouver and Dave Parsanishi from Port Alberni. Art Show tours were held over the weekend and gave artists the rare opportunity to speak publicly about their work to groups of approximately 15-20 people.



PARTNERSHIPS

We continue to grow our community support for the festival and arts-based projects through partnerships and local business sponsorships. In 2018, 35 local businesses sponsored our festival and we received over \$60 000 of in-kind support.

In partnership with the Language Keepers Society we received funding to bolster language revitalization efforts in our region and leveraged the festival space to promote the important work they are doing.

Representatives of arts and culture institutions, including the Royal British Columbia Museum and New York Natural History Museum, were invited to the festival to build connections with artists and communities.



"It was such a pleasure to be in the company of so many great people from all around the world. What stands out in my mind is how positive the experience was, day after day, after day...The staff were very welcoming and helpful. I was impressed with the world class artists that attended the event. I had the pleasure of meeting some great artists and listened to some great speeches and conversations. A few days were emotional and I cried and watched others cry...Thank you Carving On The Edge Festival for a week that I will never forget. I raise my hands to all that made this event possible. It is a testament to the great abilities of the staff. Events like this don't just happen, it takes dedicated, honest, smart, loving, passionate people to make it a reality. I look forward to coming back and being more involved next year. I have been proud to spread the word of how wonderful the festival is." - Joshua Prescott-Shaw, Cree Carving Artist



Name of Organization: <u>Navy League of Canada - Port Alberni Branch</u>	
Mailing Address: <u>Box 1251 Port Alberni BC V94 7M1</u>	
Contact Name: <u>Steve Fandrakis</u>	Phone Number: <u>250-730-7255</u>
Email Address: <u>alberni.pres@vicadets.ca</u>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>3000.⁰⁰</u>	Details: _____

- Is your organization non-profit? yes no
- Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no

If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 119246635RR0036

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

The Navy League - Pt. Alberni Branch supports 2 programs in our region: Navy League Cadets for youth aged 9-12 and Sea Cadets for youth 12-18. We are a civilian organization that aims to help young Canadians learn life skills including citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Both programs help youth learn skills through fun activities including: sailing, camping, music, sports, first-aid, winter sports.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District of Tofino | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Ucluelet |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek) |

5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

Youth involved in our organization learn many skills and are taught ethical behaviours that support them in their future careers. They also learn leadership, a sense of duty as well as help out other service clubs that has a lasting positive impact throughout our community.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

We have received a Community Investment Program grant from the City of Pt. Alberni of \$350.00 in-kind Rec passes.

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: _____ Amount: _____
Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

- (a) Annual Report;
- (b) A copy of your organizations current year budget and latest financial statement;
- (c) A brief report outlining what the Grant-in-Aid would be used for.

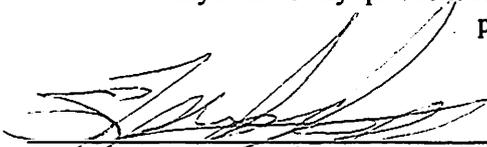
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Signature of Applicant


Date

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Navy League of Canada

Port Alberni Branch

PO Box 1251, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7M1

January 31st, 2020

To the ACRD Board of Directors,

Our organization is applying for a Grant-in-Aid for which we would like to briefly outline what activities and events the grant would be used for.

Each year the Navy League program hosts a couple of nights at the pool to allow cadets to invite a friend to go swimming and all Sea Cadets are invited as well. We have been given in-kind Rec passes from the City of Port Alberni but are still needing to pay for additional lifeguards and pool facility rental.

Each year, we also rent out Glenwood Centre for two sports night and host two Annual Ceremonial Reviews - one for each organization. The purpose of the sports night are for cadets to invite new friends to explore the cadet program in a fun and active setting. The Annual Ceremonial Reviews are a showcase of all that cadets have been learning and practicing throughout the year including drills, first aid and marching presentations. We are seeking a Grant-in-Aid for the facility rental for both sports nights and both day-long Annual Ceremonial Reviews.

Finally, Sea Cadets participate in winter sports activities each year with a trip or two up to Mt. Washington Ski Resort. The costs associated with these activities include the cost of snowshoe or ski rentals, tubing fees as well as snacks and transportation to and from the mountain.

We would be delighted to further discuss details of these events as needed and thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Steve Fandrakis, President

Email: fandretti@hotmail.com

Navy League of Canada - Port Alberni Branch

Grant-in-Aid Application Form

Name of Organization <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Westcoast Community Resources Society</p>	
Mailing Address: <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">PO Box 868 Ucluelet BC V0R 3A0</p>	
Contact Name: <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Margaret Morrison</p>	Phone Number: <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">250-726-2343</p>
Email Address: <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">margaret@wcrs.ca</p>	

Grant Requested:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind Assistance
	Amount \$ <u>2600.00</u>	Details: _____

1. Is your organization non-profit? yes no
 2. Is your organization a registered non-profit society in BC yes no
- If yes, please provide your Society Registration Number: 50028514

3. Please describe the services and benefits that your organization provides to the Alberni-Clayoquot Region:

please see www.wcrs.ca

WCRS is charitable non-profit organization based in Ucluelet, offering social services to west coast communities. Our staff are able offer service in communities and in Tofino. Service is free and confidential. In 2017 we began offering service tailored to seniors' needs and interests. We are working to coordinate with other communities to further Age-Friendly action plans.

