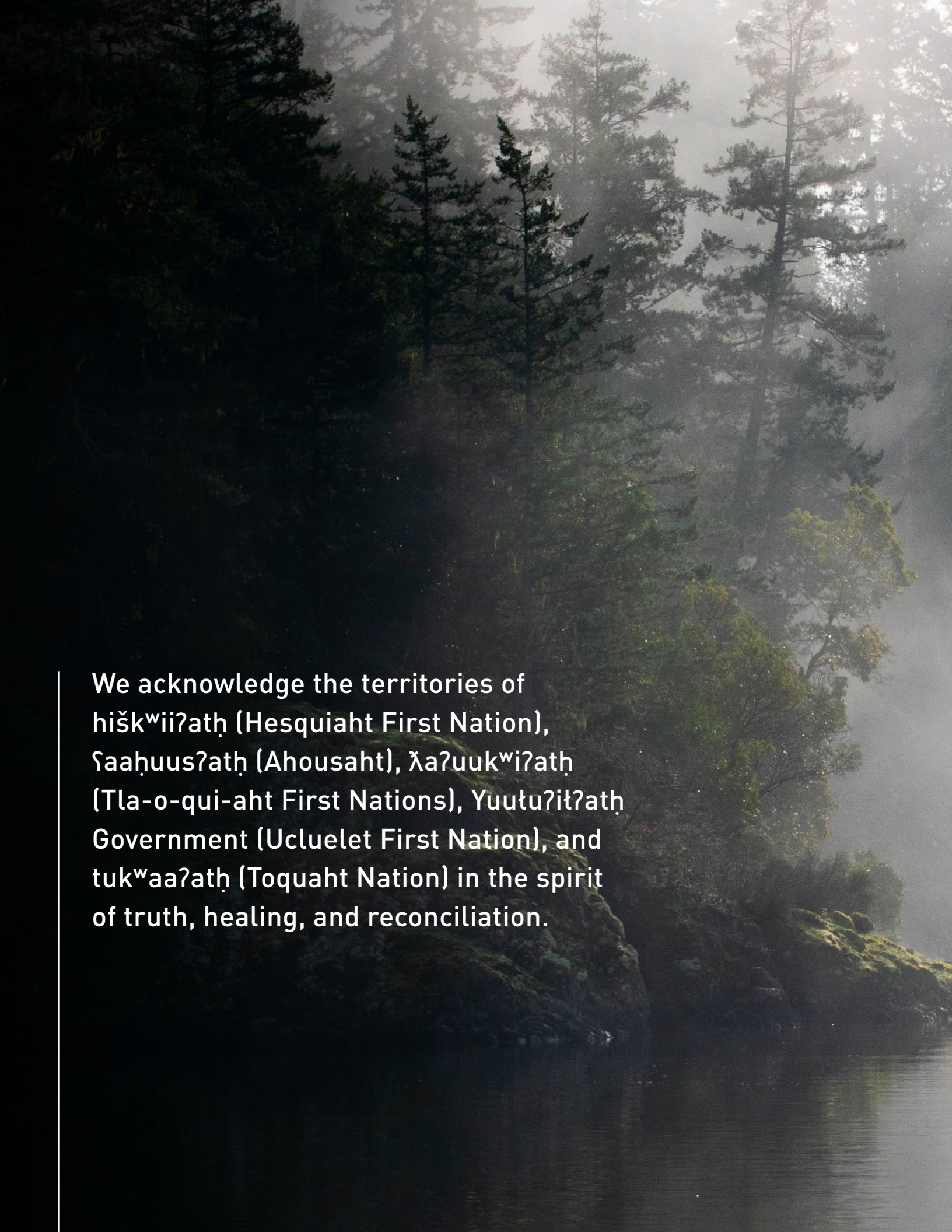



Globally-minded.
Ecosystem-oriented.
Community-driven.

A photograph of a dense forest of tall evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir, with a misty or foggy atmosphere. The trees are reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground. The lighting is soft, creating a serene and somewhat somber mood.

We acknowledge the territories of
hiškʷiiʔath (Hesquiaht First Nation),
Ṣaah̓uusʔath (Ahousaht), ʕaʔuukʷiʔath
(Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations), Yuuʔuʔitʔath
Government (Ucluelet First Nation), and
tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht Nation) in the spirit
of truth, healing, and reconciliation.



Creating a better future through biosphere stewardship, philanthropy, and community building.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) is a registered charity based on the west coast of British Columbia. Established in 2000, the CBT is the only organization in Canada that is both a community foundation and a UNESCO biosphere region. We pair the spirit of community with the power of a global presence to bring more people together for a shared understanding. Our team works to strengthen the development of all citizens, communities, and the ecosystems on which we all depend, for a future we can all be proud of.

From the Co-chairs

For the CBT, 2023 was marked by growth, change, and collaboration. This year, we welcomed many new board members following the departure of longstanding directors. We extend our gratitude to all individuals who generously dedicated their time and efforts to our mission in preceding years, as well as to those who have recently joined us, and committed to advancing our shared vision for a brighter future. As a Board of Directors representing all eight communities within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region, we deeply appreciate the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive regional perspective.

In the fall, we released our fifth Vital Signs report as well as launched our new online Data Hub platform, drawing attention to some of the emerging trends for the region. We also undertook significant changes to our Vital Grants application process, driven by our commitment to reevaluate our granting program through an equity-focused lens. With the expansion of our eligibility criteria and the simplified process aligning with the latest CRA guidelines, we have also witnessed an increase in local organizations accessing funds from the CBT for the first time.

