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## Growing Communities Fund Helps B.C. Communities Serve People Better

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**VICTORIA** - Local governments are receiving a \$1-billion boost through one-time funding to address the needs of their growing communities.

Grants will be distributed to municipalities and regional districts using a funding formula that reflects population size and growth.

“Our communities are growing and this puts more pressure on community centres, parks and swimming pools that families rely on. To help, we’re providing the single largest provincial investment in communities in B.C.’s history,” said Premier David Eby. “The new Growing Communities Fund will help local communities get building. Growing communities need our support and this funding will make a big difference for everyone.”

On Feb. 10, 2023, government announced the Growing Communities Fund, which provides a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants to all 188 B.C. municipalities and regional districts.

Grants will be distributed using a formula that incorporates an initial \$500,000 per municipality or district, and further adjustments for population size and per-capita population growth between 2016 and 2021, based on BC Stats data. This method considers the impacts of service and amenity demands on smaller and rural communities

and the additional pressures experienced by faster-growing communities. Grants will be distributed to local governments by the end of March 2023.

“I know that our local governments are working hard to keep up with the growing demands of their communities. Through cross-government co-operation, we can address the unique needs in each community to ensure they can thrive into the future,” said Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “These grants will support projects that each community needs the most, like new affordable housing and child care facilities, road improvements or recreation centres.”

All local governments are required to report on the use of funds in their annual audited financial statements. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs will provide further guidance to municipalities and regional districts on the use of their funds in the coming weeks.

“The transfer of these funds provides massive investments for every local government in the province,” said Jen Ford, president, Union of B.C. Municipalities. “This new funding will allow communities to accelerate the replacement of aging systems, and expansion to current services to better meet the demands of growing populations. The approach of providing funding upfront will ensure that these funds are directed to the most urgent priorities identified in each community.”

#### **Learn More:**

For a breakdown of funding by local government, visit: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG\\_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG_GrowingCommunitiesFund.pdf)

For information about the Growing Communities Fund, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/28220>

For information about the provincial surplus, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/27862>

For a detailed calculation method for the Growing Communities Fund, visit: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/detailed-calculation-method-for-the-growing-communities-fund>

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### Growing Communities Fund grants to local government

The Growing Communities Fund helps local governments prioritize local infrastructure and amenities projects, including supporting affordable housing, upgrading water management facilities and building recreation centres. Local governments are responsible for determining how the grants will be allocated based on the unique needs of their communities.

Municipalities	Grant (\$)
Abbotsford	27,420,000
Alert Bay	658,000
Anmore	1,730,000
Armstrong	2,450,000
Ashcroft	1,076,000
Barriere	1,316,000
Belcarra	759,000
Bowen Island	2,287,000
Burnaby	28,784,000
Burns Lake	1,208,000
Cache Creek	958,000
Campbell River	8,587,000
Canal Flats	817,000
Castlegar	3,094,000
Central Saanich	5,501,000
Chase	1,547,000
Chetwynd	1,464,000
Chilliwack	16,392,000
Clearwater	1,521,000
Clinton	718,000
Coldstream	4,148,000
Colwood	6,642,000
Comox	4,693,000
Coquitlam	18,635,000
Courtenay	7,655,000
Cranbrook	5,571,000
Creston	2,350,000
Cumberland	2,777,000
Daajing Giids	863,000
Dawson Creek	3,942,000
Delta	16,060,000
Duncan	2,135,000
Elkford	1,581,000
Enderby	1,707,000
Esquimalt	4,710,000
Fernie	2,626,000
Fort St. James	1,476,000

Municipalities	Grant (\$)
Fort St. John	5,724,000
Fraser Lake	850,000
Fruitvale	1,278,000
Gibsons	2,314,000
Gold River	969,000
Golden	2,159,000
Grand Forks	1,981,000
Granisle	616,000
Greenwood	767,000
Harrison Hot Springs	1,256,000
Hazelton	634,000
Highlands	1,661,000
Hope	2,874,000
Houston	1,759,000
Hudson's Hope	905,000
Invermere	2,032,000
Kamloops	15,692,000
Kaslo	919,000
Kelowna	26,228,000
Kent	2,742,000
Keremeos	1,446,000
Kimberley	3,414,000
Kitimat	2,968,000
Ladysmith	3,406,000
Lake Country	6,778,000
Lake Cowichan	1,936,000
Langford	16,464,000
Langley, City	7,186,000
Langley, District	24,306,000
Lantzville	1,910,000
Lillooet	1,282,000
Lions Bay	988,000
Logan Lake	1,538,000
Lumby	1,378,000
Lytton	619,000
Mackenzie	1,723,000

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Maple Ridge	16,586,000
Masset	764,000
McBride	780,000
Merritt	2,891,000
Metchosin	2,438,000
Midway	763,000
Mission	8,839,000
Montrose	903,000
Nakusp	1,161,000
Nanaimo	16,088,000
Nelson	4,151,000
New Denver	704,000
New Hazelton	748,000
New Westminster	15,850,000
North Cowichan	7,686,000
North Saanich	4,459,000
North Vancouver, City	10,986,000
North Vancouver, District	10,254,000
Northern Rockies - REGM	1,920,000
Oak Bay	4,773,000
Oliver	2,769,000
One Hundred Mile House	1,265,000
Osoyoos	2,556,000
Parksville	4,789,000
Peachland	2,766,000
Pemberton	2,002,000
Penticton	7,177,000
Pitt Meadows	5,370,000
Port Alberni	5,269,000
Port Alice	783,000
Port Clements	600,000
Port Coquitlam	9,462,000
Port Edward	669,000
Port Hardy	1,971,000
Port McNeill	1,370,000
Port Moody	6,734,000
Pouce Coupe	819,000
Powell River	4,218,000
Prince George	12,498,000
Prince Rupert	4,068,000
Princeton	1,936,000
Qualicum Beach	3,346,000
Quesnel	3,217,000

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Radium Hot Spring	900,000
Revelstoke	3,331,000
Richmond	20,354,000
Rosland	2,154,000
Tofino	1,946,000
Trail	2,979,000
Tumbler Ridge	1,530,000
Ucluelet	1,489,000
Valemount	954,000
Vancouver	49,119,000
Vanderhoof	2,083,000
Vernon	9,575,000
Victoria	12,852,000
View Royal	4,665,000
Warfield	1,193,000
Wells	588,000
West Kelowna	10,212,000
West Vancouver	8,000,000
Whistler	4,962,000
White Rock	5,711,000
Williams Lake	3,728,000
Zeballos	553,000
<b>Regional Districts</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Alberni-Clayoquot	1,833,000
Bulkley-Nechako	1,764,000
Capital	11,559,000
Cariboo	3,947,000
Central Coast	830,000
Central Kootenay	4,025,000
Central Okanagan	6,950,000
Columbia Shuswap	3,796,000
Comox Valley	4,497,000
Cowichan Valley	5,649,000
East Kootenay	3,667,000
Fraser Valley	8,801,000
Fraser-Fort George	3,531,000
Kitimat-Stikine	2,064,000
Kootenay Boundary	1,774,000
Metro Vancouver	50,780,000
Mount Waddington	1,029,000
Nanaimo	7,929,000
North Coast	1,162,000
North Okanagan	3,953,000

<b>Regional Districts</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Okanagan-Similkameen	4,483,000
Peace River	2,383,000
Qathet	1,367,000
Squamish-Lillooet	1,525,000
Strathcona	2,638,000
Sunshine Coast	2,221,000
Thompson-Nicola	5,441,000