



The team from Sandspit's Senior's Meals on Wheels program

Gwaii Trust responds to continuing emergency situation

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant, designed to help keep islanders safe, healthy, fed, sheltered and connected, continues to fund a variety of pandemic responses. As of mid-August, we have distributed \$688,000 to local governments and local non-profit organizations, who have leveraged an additional \$354,000 in other funding. Recently-funded projects include Meals on Wheels in Sandspit, tech supplies for students at Chief Matthews School, personal protective equipment for firefighters in Skidegate, a community garden in Massett, meal delivery for seniors and shut-ins in Port Clements, and an initiative to bring fresh halibut to islanders.

The Emergency Response Grant continues to be open to applications from local non-profits and local governments. No equity is required, and projects may be in progress. We review applications and make decisions within about one week. Visit our website at gwaitrust.com for complete details about this grant and how to apply.

Money is available for youth initiatives

The Youth Grant provides funding to organizations and local governments on Haida Gwaii for educational and recreational services aimed at youth. We have money available for projects that support increased opportunities for youth in sports, culture, arts and outdoor activities. This grant provides up to \$10,000 per application, with a 25% equity requirement. The next deadline is October 1, 2020. Full details and applications are available on our website at gwaitrust.com.

Staycation grant re-opened!

Our Haida Gwaii Staycation Grants, which were temporarily closed earlier in the summer due to emergency restrictions, were re-opened in late August! The Staycation Grant provides up to \$250 for individual islanders to use at locally-owned tourism businesses, including fishing charters, tour operators, gear rental businesses and accommodation providers. It's been a challenging season, and this grant is aimed at supporting local business and encouraging everyone to spend time with family and enjoy the last bit of summer. Visit our website at gwaitrust.com for full details and to apply.