



SUNSHINE COAST
COMMUNITY
FOREST

July 10, 2024

Mayor Henderson and Council
District of Sechelt
PO Box 129
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

Re: Sunshine Coast Community Forest Legacy Fund Grant Recommendations

Dear Mayor and Council,

At two meetings of the Community Forest's Legacy Fund Assessment Committee, letters of intent and grant applications for 21 projects totaling \$682,900 in funds requested, were reviewed. The many worthwhile projects put forward demonstrate the creativity and generosity of many volunteers in our community to leverage modest resources to deliver incredible community benefits.

On July 9th, the Legacy Fund Committee met to consider final grant applications. At this stage, the total requested funds exceeded funds available for disbursement by 50%. Two District of Sechelt Councillors and two Directors from the Sunshine Coast Community Forest board worked hard to find a way to say yes to all 8 final applicants, going through each project budget in detail with the aim of giving each applicant enough money to allow their project to move forward. The committee unanimously recommends funding the following eight grants from the Sunshine Coast Community Forest Legacy Fund.

A copy of each application is enclosed for your review and consideration.

[Gibsons Seniors Society](#)

Senior Services Hall Expansion - \$15,000

Gibsons Senior Services (GSS) plans to build a multipurpose extension to better serve its members, particularly by providing a warm and welcoming center for affordable hot lunches and social connections. The expansion will also serve as a cooling center during heat events, benefiting the entire community.

[Gibsons Curling Club](#)

Gibsons Curling Club (GCC) Upgrades - \$5,000

The GCC, a key community hub on the lower Sunshine Coast, aims to improve safety and accessibility by upgrading its aging facility. The project will address health and safety issues,

such as asbestos abatement and stairway accessibility, ensuring a welcoming space for all community members.

[Halfmoon Bay Community Association](#)

Coopers Green Hall Kitchen Renovation - \$15,000

The Halfmoon Bay Community Association seeks to renovate the outdated kitchen at Coopers Green Hall to better serve the community for social, cultural, and educational programs. This project aligns with long-standing community priorities and will enhance the hall's functionality for various events.

[Pender Harbour Music Society](#)

Pender Harbour Performance Space Enhancement - \$12,000

The Pender Harbour Music Society plans to increase the capacity and comfort of its performance space by adding heating, air conditioning, and improved insulation. This project aims to support local arts and culture, benefiting residents and visitors alike.

[Pender Harbour Reading Centre Society](#)

Community Library Upgrade - \$8,000

The Pender Harbour and District Community Library aims to update its 1950s heritage building to better serve as a volunteer-managed library and community gathering place. Improvements include energy-efficient windows and better computer access, enhancing comfort and operational capacity.

[St. Bart's Food Bank](#)

St. Bart's Food Bank Expansion - \$15,000

St. Bart's Food Bank proposes to renovate an existing shed to double its storage space for both cold and dry goods. This expansion will support the growing demand for food services, helping to feed vulnerable individuals and families on the Sunshine Coast.

[Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society](#)

Shaw Road Affordable Housing and Community Amenities - \$25,800

The Shaw Road Project aims to address the housing crisis on the Sunshine Coast by providing affordable housing for 73 families and a daycare. The project includes amenities such as a playground, community garden, and BBQ area to foster a sense of community and enhance residents' quality of life.

[West Sechelt Community Association \(WSCA\)](#)

Sechelt Community Bulletin Boards - \$15,200

The Sechelt Community Association Forum (SCAF) plans to build cedar community bulletin boards to improve communication with residents and visitors. This project will provide essential information and enhance community connectivity. This application is submitted and project being managed by the West Sechelt Community Association on behalf of SCAF. The Legacy Fund Committee has asked Sunshine Community Forest staff if they were

able to provide custom milled cedar for use by this project to help alleviate the funding shortfall, and received a positive response.

If approved by Mayor and Council, cheques are to be made payable as follows (*amount granted less 10% holdback to be withheld until project completion report is received*):

Gibsons Seniors Society 686 Harmony Ln Gibsons, BC V0N 1V8	\$ 13,500
Gibsons Curling Club 951 Gibsons Way, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V8	\$ 4,500
Halfmoon Bay Community Association PO Box 1646 Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0	\$ 13,500
Pender Harbour Music Society 12956 Madeira Park Road, Madeira Park, BC V0N 2H0	\$ 10,800
Pender Harbour Reading Centre Society 12952 Madeira Park Rd. Madeira Park, BC V0N 2H0	\$ 7,200
St. Bart's Food Bank 656 N. Road Gibsons, BC V0N 1V9	\$ 13,500
Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society PO Box 1609 Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0	\$ 23,220
West Sechelt Community Association (WSCA) 6233 Oracle Rd Sechelt, BC V7Z 0N7	\$ 13,680

We would ask that the District of Sechelt staff please communicate with the Community Forest around when cheques may be prepared for approved grants, so that a photo opportunity for recipients, Community Forest and Mayor and Council can be arranged.

