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## **Library Grants Information Request**

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

The Powell River Public Library is exploring the possibility of a partnership with other publicly funded services in the community, and is looking to compile a list of available grants, matching grants, low interest loans, etc. to assist in funding this enterprise. These may include local, provincial, federal, private, and green sources.

A preliminary list of some available grants is provided below, but ideally we would like to hear from you. If your library has entered into a community partnership arrangement and has accessed grant monies in the process, please pass this information along to Linda Rosen, Chair of the Powell River Public Library at [lindajack@shaw.ca](mailto:lindajack@shaw.ca). (Please also CC your responses to BCLTA Executive Director Errin Morrison at [execdirector@bclta.org](mailto:execdirector@bclta.org) – we will be gathering a list of available funding sources with the goal of making this available to the full BCLTA membership.)

### **CivicInfo Society – Local Government Grants Database**

[www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp](http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp)

A regularly-updated source of grants for BC local governments and community partners. “Library” is one of the available search terms – and some grants opportunities may be open to libraries whether or not this is stated outright.

### **CLA Infrastructure Canada Program Funding Toolkit**

[www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Resources&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3684](http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Resources&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=3684)

The Infrastructure Canada Program (ICP) was created to enhance municipal infrastructure in urban and rural communities across the country, and improve Canadians’ quality of life through investments that protect the environment and support long-term economic growth. The program allows rural and urban municipalities, provinces and territories, First Nations and northern communities to identify their own priorities.

Some public libraries have benefited from ICP. Since its inception in 2000, through ICP the federal government has provided \$21,113,623 for 38 projects that were earmarked for libraries. The government has renewed ICP to March 2009. This toolkit is intended to assist public libraries in proposing ICP projects, to gain needed funding to build or upgrade public library infrastructure.

### **Urban Development Agreements**

[www.wd.gc.ca/eng/298.asp](http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/298.asp)

These agreements are a partnership of federal, provincial and municipal governments working in collaboration on broad issues such as inner city revitalization, strengthened innovation, or sustainable economic development. They are flexible instruments that coordinate action among government and result in the seamless delivery of programs and services. WD's urban development strategy recognizes that western Canadian cities are growing centres of economic activity. WD is focused on opportunities

and challenges in urban development in the seven major cities in the West that will ensure full economic participation from all sectors of society. Western Canadian cities have the infrastructure - key industries, supporting sectors, training organizations and research universities - to work together and share information, technologies and labour force skills.

### **Dissemination Grants**

[www.mbc.metropolis.net/research/grant](http://www.mbc.metropolis.net/research/grant)

Dissemination Projects are activities which facilitate the communication between the Metropolis knowledge base (previously known as Research on Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis – RIIM) and a community of stakeholders. Here, the Metropolis knowledge base is taken to include the body of research generated by Metropolis BC over its 13-year existence. A first Call for Proposals has been issued for Dissemination Grants and in this round funding is expected for approximately 5-10 new dissemination projects of \$2,000 to \$10,000 each. Application deadline – February 12, 2009.

### **Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage**

[www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/dcap-bcah/index-eng.cfm](http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/dcap-bcah/index-eng.cfm)

The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program was created to help you celebrate your community, its past and its present. The Program will increase opportunities, through festivals or other events and activities, for your local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate your local history and heritage. Application deadline – April 1, 2009.

### **School-Community Connections Program**

[www.schoolconnections.ca](http://www.schoolconnections.ca)

The School Community Connections "Strengthening the Connection" funding program is designed to address issues of common concern for Boards of Education and Local Governments such as early learning, physical activity opportunities and healthy eating options that could be addressed in schools if a funding program was available. Projects must address shared school/community priorities and be supported by both a board of education and local government. "Libraries and Literacy" is one of the applicable categories for project funding. Next intake deadline – March 31, 2009.

### **Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program**

[www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org)

The Community Development Program responds to project proposals or ideas from Basin communities, groups and organizations that build capacity within the Basin in ways that are consistent with the Columbia Basin Trust's mandate of supporting the efforts of the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self sufficiency for present and future generations. Libraries are one of the subject areas that qualify for funding.

### **Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund**

[www.nkdf.org](http://www.nkdf.org)

The Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society is a grant-making agency that assists the people of North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitimaat Village, by sponsoring sustainable economic and social projects in the area most affected by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. Libraries are one of the subject areas that qualify for funding.

**Trees for Tomorrow**

[www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca/](http://www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca/)

Trees for Tomorrow is a Province of British Columbia initiative designed to support urban and rural communities in the planting of millions of trees in schoolyards, hospital grounds, civic parks, campuses, parking lots and other public spaces throughout British Columbia over the next five years. This initiative is part of the Province's strategy to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by at least 33 per cent below current levels by 2020. First intake deadline – January 16, 2009.

**The Starbucks Foundation – Giving Voice Grants**

[www.starbucks.com/aboutus/GIVING%20VOICE%20GUIDELINES.pdf](http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/GIVING%20VOICE%20GUIDELINES.pdf)

The Starbucks Foundation defines literacy as the attainment of excellence in reading, writing, critical thinking, and the discovery and expression of one's voice in a complex world. We believe that literacy is about reading the world and telling our stories; that it is multidisciplinary and includes a variety of media and forms of artistic expression; that it leads to action that benefits the individual and the community. It's about self esteem, personal development and civic commitment in young citizens of the 21st century.

We seek to fund programs for youth (reaching ages 6-18) that integrate literacy with personal and civic action to bring the voices of youth into the communities in which they live.