

CBT March Newsletter

Call for Projects update, opportunities for local youth and more grants!



We are pleased to share that the CBT received a great response to this year's *Call for Projects* with 27 funding requests totaling just over \$150,000. Applications are now being reviewed and \$60,000 in grants will be awarded to local projects that will have lasting impacts in four areas: healthy communities; culture and events; youth and education; and research and environment. Thank you to everyone who submitted an application and also to our volunteers who sit on the review committees. Funding decisions will be announced in early April, stay tuned!

- Rebecca Hurwitz, Executive Director

Leadership Vancouver Island is now accepting applications!



Leadership Vancouver Island is a community-focused, grassroots leadership development program

West Coast N.E.S.T. receives funding support



We're excited to announce BC Rural Dividend support to continue growing education tourism via the [West Coast NEST](#). Thanks to all of the local partners that supported our application!

that aims to inspire and build capacity for outstanding leadership, learning and service. The West Coast chapter is focused on the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region and its communities. The purpose of the LVI is:

- Fostering Leadership Development
- Raising Community Awareness
- Building Innovative Communities

LVI is an accredited program and guided by local leaders in government, business and non-profit organizations. Over its 10-year history, LVI has evolved to become a unique and effective leadership development experience, and for the past three years, the West Coast chapter has tailored a unique approach to west coast communities. The CBT administers LVI on behalf of the region in order to grow local leaders, provide local education opportunities, and develop cross-community and cross-cultural connections. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to receive six credits from Vancouver Island University.

How to apply:

Download an [application](#) from our website or email [Brooke Wood](#), LVI Program Coordinator.

Applications invited for the 2017 Biosphere Research Award



This is the third year of the [CBT's Biosphere Research Award](#)!

This grant of \$20,000 funds research within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region that advances understanding of local marine and terrestrial conservation challenges and helps us to prioritize conservation actions.

Stay engaged and check out the local educational [events](#) and [courses](#) happening in our biosphere this month!

Nuu-chah-nulth Scholarship



Scholarship Amount: **\$12,000**

Deadline: **March 31, 2017 @ 4pm**

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, students must:

- Be a member of the Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet or Toquaht First Nation,
- Be graduating from high school the same year as applying for the scholarship,
- Be attending an accredited post-secondary institution in the upcoming academic year.
- Have a strong academic standing and show community involvement

How to apply:

Download an [application](#) guide from our website!

Questions?

Contact [Faye Missar](#), Program Coordinator

Now accepting youth applications for Students on Ice!



Research Proposals must:

- address key species and ecosystem threats within the region;
- address a degrading trend for target species or ecosystems of ecological and/or cultural importance;
- apply to conservation action; and
- supports the spirit and intent of the UNESCO Biosphere designation.

Research must also follow local protocols including local First Nations review and compliance with BC Parks research permits. The CBT is looking for a participatory approach, one in which local community organizations and individuals collaborate with, and contribute to, all aspects of the project. Research findings are expected to be shared locally and through the CBT.

Eligibility, guidelines, and application forms are available [here](#)

Deadline: April 17, 4pm PST

Award announcement: mid May 2017

Innovation Island Workshops

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Technology Workshops Here

**TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS SUCCESS
GO HAND IN HAND- FREE WORKSHOPS**

**The Relationship Business @ Black Rock
Oceanfront Resort**
Mar 30 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Expand your network and increase serendipity. Relationship Business is about people. Embrace the differences and similarities between customers, partners, employees, investor and supplier relationships. Make healthy interpersonal communication your secret sauce! Strengthen your emotional intelligence. For more info: <http://www.innovationisland.ca/events/Event/The-Relationship-Business-13634> or call the CBT at 250-725-2219

**How to Pitch and Present @ Black Rock Oceanfront
Resort**
Mar 31 @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Pitching is essentially "sales". It's more art than science. It's the first step in seeking engagement or agreement to a close. HOW TO PITCH AND PRESENT! Even with the best team, technology and resources you [...] For more info: <http://www.innovationisland.ca/events/Event/How-to-pitch-and-present-13635> or call CBT 250-725-2219