Additional milestones for 2023 included hosting our inaugural Regional Forum, which served as a platform for fostering dialogue and collaborating among diverse organizations engaged in scientific research within the region. Furthermore, we introduced our new Lifelong Learners Award, supporting individuals of all ages in their continuous learning journey.

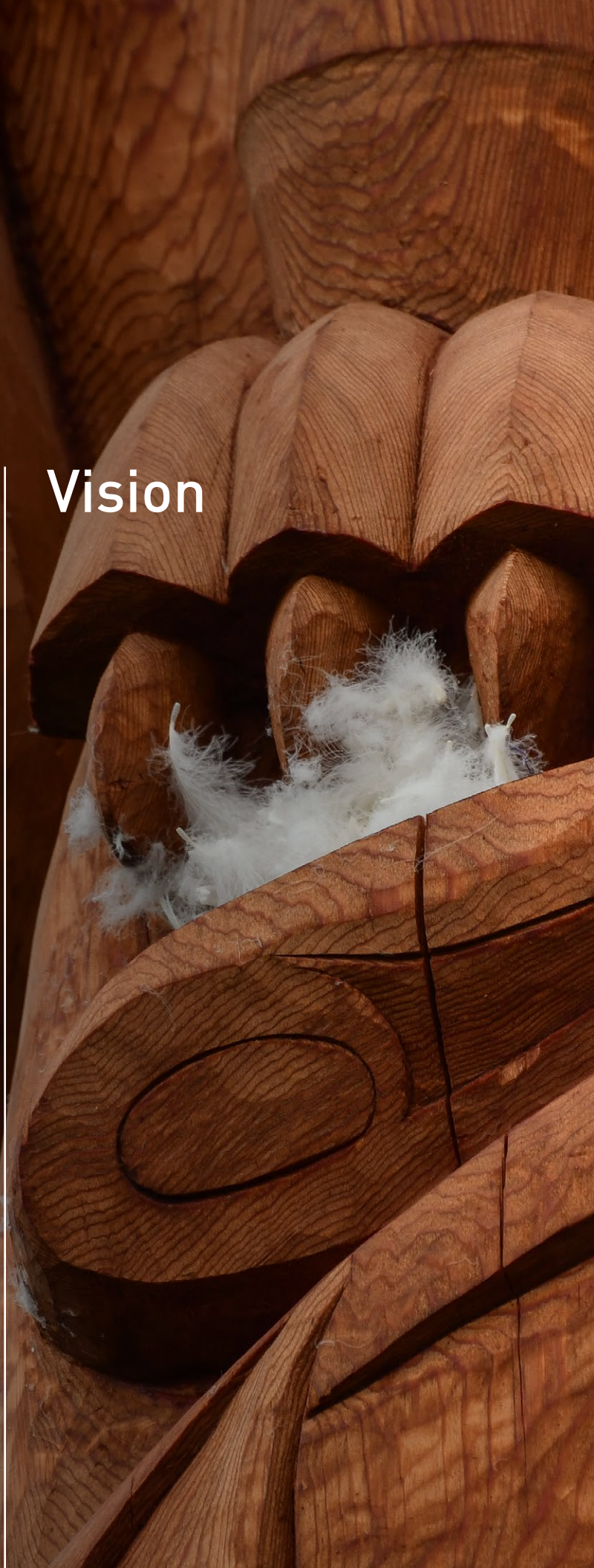
This annual report offers us an opportunity to share and celebrate our community impact, extending our deepest gratitude to the partners, donors, and community members for their invaluable support in achieving our goals. As we reflect on this past year, we look forward with hope and anticipation as we keep working toward a thriving, sustainable future for generations to come.

Nicky Ling and Naomi Mack

Co-chairs
Board of Directors

The community of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region (CSBR) will live sustainably in a healthy ecosystem, with a diversified economy, and strong, vibrant, and united cultures, while embracing the nuučaan̓ut (Nuu-chah-nulth) First Nations living philosophies of iisaak (living respectfully), qwa' aak qin tiič mis (life in the balance), and hišukniš čawaak (everything is one and interconnected).

Vision



Co-leading

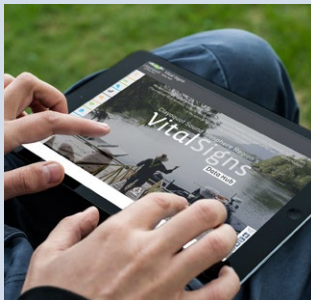
Sustainability Knowledge Development
& Education



2023 Vital Signs

For the first time since 2018, the CBT published a report that brings together data from a variety of sources to describe the health of the region, and helps us gauge where the region stands in achieving sustainability in all its forms: cultural, social, economic, and environmental. Our 2023 Vital Signs report provided an opportunity to look back over 10 years to see how, or if, metrics have changed.

Vital Signs is a national program led and coordinated by the Community Foundations of Canada that leverages community knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and ecosystems and supports actions that improve quality of life.



Data Hub

The Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region's Data Hub centralizes Vital Signs regional indicators and provides users with a dynamic space to explore as well as download data gathered since 2011. It is also a great way to understand trends and patterns relevant to our community's development and resilience.

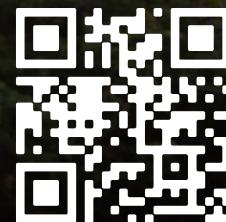


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Data Hub platform
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2023 Vital Signs
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Watch the West Coast
NEST's Youth Career
Exploration Camps video
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The West Coast N.E.S.T. (Nature.Education.Sustainability.Transformation.)

CBT's regional education tourism initiative advances education for sustainable development in exciting ways that provide revenue and awareness for local organizations and businesses. The West Coast NEST connects visiting learners with local knowledge holders for place-based learning, while also expanding education and training opportunities for residents.



