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## Major Contributions program one of our biggest

Applications due January 23 • \$600,000 to be given out

The Gwaii Trust's Major Contributions program provides substantial funding for a wide range of infrastructure projects on Haida Gwaii. One of our biggest programs, it's been in place for more than 20 years. In 2019, we'll be making \$600,000 available through this program to local governments and non-profit organizations undertaking projects that help our communities become safer, healthier, and more attractive places to live.

Some of the projects that have been funded through Major Contributions include the new boat launch in Queen Charlotte, workshops and training for the Edge of the Knife movie, replacement of the roof at the Haida Heritage Centre, improvements to the Sandspit Fire Hall, and renovations to Masset's curling rink building to transform it into a fitness centre. As you can see, it's a flexible program that brings benefits to all islanders.

This program has one deadline a year, and it's coming up on January 23, 2019. If you're at all interested in applying, please check our website for complete details. Basically, Major Contributions grants support projects at all levels of community infrastructure and planning. Eligible projects include environmentally sustainable infrastructure such as energy studies, trail systems, campgrounds and internet access; other basic infrastructure like health centre construction and renovations, and the construction or

renovation of administrative, cultural, educational, governance and municipal offices; transportation infrastructure; recreation infrastructure and planning, including the construction or renovation of recreation centres, and recreation programs; emergency preparedness, planning and education; economic development projects that focus on removing barriers or stimulate the growth of local sustainable employment; and projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

There is no maximum application amount. For non-profit organizations, the application must be for at least \$25,000 with a minimum 25% equity requirement. For local governments, the application must be for at least \$50,000, with a minimum of 50% equity requirement.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 BUDGET**

- More funding for Haida Language: \$180,000 this year, up from \$100,000 in previous years.
- More funding for Food Security: \$220,000 this year, up from \$215,000
- In celebration of the Gwaii Trust's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, \$125,000 allocated to purchase annual passes for all Haida residents to the three local museums: Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum in Masset, the Port Clements Museum and the Haida Gwaii Museum in Skidegate.

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