

Eligibility

Any non-profit or charitable community organization, to which the giving of a **Rural Community Grant** will benefit the general community.

Grants shall be considered on a year-to-year basis and continuing support should not be anticipated.

Application

The form, application for Rural Community Grant, should be completed in full and all community organizations are encouraged to submit the form. In addition, the following information is recommended.

- Copy of current year-to-date and the immediately preceding year's financial statements;
- If available, the most recent annual report.

Forward the application form and supporting documentation to the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) offices via email to communityservices@comoxvalleyrd.ca, or by mail to the address on the application by **March 1**.

Applications received after March 1 may be considered on a case by case basis and pending funding is available.

Rural Community Grant requests are usually considered by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the establishment of the current year's budget.

The Process

All requests for Rural Community Grants must be approved by resolution of the CVRD Board.

All organizations requesting a Rural Community Grant shall receive a letter acknowledging the request and advising of the outcome of their request.

Criteria

- The Rural Community Grant is within the current year's budgeted allocation;
- The grant does not subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior governments, as this would represent a downloading of senior government costs to local taxpayers;
- Grants should not be made to other local governments, i.e.: municipalities.
- Grants should not be used to augment tax funded functions, i.e.: volunteer fire departments, community halls, etc when the grant request is for a service or item that is included in the establishment bylaw for that specific local service area;
- Rural Community Grant must not be provided to an "industrial, commercial or business undertaking";
- A demonstrated need for the service/project within the community and the financial need of the organization is essential;

Release of Funds

As annual funding through taxation is not received from the Province of BC's Surveyor of Taxes until August 1st each year, the release of grant approvals to local community organizations shall be as follows:

The finance department after August 1st shall issue payments of a Rural Community Grant, unless the resolution approving the Rural Community Grant includes a request for immediate payment.

Application Form Rural Community Grant

DATE: _____

1. Name of Organization: _____
 Society # (if applicable) _____ Email Address: _____
2. Contact Person: _____ Position: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Postal Code _____ Telephone No: _____
3. Purpose of Organization: _____
4. If applicable, does your organization own any facilities/property related to the grant request?
 _____ YES _____ NO
 If yes, please give the address/description of the property:

5. Executives of Your Organization: _____
 President/Chairperson: _____
 Vice President/Vice Chairperson: _____
 Treasurer: _____
6. Current Membership: _____ # of Meetings per year: _____
7. Please describe the public programs and activities that your organization provided in the last year (with dates):
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____
 - (iii) _____
 - (iv) _____
 - (v) _____
 - (vi) _____

Project Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

3. Has your organization applied to other municipalities or senior governments for similar requests? _____ YES _____ NO

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

- ___ Budget for the year in which the grant is being requested;
___ Year to date and the immediately preceding years' financial statements recommended;
___ If available, the most recent annual report is recommended.

Signature of Applicant

Date

QUESTIONS? Call 250-334-6000 or Email communityservices@comoxvalleyrd.ca