I definitely felt lucky to have attended the retreat. The venue was beautiful, and I loved the diversity of skills on display.

— Kate, Fibre Art Retreat participant

Key Highlights in 2023

115

People participated in West Coast NEST's educational programs

600

Education programs were promoted on our website at westcoastnest.org throughout the year

35% +

Of the participants of our 6th annual Fibre Art Retreat were returning from previous years

1,300

Jobs were supported either directly or indirectly

\$29k

Provided in financial and logistical support for outdoor education experiences and certifications, impacting over 150 local high school students

Biodiversity

Conservation in the
Biosphere Region

The CBT is currently leading a five-year initiative aimed at enhancing biodiversity conservation efforts in the region. The project seeks to identify areas of importance and provide support for stewardship, restoration, and conservation of these vital zones. Areas being recognized for Canada's conservation targets are expanding beyond traditional parks and protected areas to include Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs) and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs). These designations are more inclusive of living sustainably with the land while protecting and stewarding its ecological integrity.

In 2023, in partnership with the Sitka Foundation, the CBT provided support for Indigenous-led stewardship and restoration projects including:

- Hesquiaht First Nation - Hesquiaht Harbour Stream Restoration
- Maaqutusiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society - Atleo River Habitat Restoration & Enhancement
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation - Guardian Support for Stewardship & Conservation



BC Biosphere Region Gathering

In early spring, CBT gathered in person with the Mount Arrowsmith and Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Regions for the first time to listen, discuss, and build relationships. Hosted at the Naa'waya'sum Gardens, we learned from local knowledge holders about the lands and waters, and the IISAAK OLAM Foundation shared their expertise about building capacity for IPCAs.



Regional Forum

Biodiversity conservation is most effective when we work in partnership towards common goals. In the fall of 2023, the CBT facilitated the first regional forum bringing together over 65 individuals both virtually and in person. This initiative fostered meaningful connections, it was an opportunity for everyone to share insights, and cultivate strong relationships. Participants included representatives from First Nations, local governments, organizations, businesses, and individuals involved in environmental research, stewardship, restoration, and sustainable development.

Networks for Biodiversity

This project is stronger thanks to the collaborative nature of organizations and individuals in the region. The CBT is grateful to support and participate in several collaborative networks including the Lisaak Sin Hay Tiičmis - Regional Wildlife Coexistence Network, the Clayoquot Salmon Roundtable, provide funding for human-wildlife conflict mitigation through the BC Conservation Foundation's WildSafeBC program, and the Indigenous-led Westcoast Stewardship Corridor. We have also been able to support collaborative training ranging from forage fish monitoring to grant writing.

Strengthening

Healthy Communities, Ecosystems,
and Diversifying Economies



Eat West Coast

The CBT's regional food security initiative, Eat West Coast continues to help local communities and organizations develop effective, community-based responses to food-access challenges and increase the understanding of healthy, affordable food choices.



Significant initiatives in 2023 include:

- Co-coordinating the Coastal Agriculture Roundtable with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. The Roundtable is a working group composed of community members, as well as local governments and organizations focused on advancing regional food production.
- Continuing our ongoing food preservation program, offering both knowledge and equipment to the community.
- Expanding the coordination of educational programs on food production and access for future years thanks to a significant increase in long-term annual funding from Island Health in summer 2023.

Neighbourhood Small Grants

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) provide individuals with \$50-500 to support grassroots community-building initiatives. NSG makes empowering, accessible opportunities for residents from all demographics to make their communities more inclusive and vibrant places to live. Our programs awarded 31 grants (\$14,272) over two cycles:



**Neighbourhood
Small Grants**

Spring



\$7,610

16 green grants

Fall



\$6,662

15 culture grants



Project Spotlight: The Hongosdomum Project

For this NSG, Colin Steven of the Hongosdomum Project established 13 new edible gourmet mushroom gardens for local community members. This initiative involved providing laboratory-grown mushroom cultures and installing gardens with comprehensive instructions for new growers. These gardens not only supplied gourmet mushrooms for consumption, but also served to introduce and inspire new mushroom gardeners within the community.

It was great to explain and demonstrate the process of adding spawn to substrate, for cultivation. Although this is only one part of the growing cycle, it certainly sparked interest and inspired the gardeners. With such a diverse group, varying in skill set and different placement of the units, a lot of useful data has been gathered to continue improving and customizing the cultivation of gourmet mushrooms, specifically for our unique climate and geography.



Thank you to the **Westcoast Community Resources Society** for continuing to partner with the CBT in support of this program and to all the funders and project leaders for making 2023 such a successful year for Neighbourhood Small Grants!

– Colin Steven, 2023 NSG project lead

Empowering | Youth

Education Awards

The CBT grants two \$16,800 high school education awards annually. The awards are made based on community involvement, personal reference letters, a proposed education plan, and academic achievement.

Susi Crosby has received the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region Education Award and is studying Physics and Astronomy at the University of Victoria to pursue a career in astrophysics. During her time at Ucluelet Secondary School (USS), Susi was part of multiple sports teams, a member of the USS Surfrider Youth Club, an active participant on the student council, and helped with many fundraising events for local organizations.

Koyah Morgan-Banke from Toquaht Nation, received the Central Region Nuuchah-nulth Education Award and is studying Sciences at the University of British Columbia to pursue a career in medicine. Koyah was a member of CBT's Youth Advisory Committee, a volunteer art instructor for the art club in Ucluelet, and was appointed as the Youth representative for the District of Tofino's Recreation Advisory Committee. Koyah was also a USS Math 9 teacher's assistant and a youth Indigenous artist for the Ha-Shilth-Sa newspaper.

