



News Release

SCRD's Waste Reduction Initiatives Program Now Accepting Applications

Sechelt, BC—August 21, 2017— The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is seeking applications for the 2017 Waste Reduction Initiatives Program (WRIP).

Launched in 2015, the program has a total of \$5,000 available in financial assistance to Sunshine Coast based community groups and associations, non-profit societies, registered charitable organizations, SD46 and school groups for projects that will reduce waste in the region. Project applications must include a plan for measuring and reporting the amount of waste diverted from the landfill.

The Waste Reduction Initiatives Program was introduced to support the initiatives of the SCR D's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Project categories considered for the WRIP include:

- Community reuse and repair
- Composting
- Construction and demolition waste reduction, reuse and recycling
- Food waste reduction
- Green waste reduction
- Recycling initiatives

In 2016, three organizations across the Sunshine Coast received funding. The projects were: a comprehensive recycling and composting program at Gibsons Elementary School, a recycling program for the Gibsons Curling Club and processing of gathered fruit otherwise destined to landfill by the Coast Canning Co-operative.

"WRIP helps organizations get a waste reduction project off the ground that they may not have otherwise been able to afford to do," says Kara McDougall, Waste Reduction Coordinator. "The program also allows community members to implement creative ideas to divert waste from our landfill."

Applications open on Friday, August 25, 2017 and all applications must be received by midnight on Friday, October 20, 2017. Successful applicants will be announced in November. Projects must be completed, including a final report, by December 1, 2018. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the SCR D in advance of submitting their application to ensure that their project is eligible for funding.

If you have questions about the Waste Reduction Initiatives Program, or are interested in submitting an application, please visit www.scrd.ca/wrip, email infrastructure@scrd.ca or call 604-885-6806.

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