4. Which of the following areas in the Alberni-Clayoquot Region receive a benefit from the services your organization provides:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Regional District | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Port Alberni |
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5. Please describe how the services provided by your organization fill a need in the community:

All WCRS programs are confidential and free of charge to all communities in the west coast corridor. We offer Transition House and Second Stage programs, Outreach and Womens counselling, Youth and Children's counselling. Our Community Outreach sponsors the Community Volunteer Tax Program. We are supporting Age Friendly action plan activities on the coast.

6. Please list all other grants received and/or applied for from other Governments or Service Organizations:

New Horizons (ESDC) - rec'd 2019
BC Rural Dividend (FLNRD) - rec'd 2019
CBI - pending

7. Has your organization received a Grant-in-Aid in the past from the Regional District?
 yes no If yes, complete the following:

Year: 2018 Amount: 2000.00
Year: _____ Amount: _____

8. Please include with your application, copies of the following:

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M. Morrison
Signature of Applicant

Jan 31/20
Date

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Amount Awarded:	Date Approved:	Participating Areas:



June 28, 2018

Westcoast Community Resources Society
PO Box 868
Ucluelet, BC
V0R 2Z0

To whom it may concern:

At the June 27th Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors meeting, a delegation from the West Coast Seniors Hub made a presentation outlining their plans and strategies on moving forward and making our communities more Age-Friendly.

Please accept this letter of support for the West Coast Seniors Hub and their goals and objectives to:

- Develop Age-Friendly Employment Opportunities in Rural Communities;
- Promote Volunteerism for the benefit of Seniors; by Seniors & other generations;
- Engage Seniors in the community through mentoring of others;
- Support social participation and inclusion of seniors.

We are in support of the West Coast Seniors Hub - 2018 Fall Forum and will be providing partial funding to support this intercommunity event for seniors, the senior supporters and organizations; and appreciate the inclusive approach the West Coast Seniors Hub is taking to develop a regional strategy of inter community information sharing and collaborations for identifying the issues to Aging in Remote Communities.

Sincerely,

John Jack
Chair

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Grant in Aid request 2020

Introduction

The Westcoast Community Resources Society (WCRS), in collaboration with Island Work Transitions (IWT dba Alberni Valley Employment) is carrying out a project to gather data and determine '**Vital Signs for sustaining Age-Friendly Remote & Rural Communities**'. This project is co-funded by New Horizons (ESDC) and BC Rural Dividend (FLNRORD).

To meet the project goals & objectives, we intend to gather data and determine '**Vital Signs for Sustaining Age-Friendly Remote & Rural Communities**', we are planning 2 intercommunity events (Spring and Fall Senior Forums) for 2020.

At Issue

To ensure engagement opportunities are extended to all the older adult members residing in the 9 communities within the Alberni-Clayoquot regional, we understand that 'cost of transportation' is the greatest issue and creates the greatest challenge to resolve this barrier caused by the remote locations of these communities.

Background (Sustaining & Supporting Age Friendly in Rural & Remote Communities)

2017 – WC Seniors Hub was created

2018 – WC Senior's Fall Forum was held on October 1st 2018 (International Day of the Older Person) in Ucluelet. Keynote speaker - BC Seniors' Advocate Isobel Mackenzie. Members of Tofino, Ucluelet, Millstream and Hitacu communities attended. Non-profit organizations were provided with info booths. Intercommunity presentations & discussions provided valuable information exchange and created opportunities for future intercommunity collaborations.

2019 - WC Senior's Fall Forum was held on September 30th 2019, in Ucluelet. As a result of good turnout, the District of Tofino and Ucluelet First Nations issued invitations to hold future WC Senior Forum events in their communities as well.

2020 – WC Seniors Forum (2 events planned). Spring Forum in Tofino and Fall Forum in Ucluelet First Nations community. Funding has been secured for the Spring Forum (Venue/Catering) event in Tofino. Not transportation. The WC Senior Hub Forums continue to address age-friendly issues identified by focus groups and community stakeholders.

Summary

The older adults (aged 55+) who reside in 9 communities on the west coast currently represent 25% of the population. By 2025, the projected growth will be at 30%.

Most of the Forum costs are covered but as awareness and interest in participating in this project has grown throughout the Alberni-Clayoquot region, there is a greater need to secure funding to help cover transportation costs to enable participation.

The request for grant in aid from the ACRD is:

- to help defray the costs of transportation for attendees from outlying communities to come to Tofino for the Spring Forum Thursday April 9th, 2020 or the Fall 2020 Forum (date and location TBD).
- to help defray the costs of print advertising in The Westerly News and The Ha-Shilth-Sa

The total amount is based on estimates to cover transportation for attendees from Ahousaht and Opitsaht (boat charter) plus round trip bus charter for attendees from Ty-Histanis, Esowista, Macoah, Hitacu, Ucluelet or Tofino; and print costs for display advertising for 1-3 issues of The Westerly News and Ha-Shilth-Sa.

Requested from ACRD: \$2600

The amount requested is half of the estimated total; WCRS is pursuing other grant sources for the remainder.

Important Note

The Spring Forum has been booked into the Tofino Community Hall on an available date before Easter holidays, Thursday April 9th, 2020. WCRS would request if possible for funds to be issued by April 15th 2020.