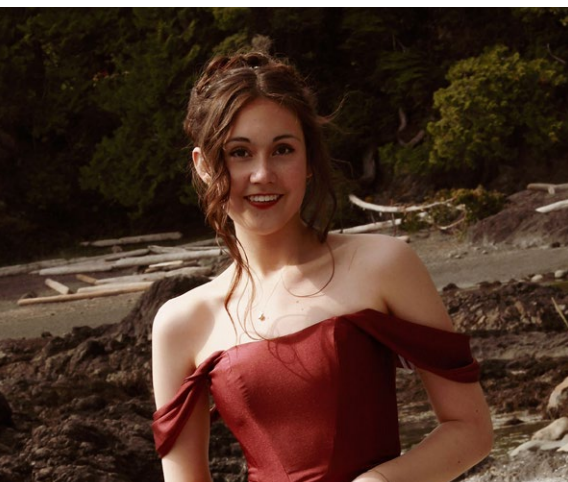
I have constantly wondered about the stars, planets, and galaxies that exist beyond Earth. I believe that by studying the universe I will be able to better understand my place in it, thus enabling me to learn more about who I am. I want to pursue a career in teaching and bring this same curiosity to others as my teachers have done for me.

— Susi Crosby, Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region Education Award recipient



According to statistics from the University of British Columbia's Medical School, less than 1% of healthcare professionals in Canada are Indigenous Peoples. I hope that my presence will help inspire others and help create a more diverse (and thus more inclusive) healthcare future.

— Koyah Morgan-Banke, Central Region Nuuchah-nulth Education Award recipient



Youth Internship

During the 2023 summer, CBT had the pleasure of welcoming Janessa Frank as our youth intern. Janessa supported us in a wide range of projects across the organization, shadowed multiple staff members, and had the opportunity to participate in initiatives hosted by other local non-profits. Our goal was to offer her the opportunity to experience diverse types of work as well as acquire skills and knowledge in many different fields.

My internship with CBT was a great way to learn about multiple potential careers and gain confidence in tasks I had never done before. From exploring my passion for photography with the West Coast NEST to taking part in the mutaa (Rising Tide) program, I am grateful for the opportunity to work on so many different projects.

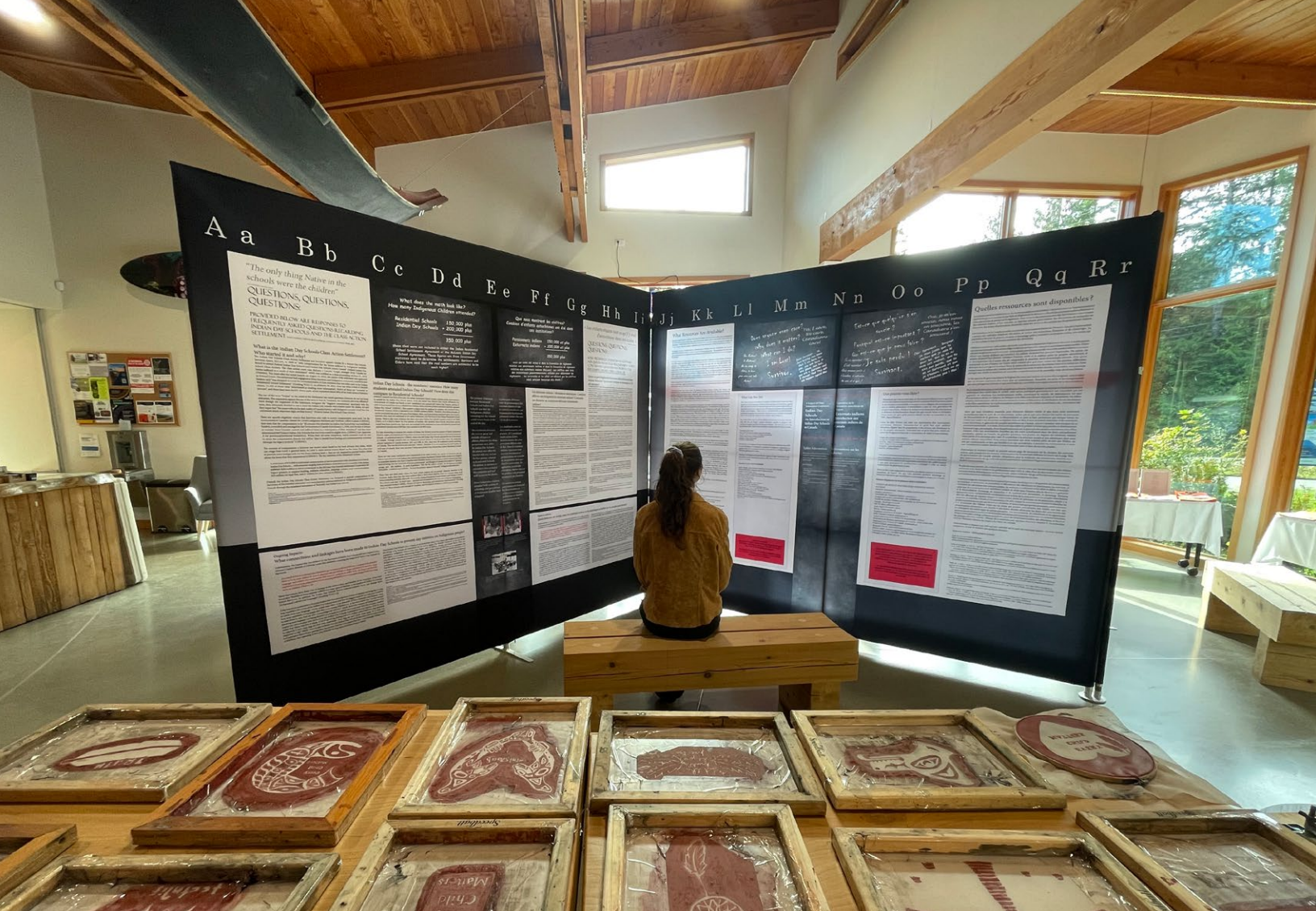
— Janessa Frank, CBT Youth Intern



Youth Advisory Committee

In 2023, the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) granted out \$12,000 over two cycles. The YAC stands as the sole youth-led granting stream at the CBT, providing support and grants of up to \$1,000 for local ideas, projects, and activities for the benefit of youth in the community. The program is structured to empower youth by fostering skill development, involvement in our initiatives, and providing mentorship opportunities within the CBT framework.





