

CHANGES FOR A NEW YEAR

Are you as happy as we are to leave 2020 behind? While we all continue to practice safe distancing, wearing masks, and isolation when needed, we are working hard to continue to meet the needs of our islands. In 2020 the Gwaii Trust developed the Covid-19 Emergency Response grant and the Haida Gwaii Staycation grant, committing nearly \$900,000 to supporting residents and communities of Haida Gwaii impacted by the pandemic.

While the Staycation Grant is on hold during the island-wide state of emergency (more information below), the Covid-19 Response grant continues in 2021 with a focus on applications that support mental health. For more information on these or any of our grants visit gwaiitrust.com or contact the office nearest you for support.

2021 GRANT UPDATES

In an ongoing effort to make the application process more straightforward and streamlined for all residents of Haida Gwaii we are happy to be able to share some updates.

All applications may now be accessed through our grant management system. You'll find a link to the application on each grant page on our website. Be sure to also review the updated 2021 application guides located on each grant page for up-to-date deadlines and grant criteria.

The Winter Holidays and Community Events grants are now one grant, the Community and Holiday Events Grant. This grant provides up to \$16,000 annually to each Gwaii Trust community to help support open and accessible community events and to help communities celebrate the holiday season. In the past this has included support for gift cards and hampers during the holiday season, and a number of awesome community events throughout the year such as Skidegate Days and the Tlell Fall Fair. For more information on this grant contact Meghan Cross, meghan.cross@gwaiitrust.com, 250 559 5806, or visit gwaiitrust.com.

For our grants that require equity, we are pleased to share that there has been a standardization of equity this year: individual residents 25%, local nonprofits 25%, and local governments 50%. This means an equity reduction for nonprofits from 50% to 25%, which will impact Community Innovation, Arts, Haida Language, and Kids Camps grants.

STAYCATION GRANT ON HOLD DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Out of concern for the safety and wellbeing of all residents of Haida Gwaii the Staycation Grant has been put on hold until the Haida Gwaii State of Emergency travel restrictions are lifted. For current information on emergency restrictions visit the Council of the Haida Nation at haidanation.ca. For current information on the status of the Staycation grant, keep your eyes on our Facebook page or visit us at gwaiitrust.com.

YOUTH CENTRED COMMUNITIES GRANT DEADLINE

The deadline for the Youth Centred Communities Grant is May 1st at 4pm. \$10,000 is available for each Gwaii Trust Community to help support the operations of community-based youth centres or activities for youth. Core funding is eligible, providing a predictable source of revenue for youth centres. Starting this year, any leftover funds from the grant will automatically be transferred to the Youth Grant to help support other youth programming within our communities.

For more information on this grant contact Dana Bellis, project.officer@gwaiitrust.com, 250 626 3918, or visit gwaiitrust.com.