

BC Library Trustees' Assoc.

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Subject: BCLTA - General Information Regarding Infrastructure Grants

To: Library Board Chairs and BCLTA Liaisons

A recent email about infrastructure grants for small communities sparked some inquiries about other grants that were available.

We have received the following summary of grants from PLSB. As well, please note that this type of information is available on the PLSB Service Centre <http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/servicecentre/>. If you are not registered for the Service Centre, the registration instructions are available on the Service Centre home page.

We will also be adding this information to our website www.bclta.org under the "Resources" section.

Thanks to Ene Haabniit at PLSB for this information.

Regards,
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 British Columbia Library Trustees' Association

Other grants available:

Spirit Square Grants.

The program guide and application for the Spirit Squares grants is at:

www.spiritsquares.gov.bc.ca

The grants are for the development of outdoor community spaces:

"The program will provide \$20 million for capital projects to create or improve outdoor public meeting and celebration spaces such as traditional town squares or community commons.

Funding will be based on a 50/50 cost-sharing with municipalities and regional districts, with a provincial contribution of up to \$500,000." This information is from the news release on the Ministry of Community Services website at:

http://www.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/channel.do?action=ministry&channelID=-8380&navId=NAV_ID_province]

A library project might qualify, if it relates to developing an outdoor (or even indoor?) community square/space of some kind - especially in partnership with other agencies - which could be the case perhaps with some libraries that are currently being built or renovated etc.

Further information is available at the same phone number/email as for Towns for Tomorrow program:

Ministry of Community Services, Infrastructure and Finance Division

Phone: (250) 387-4060; Email: infra@gov.bc.ca

A couple of other grants that libraries may qualify for re: building projects are:

Canada-British Columbia, Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund: Deadline: January 31, 2007.

See: <http://www.canadabcmrif.ca/>

and

Heritage Legacy Fund: "Provides financial assistance to registered charities, non-profit organizations and local governments in support of community projects that conserve and increase the understanding and appreciation of British Columbia's heritage resources." Applications are accepted on a continuing basis. See: <http://www.heritagelegacyfund.ca>