Youth Leading Education for Reconciliation

For a second year, the CBT coordinated a project to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in partnership with the Ucluelet Secondary School, the Legacy of Hope Foundation, and Canadian Heritage. In September 2023, nine classes engaged in multiple projects to learn about the history and legacy of the Canadian Indian Residential School System. They put together artifacts of learning such as a poetry book, orange shirts, research projects, and investigations into the 94 Calls to Action, which were on display during the September 30th event.

Tourism Tofino partnered with the CBT to showcase the exhibit at the Visitor Centre for a few weeks afterward, allowing more community members and visitors to engage with the student-led projects along with the Legacy of Hope Foundation's exhibition: "Indian Day Schools in Canada – An Introduction".



Approximately **185 community members** and **250 students** attended the exhibit at USS, while an additional **600 visitors** engaged with the display at the Tourism Tofino Visitor Centre.

Truth, Honour and the Way Forward

2023 Poetry Book

These poems and shirts were created based on the truths told to us by survivors of the residential school system. We are grateful to them for these teachings. With these creations, we want to honour the children that survived the residential school system as well as those that did not. It is our hope that this is a positive step towards healing and reconciliation.

— Ms. Hendry's grade 12 English class:

Ehren, Ian, Kayla, Ildiko, Angel, Pohline, Doyle, Ruby, Rheanna, Ethan G, McKayla, Andrej, Melody, Andreas, Akanise, Caitlyn, Orson, Leon, Lily, Ava, Mya, Chloe, Olivia, Sophia, Tilly, Ethan S, Francis, Clayton & Ella



Scan to watch our Truth, Honour and the Way Forward video to learn more about the project
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Establishing | the Biosphere Centre



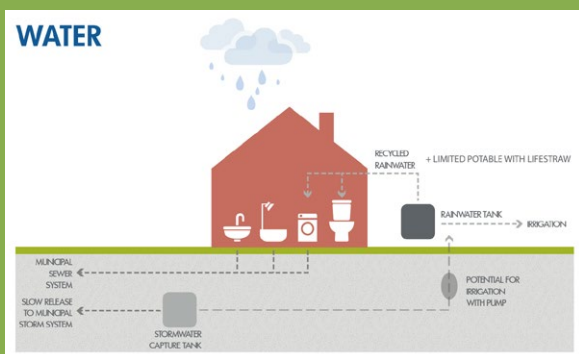
In 2023, the CBT has continued momentum towards the establishment of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Centre, a culturally safe knowledge hub in ʕaʔuukʷiʔaṭṭ (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations) territory. The Centre will bring the region together to advance reconciliation, youth empowerment, climate action, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development. We envision a place to unite people through grassroots initiatives and place-based experiential learning, generating a legacy of social responsibility, economic resiliency, and environmental sustainability.

* Our goal is to begin construction in 2024 and complete the building by 2026, however, the project timeline is contingent on CBT securing the capital funding.

Sustainability

The Biosphere Centre is designed to be resilient to climate change, reduce energy and water consumption, and utilize sustainable materials and systems. It will reflect CBT's values and vision, creating net positive benefits for climate and communities with long-term targets. It will also generate service-based jobs and economic opportunities tied to clean growth.

Through sustainable technology, we aim to meet the following targets:



70%

Reduction in total net annual energy consumption

25%

Reduction in embodied carbon

80%

Of construction waste materials diverted

60%

Water consumption reduction

Inclusivity

The Biosphere Centre will be a welcoming and safe public space that fosters equitable, inclusive, and livable communities for everyone. CBT has actively sought a wide range of input on the design and received over 80 letters of support for the project. We have made a particular effort to engage First Nations elders, 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and residents with diverse lived experiences in

the consultation and design process. In 2023, we held a workshop with community members to gather insights and feedback on enhancing accessibility and inclusion through reducing potential barriers to accessing the Centre.

To get involved or contribute to the Biosphere Centre, contact Michelle Hall at michelle@clayoquotbiosphere.org.

Having a Centre would support Nuu-chah-nulth people to continue to build relationships with other communities and include more Nuu-chah-nulth voices in decision-making for protecting this special place we all call home.

As an organization without a physical space, Coastal Queers relies on various spaces around town to host events. Having a community-centered building with gender-neutral infrastructure that can act as an event space will be very positive for the queer community.