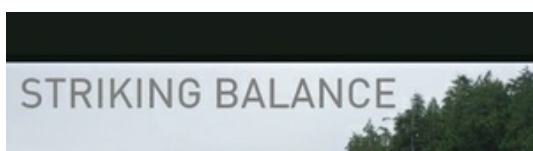
Future – Proofing @ Black Rock Oceanfront Resort
Mar 31 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The new rules of technology entrepreneurship and challenge/opportunity of exponential times. The Robots are coming! The IoT is about to change everything, again. What is that Drone doing in my backyard? These are exciting but [...] For more info: <http://www.innovationisland.ca/events/Event/Future-proofing-20300> or call the CBT at 250-725-2219

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Watch Now Online... Striking Balance: Clayoquot Sound

Our Clayoquot Sound episode is [now available to watch on TVO!](#)



In partnership with the [Community Foundations of Canada](#), the CBT wishes to send one local youth delegate to participate on the Students on Ice [2017 Arctic Expedition](#), from Aug 8-23.

The [Students on Ice Foundation](#) (SOI) educates the world's youth about the importance of the Polar Regions, supports them in their continued personal and professional growth and inspires and catalyzes initiatives that contribute to global sustainability.

In their core expedition program, SOI takes youth from around the world on life changing journeys to the polar regions. Youth are introduced to a broad spectrum of dialogue related to these regions ranging from arts and culture, history and politics, science and sustainable development, glaciology and climate change, economy, governance and geopolitics and many other polar topics.

Interested?

Download an application from our [website](#) or contact Faye Missar, Program Coordinator @ 250-725-2219 or faye@clayoquotbiosphere.org

Learn more about the Students on Ice Foundation by visiting their website: www.studentsonice.com

Grant Opportunities

Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program

Various Deadlines

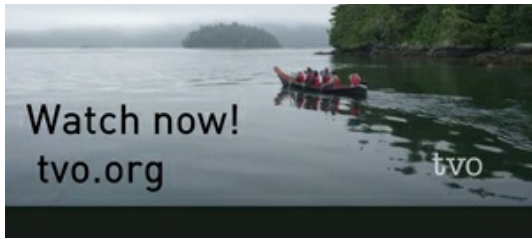
The program offers funding and learning opportunities designed to enable municipalities to address challenges related to climate change. More info [here](#)

Municipal Asset Management Program

Various Deadlines

This new program will offer training and funding to make infrastructure dollars go further for Canadian communities. More info [here](#)

Building Small Communities Fund



VITAL SIGNS® 2016 Now Available!

Vital Signs is a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our communities and identifies trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs for the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve region includes Hot Springs Cove, Ahousaht, Opitsaht, Tofino, Esowista/Ty-Histanis, Ucluelet, Hitacu, Macoah, ACRD-Area C.

[Read Vital Signs](#)



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Check out our website:



Funding Small Communities Fund

April 28, 2017

Funding available for infrastructure projects in communities with less than 100,000 residents. More info [here](#)

Bike BC Cycling Infrastructure Fund

April 8, 2017

Funding available for projects that promote safe cycling. More info [here](#)

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Program

April 28, 2017

The CWPP assists local governments and First Nations in identifying the risks of wildfire to their community as well as opportunities to reduce those risks. More info [here](#)

Careers for BC Artists Program

May 1, 2017

Funding for the promotion and branding of BC artists from the new BC Music Fund. More info [here](#).

BC Music Fund, Live Music Program

June 1, 2017

This program is designed to support the economic growth of BC's live music sector through investing in new or expanded performance opportunities for BC artists, BC audiences and out of province visitors. More info [here](#)

Outstanding Young Farmers Scholarship Program

June 30, 2017

Two annual scholarships awarded to young people pursuing a post-secondary education in agriculture. More info [here](#).

Upcoming Events





CBT Board Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2017
Tin Wis Resort, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm



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