

EuroMAB 2017 and more!



In early April, I had the opportunity to meet with many of our network partners at EuroMAB 2017. EuroMAB is a network of 302 Biosphere Reserves from Europe and North America that meets every two years to share experiences and best practices. EuroMAB 2017 was hosted by the Bassin de la Dordogne Biosphere Reserve in Sarlat, France on the theme of Building a Sustainable Future Together. Amongst other events, I was able to share the CBT's history and current projects during the Indigenous Leadership and Participation workshop.

The success of Biosphere Reserves is based on collaboration and learning. EuroMAB offered both of these at the global scale to inspire our work locally.

- Rebecca Hurwitz, Executive Director

Call for Projects Funding Announcement!



The CBT is a [community foundation](#) that works on behalf of the entire Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region. Our annual '[Call for Projects](#)' provides grants to local organizations and communities that respond to regional needs and have long-lasting impacts in four areas:

- healthy communities

Now Hiring: Education Program Coordinator



The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) is seeking a term employee to lead the next phase of the Regional Education Tourism Initiative and be the point of

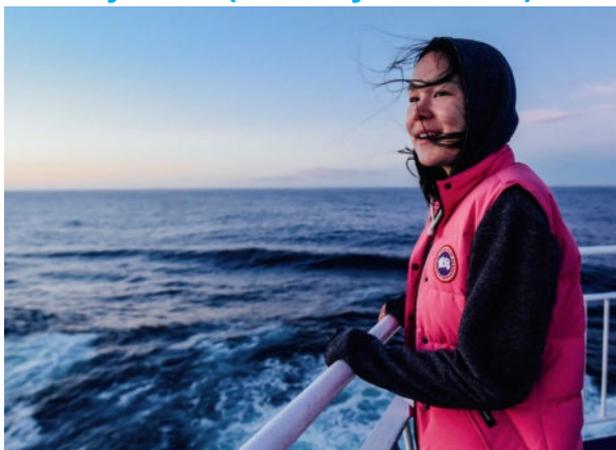
- culture and events
- youth and education
- research and environment

This year we received 27 applications for funding with a total request of just over \$151,000. The CBT's volunteer advisory committees met to review the applications and recommended to the CBT Board that \$77,000 in funding be disbursed to [22 community projects](#).

Thank you to the community volunteers who sit on our advisory committees- we appreciate your hard work and investment in our communities!

We would also like to thank the [Coastal Family Resource Coalition](#) and [Decoda Literacy Fund](#) for their contributions toward several of the community projects!

Students on Ice: Opportunity for local youth (14-18 years old)



The CBT, in partnership with the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), would like to send one youth delegate from the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region to take part in an Arctic expedition from August 8 – 23, 2017 with the Students on Ice Foundation.

Applications are due May 5, 2017 @ 4 pm

Watch a [video](#) from the 2016 expedition and read more about the opportunity on our [website](#)

Upcoming Events in our Region

Arts BC Conference

contact for the [West Coast N.E.S.T.](#) website.

Closing Date: April 27, 2017

Key responsibilities include:

- Developing, coordinating and in some cases delivering education tourism programs in collaboration with communities, organizations, and institutions in three specific market segments (high school outdoor education, university field schools, and adult learner).
- Researching and initiating international education program development.
- Promoting education tourism utilizing the West Coast N.E.S.T. website, social media and other marketing tools.
- Updating NEST content (text, imagery, courses and events) to keep it fresh and relevant.
- Securing additional revenue through grant writing and social enterprise development.
- Working in consultation with the CBT Regional Education Tourism Committee.

More details on the position, as well as the skills and experience required can be found on the CBT [website](#).

Watch our [facebook page](#) for the CBT's Summer Student postings!

Other Grant Opportunities

Vancouver Foundation: Community Poverty Reduction Fund

April 28, 2017

The Vancouver Foundation's new Community Poverty Reduction Fund is designated to address the root causes of poverty by supporting community-



Join PRAS at the 2017 Arts BC Conference: April 27-30th in Ucluelet and Tofino! Check out the [four free workshops!](#)

The Circle Way



This learning experience is designed for reflection, learning, discussion and engagement that supports your personal and professional goals.