— Chris Seitcher, Cultural Support Worker,
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

— Sully Rogalski (they/them), Director
Coastal Queer Alliance

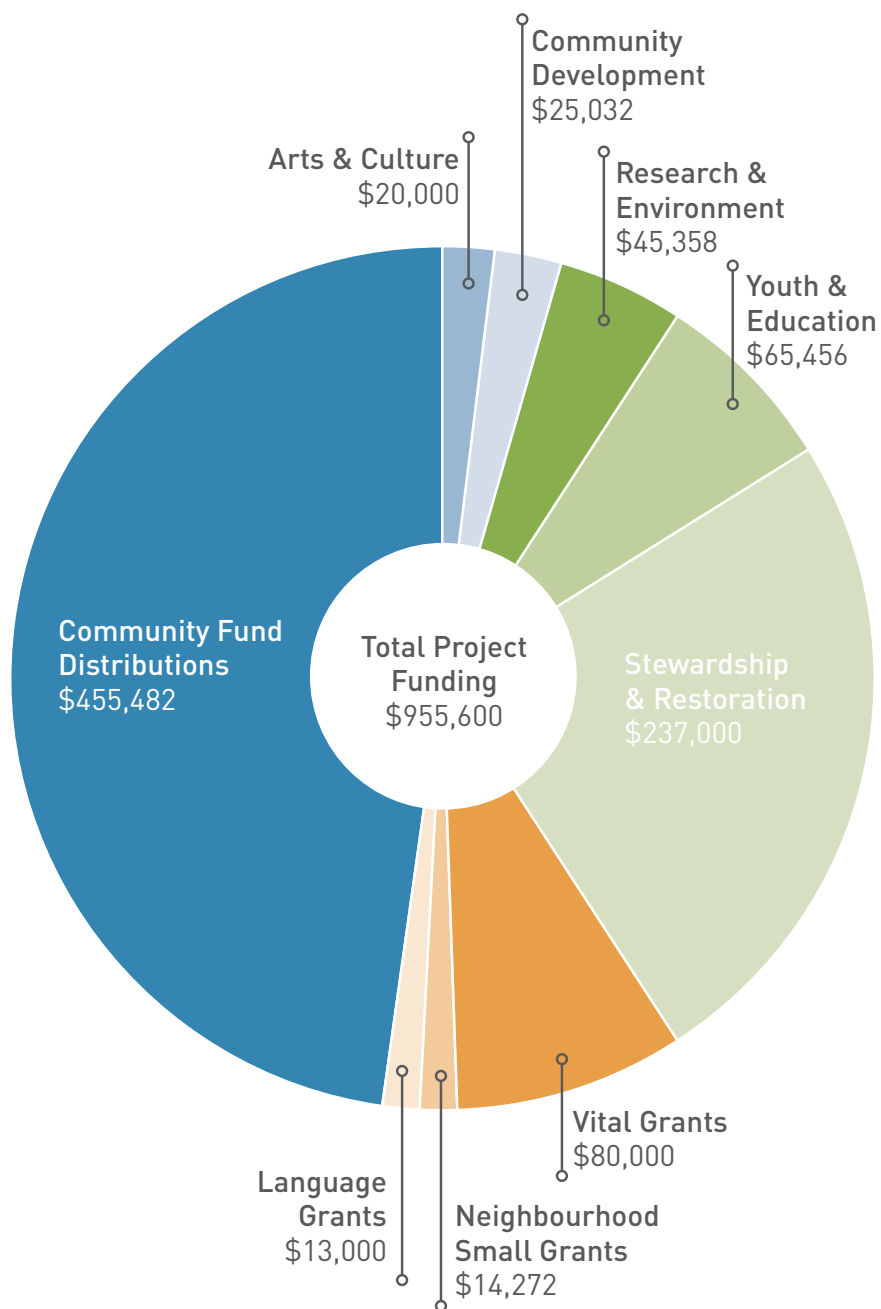


Browse our StoryMap to learn more about what our partners and local communities anticipate most about the new Biosphere Centre.
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2023

Grants by the Numbers



2023 Stats



119

Local projects
funded



6

Students supported
through education
awards



47

Organizations
funded



9

Organizations funded for
the first time as a result
of expanded grant
eligibility guidelines



31

Neighbourhood
Small Grants



30

Grants from
community funds



\$507,749

Estimated partner
contributions



100+

Volunteers have donated their
time and efforts to support
CBT's initiatives



\$260,780

Estimated in-kind
leveraged

Funded | Projects

We recognize the contributions that all CBT grant recipients make to the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation. Supporting projects like these is one way we can work together to meet our shared mandates.

Arts & Culture

Coastal Queer Alliance

Language as a Lifeline / ʕapac Reflections

Pacific Rim Arts Society

Cultural Heritage Festival 2024 "Hatchery Life"

Seal Folk Films INC

Q*AYAĆIIK

Spirit of the Canoe Society

Connection is Correction

Tofino Arts Council Society

Screen Printing Workshop with Youth in Ahousaht

Tofino Community Enrichment Society

Tofino Jazz Festival 2023

Toquaht Nation

łukʷaaʔaṭṭiic hišimiyṭyak Nuu-chah-nulth
Language Kiosk

Tofino Public Market Society

Tofino Market Workshop Series

Community Development

Ahousaht

Ahousaht Diabetes Resiliency Approach

Coastal Queer Alliance

Queer Youth Connections

District of Tofino

Tofino Free Shuttle - Ty-Histanis/Esowista/
Long Beach Expansion

Greater Victoria Down Syndrome Society

HANG 21 Surf Event

Hesquiaht First Nation Language Program

Preparing the Hesquiaht Language Immersion

Wickaninnish Community School

Tofino & Area Youth Harm Reduction Through Sports





Research & Environment

Association of Wetland Stewards for Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds

