

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE PILOT PROJECT

Background

Whenever we save energy - or use it more efficiently - we reduce the demand for gasoline, oil, coal and natural gas. Less burning of these fossil fuels means lower emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. The choices we make TODAY will affect the amount of greenhouse gases we put in the atmosphere in the near future and for years to come.

Summerland Pilot Project

The Summerland Climate Action Committee challenges YOU to come up with an idea that will have a positive environmental impact in our community, and help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We will provide financial support for those who want to make a difference in Summerland.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Eligible Projects

Examples of types of greenhouse gas reduction projects that would be considered for funding include, but are not limited to:

- Planting of native trees/shrubs
- Reducing vehicle emissions
- Water conservation

- Recycling
- Education/Outreach
- Research

Proposed Projects MUST:

- Occur within the boundaries of the District of Summerland
- Have clear, realistic and attainable goals
- NOT require long-term maintenance
- Be completed by March 31, 2016

Projects that have the potential to expand to a larger segment of the Summerland community are encouraged.

Who Can Apply?

- Community, neighbourhood or school group
- Individuals
- Non-profit organizations

What Can Funding Be Used For?

Equipment and materials/supplies.

What Criteria Are Used To Evaluate Proposals?

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

Evaluation criteria	Detailed considerations	%
Project goals	 Clear, well-defined and measurable goals Realistic and attainable goals Clearly outlines how the project has the potential to provide environmental benefits (reduce GHG emissions) in Summerland 	40
Benefit/ Cost	 Clear value for money Realistic budget Detailed budget breakdown 	30
Technical merits/shortcomings	 Potential for project expansion to a larger sector of the Summerland community Risks/factors that may affect the project are clearly identified and explained Project is shown to be self-sustaining and does not require long-term maintenance 	30

How Can You Apply?

Application forms are available for pick-up at Municipal Hall (13211 Henry Ave) or online at <u>www.summerlandclimateaction.ca</u>

Helpful Links:

http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/

http://www.bcairquality.ca/climate-change/index.html

http://www.livesmartbc.ca/learn/links.html

Submissions must be received by March 31, 2015 at Municipal Hall.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions during Earth Week, <u>April 20 – 26, 2015</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact a representative of the Climate Action Committee at Municipal Hall Phone: (250) 494-6451 or Email: <u>climateaction@summerland.ca</u>