Thank you,

Sara Zieleman, Executive Director
On Behalf of the Sunshine Coast Community Forest Legacy Fund Assessment Committee



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Gibsons Curling Club - GCC Lounge Access and Safety Project

Date Received 6/29/2024

Project Description

The goal of this Capital project is to increase the safety and accessibility of the second-floor lounge area. Currently, the popular lounge/viewing area is only accessible via a compromised stairway, not accessible at all by those with limited mobility.

Key outcomes include successful completion of asbestos abatement measures, re-leveling of stair risers to ensure uniformity and safety, enhancement of stair tread durability and grip for improved traction, reinforcement of handrails to provide added stability, integration of additional accessibility aids to facilitate easier access to the second floor, and installation of insulated and durable window panes to improve energy efficiency and overall comfort.

GCC has been operating successfully for 5 decades, and will continue to enrich the lives of individuals and families throughout the lower Sunshine Coast, particularly those with decreased mobility -- with increased accessibility, vibrant events and community partnerships.

Needs Statement

Gibsons Curling Club (GCC) is the only curling venue on the lower Sunshine Coast, and also provides a vitally important venue for other groups and organizations throughout the year. Our goals are to continue to promote the sport of curling while contributing to the health and vibrancy of our coastal community by providing Accessible recreation and community gathering spaces for ALL members of our community.

GCC has been operated by volunteers for the past 48 years, hosting various events such as weddings, birthdays, bonspiels, meetings, and memorials in the upstairs lounge and spectating area.

In addition to members, GCC hosts bonspiels which attract curlers from around the province to the Sunshine Coast, providing a boost to the local economy.

Beyond curling events, the GCC facility serves as a versatile venue for a wide range of community activities and gatherings. Local community groups and businesses in the SCRCD frequently utilize the space for meetings, fundraisers, and group events thereby further enhancing social cohesion and connectivity within the communities.

Our facility is aging, and important upgrades are urgently needed to ensure that the Club facility can expand on its purpose to provide a welcoming and viable hub for curlers and community members. Existing health and safety issues will be addressed, such as asbestos abatement, improving stairway accessibility, and installation of safety glass.



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Timeline - This capital project is scheduled to start in August 2024, and to be completed by October 2024.

Additional Details

GCC has been building support for this critical project for many years while consulting with local contractors.

September 2023, we were presented with a significant financial challenge in the form of a new property tax designation. Our organization had not been assessed for taxes since our establishment in 1974 and the deadline for exemptions for the 2023 and 2024 tax year had already passed. Assessed taxes were paid with partial usage of capital funds.

Despite this financial setback, we are planning to go forward– with the help of grants and community partnerships.

Funding Recognition

News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Inclusion in group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions



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Gibsons Seniors Society (GSS) - Space for Healthy Meals for Seniors

Date Received 6/27/2024

Project Description

Our goal is to provide a welcoming centre for seniors with daily access to fresh AFFORDABLE hot lunches, as well as take home frozen dinners. This will be achieved by the completion of the hall expansion project to fully utilize our existing kitchen.

Evaluation: Community support: From The Town who provides tax receipts for donations over \$200.00. From the province of BC with a grant of \$120K via Lottery funds. From the community with personal donations. The final evaluation will be the satisfaction of those who use our Centre. Our addition will be an ongoing asset to the entire community. Our resource is available to ALL seniors on the Coast. GSS has a record of being supportive of seniors ongoing since 1958. The key to success has been "seniors supporting seniors". 90% of our work is done by volunteer participation. Measuring success will be a count of those using the facility. For long term viability, we have been fiscally responsible since 1958.

Needs Statement

We have outgrown capacity to meet the recreational/social needs of our members. We have commercial kitchen, however NO dedicated place to serve meals to members. We have embarked upon building a multipurpose extension to better serve our members.

GSS is the only support service for the seniors in the Gibsons Area. Many seniors, particularly after Covid are more isolated than ever, and with increase in food prices, those on fixed incomes are feeling pressures which may not allow them to eat nutritious, healthy meals.

We will have a warm and welcoming centre open daily to provide a coffee space and affordable hot lunch venue. Social connections cannot be overstressed in terms of healthy ageing. Social connections are one of the modifiable factors in preventing dementia along with good nutrition and exercise.

"An important way by which a society is measured is how it cares for its elderly citizens." The Sunshine Coast has a great track record in this. We are asking Community Forest to fund flooring for our extension.

The expansion will benefit all residents as we are installing heat pumps to provide a large space which can be used as an adjunct cooling centre during any future heat dome event. We have moved forward rapidly since our letter of intent and have secured donations for furnishings of the interior, BUT, we are in desperate need of funding to cover the cost of flooring for this area. The estimate which is attached is approximately \$19,900.