Effectiveness of Traverse Trail Mitigation on Amphibians

Marine Education and Research Society

Whales of Clayoquot and Barkley

Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society

Building Community Capacity for Sea Star Monitoring

Ucluelet Aquarium Society

Ucluelet Harbour Health Project

Youth & Education

District of Tofino

Tofino Youth Space Initiative

District of Ucluelet

Youth Leadership & Connection to the Land

Pacific Rim Hospice Society

The Grief Journey for Children and Youth Project

Surfrider Foundation - Pacific Rim Chapter

Youth Environmental Stewardship Program

Ucluelet Secondary School

Building Connection and Community for Grade 8 Learners

Ucluelet Secondary School

Streamkeepers

University of Victoria

Science Venture Summer STEM Camps for Nuuchahnulth Youth

Wickaninnish Community School

Afterschool Central Dialect classes

Biosphere Research Award

Redd Fish Restoration Society

Salmon Highways: Kelp Forest Habitat in Clayoquot Sound

University of British Columbia

Microplastic Ingestion by Humpbacks in Barkley Sound

Vital Grants

Maaqutsiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society

Ahousaht Stewardship Repatriation/Restoration

Rising Tide Surf

Mutaa the Rising Tide Surf Camp: Fostering Nuuchahnulth Leadership and Stewardship through Healing

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

Tla-o-qui-aht Youth-led Festival

Westcoast Community Resources Society

Critical Incident Debriefing Team - Pacific Rim Region



Stewardship and Restoration Support (2023-2024)

BC Conservation Foundation

WildSafeBC Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation

Hesquiaht First Nation

Hesquiaht Harbour Stream Restoration

IISAAK OLAM Foundation

ILWSC and West Coast IPCA Ambassador Program Support

Maaqutusiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society

Atleo River Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

Guardian Support for Stewardship & Conservation

Yuutu?it?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation

Kakawinminh Yuutu?it?ath Women/Girls Warrior

nuučaañuł (Nuu-chah-nulth) Language Grants

Gale Johnsen

Basic Barkley West Conversation Online

Lorena and Nuukmis Frank

Fun with nuučaañuł Words, Fun with our Language

Marla Kaloucokavale

Saah̓uusʔath̓ (Ahousaht) Women Group

Melody Charlie

Harvest Life

Rosalee Brown

ḷaʔuukʷiath Jeopardy & ḷaʔuukʷiath Leather Workshop



Lifelong Learner Award

This year, the CBT announced a new education award for residents of the CSBR wanting to continue their learning journey. The Lifelong Learner Award is a one-time award of \$4,000 given based on community involvement, personal reference letters, a proposed education plan, and academic achievement.

We were excited to recognize German Ocampo with this inaugural award. German is a past CBT board member and has been a dedicated volunteer for many local organizations such as Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Tribal Park Allies, Surfrider Pacific Rim, Tofino Jazz Fest, and many more. He is pursuing a Masters of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia with a concentration on Indigenous Community Planning.

I want to gain the knowledge necessary to support Indigenous communities in their quest for self-determination and work toward a future characterized by health, cultural vibrancy, and strength.

— German Ocampo, Lifelong Learner Award recipient

Regional | Programs



The CBT is home to several regional programs including Leadership Vancouver Island and the Coastal Family Resource Coalition. By taking on the critical, but time-consuming administrative tasks, we help partner networks and initiatives focus on their missions in areas where there is strong alignment with the CBT's mandate.



Coastal Family Resource Coalition

The Coastal Family Resource Coalition (CFRC) is a network of west coast health service providers that develops capacity to improve overall health in our communities. Administered by CBT, the CFRC facilitates collaboration to achieve social and cultural sustainable development.

Child and Youth Working Group (CYWG)

In 2023, the CYWG created a strategy to increase coordination and enhance services for children and youth in the region. Informed by child and youth service providers as well as local youth.

Further, the CYWG identified two goals to work towards over the next year: securing long-term funding for a regional youth facilitator role and creating safe, accessible spaces in each west coast community.

Throughout the year, the coalition met monthly and supported several community health initiatives, such as:

- Child & Youth Working Group strategic planning
- Shifting Frameworks: Advancing Queer Healthcare workshop
- nuučaan̓ut (Nuu-chah-nulth) language story walk for families
- Foundry Youth Services for the Alberni-Clayoquot region application collaboration

The Coastal Family Resource Coalition's Child and Youth Working Group strategy identifies the following key priorities:



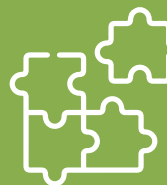
Engaging youth programming



Strong youth voices



Safe and secure housing



Robust systems of collaboration



Wellness and belonging



Leadership Vancouver Island (LVI)

Under the direction of the steering committee and in partnership with Vancouver Island University, the CBT delivered the Leadership Vancouver Island (LVI) 2022-2023 cohort, a community-focused, value-based leadership

development program that inspires and builds capacity for outstanding leadership, learning, and service. After a pause of the program during the pandemic, the CBT was thrilled to be able to coordinate this unique course bringing together emerging leaders to foster relationships and a positive future for the region. Students kicked off the program in September with a two-day retreat at the Cedar Coast Field Station on Vargas Island and participated in monthly learning days in each community in the biosphere region, with graduation taking place in Hitacu in June 2023. A big round of applause to the 16 students who completed the program and the local businesses that sponsored their employees to participate.