May 3-5, Tofino BC [Learn more](#)

National Day of Climate Action



Join Clayoquot Action to stand in solidarity for on this National Day of Action for Climate Justice.

April 29 12 pm - 1 pm @ North Chestermans Beach
Full event details [here](#)

Upcoming CBT Events

CBT Grant Review Meetings

inspired social innovations. Applications up to \$75,000 can be submitted through the [Field of Interest Grant Program](#)

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

April 28, 2017

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

BC Tourism Events Program

April 30, 2017

The Province of BC has launched the Tourism Events Program to support the delivery of world-class events that can both increase the volume of visitors to British Columbia, and increase global recognition for the province. More info [here](#)

Active Communities Grant

June 30, 2017

Funding is available for local governments and their partners in the Island Health Authority and Interior Health Authority regions. Grants of up to \$30,000 will be available to individual communities. Combined grants of up to \$100,000 will be made available to communities that are working together for greater impact in their region. More info [here](#)

BC Music Fund- various grants!

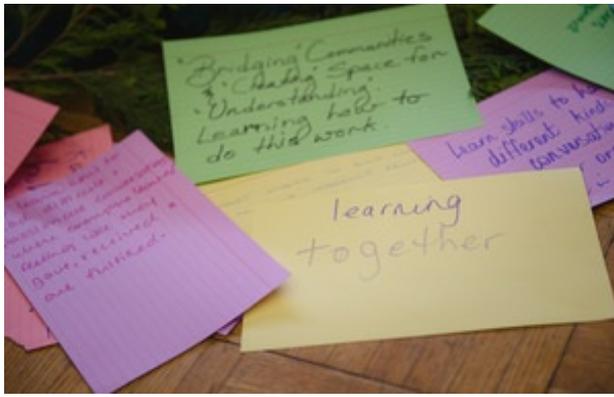
Various Deadlines

[Read about the BC Music Fund](#) and the various grant programs designated to support BC artists/performers, music, events, business development and more!

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.



CBT grants are recognized locally as a small, but appreciated source of funding. While we have implemented a number of new grant streams in recent years, we know that there are still funding gaps in our region and some organizations find that their needs are consistently not being met.

With the 2017 Call for Projects fresh in our minds, we would like to take this opportunity to review our Call for Projects and Committee Discretionary Funding processes.

Meeting for Qualified Donees (those that are eligible for CBT grants)

Wednesday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CBT office, Tofino

Meeting for Local Grantmakers and Funders

We will also be taking the opportunity to share the feedback we receive from our committee members and qualified donees with other local funders.

Date, time and location to be determined.

Please contact [Brooke](#) with any questions or to express your interest in participating!

CBT Board Meeting

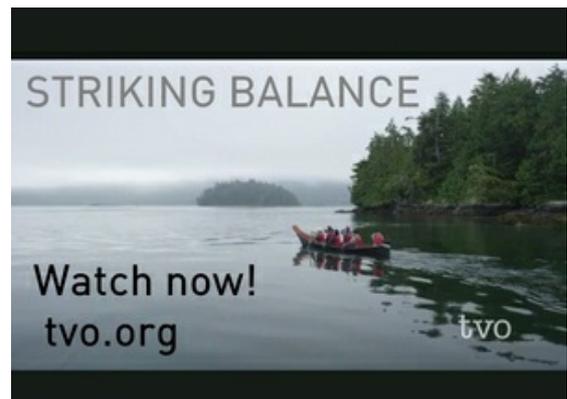
Read Vital Signs



[Check out our website:](#)

Watch Now Online... Striking Balance: Clayoquot Sound

Thank you to everyone who came out to make our Striking Balance screening a success, with special thanks to our co-host, the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Our Clayoquot Sound episode is [now available to watch on TVO!](#)



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Thursday, May 4, 2017
10 am - 1 pm
Long Beach Golf Course

CBRA Day on the Hill



CBRA DAY ON THE HILL
May 29, 2017
Ottawa, Ontario

The Canadian Biosphere Reserve Association (CBRA) is planning a one-day event at Parliament Hill to let all parties know about the work accomplished by UNESCO biosphere reserves in Canada. For a glimpse of our collective work, visit <http://biospherecanada.ca>.

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