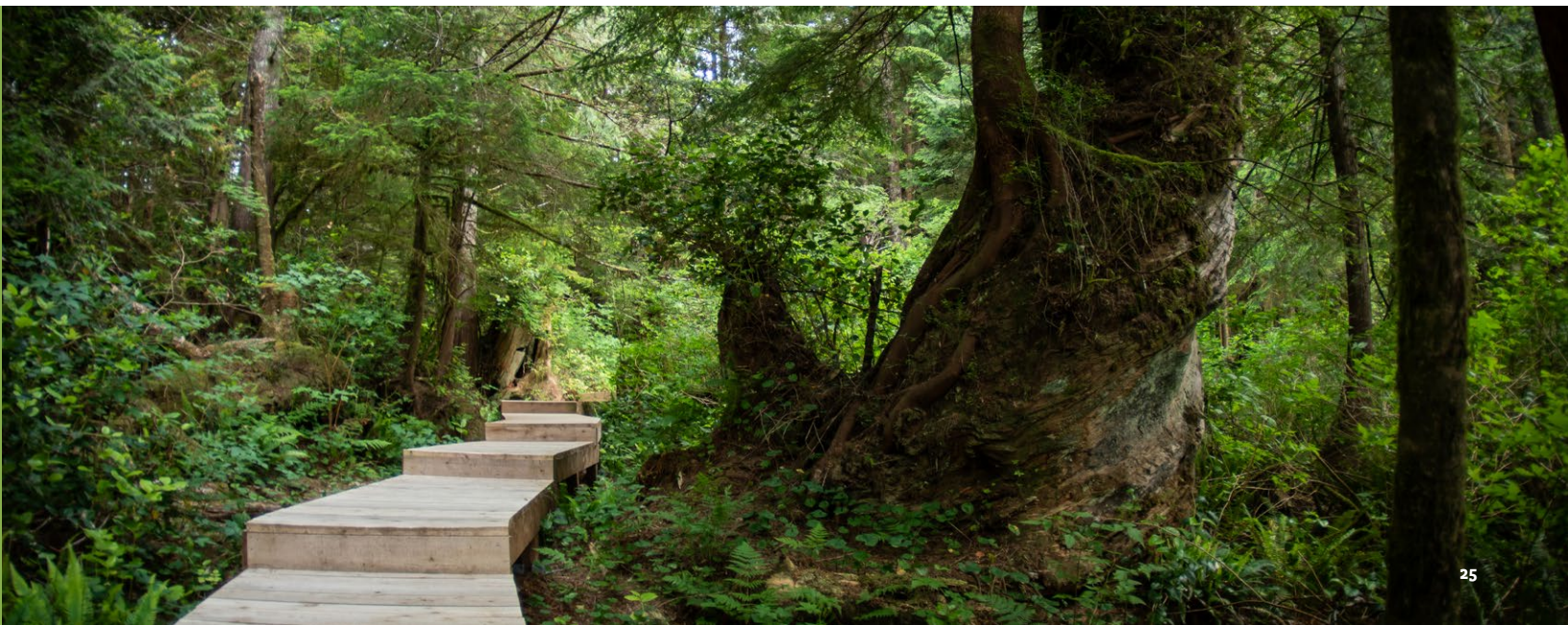


Participant Spotlight: Marcie Callewaert

Marcie Callewaert lives and works within Clayoquot Sound and Tofino as a place-based educator, naturalist, and photographer.

Participating in LVI gave me back my leadership confidence that I had lost somewhere along the way. It was a great reminder of what I am capable of and provided me with tools to strengthen my skills as I move forward in new roles. Because of LVI, I took chances that I never would have taken just a few years ago and they paid off! I am so thankful for the community of support that LVI creates during the program and in the months and years afterwards.

— Marcie Callewaert, LVI participant





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New Community Fund

In 2023, one new fund was established:

Clayoquot Sustainability Fund

The Clayoquot Sustainability Fund supports projects dedicated to educating, protecting, and conserving the natural ecosystems of the CSBR. Tofino Resort + Marina donates revenue alongside guests who contribute 1% of all resort, adventure, and marina purchases.

It is a privilege for us to operate and provide unforgettable experiences in this UNESCO Biosphere Region. We acknowledge the collective responsibility we share in preserving this diverse area and to turn this commitment into tangible action, we are excited to join forces with the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust to establish the Clayoquot Sustainability Fund.

— Jon McKeon, Tofino Resort + Marina
General Manager



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CBT's 14 community funds:

- Biosphere Centre Fund
- Biosphere Research Fund
- CBT Operating Endowment Fund
- Clayoquot Sound Wild Salmon Fund
- Clayoquot Sustainability Fund
- Debbie Mundy Memorial Scholarship Fund
- nuučaan̓ut (Nuu-chah-nulth) Language Fund
- Pacific Rim Foundation Fund
- Tofino Saltwater Classic Fund
- Tofino Children's Swimming & Water Safety Fund
- Tofino Community Fund
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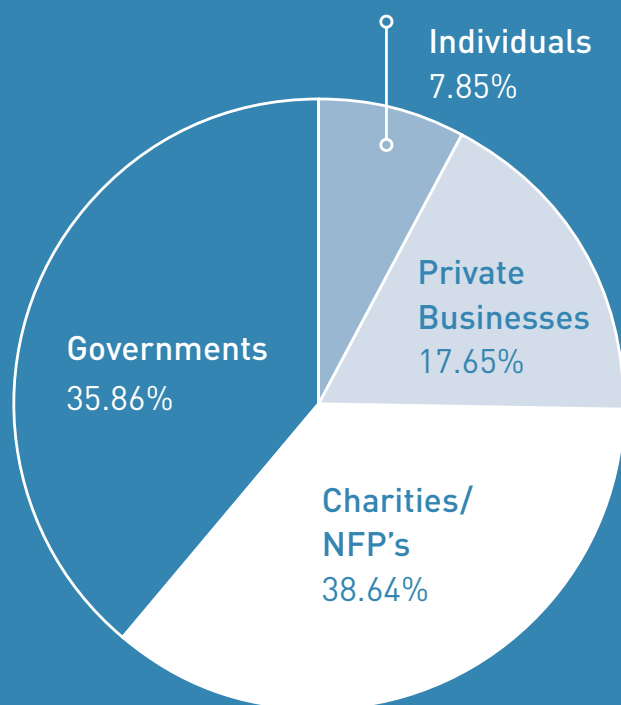
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