Timeline - Our request was for 15K of funding to complete the interior of our dining expansion. We have moved forward more quickly than anticipated originally and since the letter of intent was submitted, we are now at the place where our request to The Community Forest Legacy Fund is to help us to complete this new area with the next critical next step in the process which is to instal



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flooring. Our original request was for \$15,000.00 and that will contribute greatly to our most recent updated actual cost of 19K. Our expectation is that all will be completed by December 20, 2024.

Additional Details

Our building expansion is a perfect example of total community participation and support of Senior residents, in recognition that they still have a great deal to contribute. Members donating \$5.00 or \$25K as they can afford; donations small and large by businesses; tradespeople providing cut rate labour, often free labour. Thank you for your contribution.

Funding Recognition

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Halfmoon Bay Community Association - Food Safe Kitchen for Coopers Green Hall

Date Received 7/2/2024

Project Description

Coopers Green Park and Hall have long been the heart of the Halfmoon Bay community. Recent surveys by the SCR D have shown the public wishes the Hall to continue and the Halfmoon Bay Community Association (HBCA) has stepped in with an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the SCR D to operate it. The HBCA's goal is to renovate the Hall so that it is more desirable as a gathering place for the local community's wishes for social, cultural and educational programs. A major part of this project and a top priority going back to the Park Management Plan of 2017 was "an updated, Food Safe kitchen." At a survey of the membership at our June 13, 2024 AGM the kitchen was again the #1 priority.

The HBCA has a long track record in the community, going back to 1947 when it originated as the Welcome Beach Community Association. And this year we will be hosting the 56th annual Community Fair in July!

Needs Statement

This Hall in Halfmoon Bay is now over 40 years old and the kitchen is no longer functional. An upgrade to the kitchen will provide an opportunity not only for the Community Association's 265 households to enjoy the tradition of dinners in the hall (which was possible in its old hall at Welcome Beach) but also to be of service to renters, particularly to weddings, memorial services and other gatherings which with its beautiful location attracts people coastwide.

Timeline - A precise timeline for this project depends largely on the SCR D. Alterations to the building can only start once a lease agreement is approved by both parties. The EOI was approved in late April and the HBCA and the SCR D are now in the process of defining the key activities necessary for a lease agreement to be completed in the late fall of this year. This will result in the project's start date of January 2025, with renovations completed within six months.

Additional Details

The kitchen renovations, though crucial, are but the first step in renovating the Hall. When we believed that there would be a new hall at Coopers Green we raised close to \$195,000 which was held in trust by the SCR D. Almost all of that money was returned to the donors when the decision was made by the SCR D to build a hall at Connor Park, but we are confident we will be able to fundraise that amount again. We currently have \$216,000, which came from the sale of the old hall at Welcome Beach, and we are holding for future major renovations.

Funding Recognition

News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Inclusion in



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group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, Signage on outdoor kiosk (plus a plaque indoors)



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Pender Harbour Music Society - Heating Upgrade & Audience Expansion

Date Received 6/24/2024

Project Description

- Expanded Performance space with added benefit of AC giving more residents access to a comfortable experience.

Project meets Fund Criteria:

-We believe the Project aligns with the Fund Bylaw and enjoys support demonstrated by 37 yrs of successful programs, attendance & donations.

*The Project will add to the usefulness of the building which will continue in perpetuity as an SCRCD asset.

*See PHMS financials for assurance this is a fiscally sustainable entity.

*No funds will be used for planning, administration or routine operational expenses.

*All work will be done by qualified local Pender Harbour area companies.

*The SCRCD and the PHMS have a 37 yr history of cooperation and maintenance & improvement of this heritage asset.

*Matching funds have been contributed by members of the community and In-Kind donations from the local trades.

*Any surplus funds not required for this Project will be returned to the Legacy Fund.

-Success will be larger, comfortable audiences with reduced costs.

Needs Statement

As with many of the Legacy Fund supported projects this is not a high visibility project with lots of public flash, but it is the sort of project that gives legs to the strength and “warmth” of a community.

Using state of the art, energy conserving, heat exchange technology and circulating fans we plan to provide seasonal heat to the side stage area (former enclosed veranda) during performances and some events. Insulation will be upgraded with the addition of heavy drapery which will also give more light control during events.

The supplier of the unit will be one of several on the coast depending on current pricing and all installers and trades will be local.

This will increase performance capacity by 30 seats or 35% to 115 seats.



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Over half our performances sell out each year and this will allow over 250 people to enjoy performances and in a small community of less than 3000 residents. This is significant in a small community like Egmont and Pender Harbour.

Increased capacity reassures and strengthens our relationship with long term Program funders like: SCRD; SCCU; Canada Heritage; Canada Council; BC Touring Council; Creative BC; BC Arts Council and local companies.

Timeline - September 9, 2024 to November 29, 2024

Additional Details

-The SCRD has asked that you are aware that the PHMS has leased the space for one dollar a year since 1987 and any improvements are SCRD assets.

-The final solution for heating and insulation is the 3rd iteration of the research & design phase of this project. Initial solutions proved to be either too expensive or inefficient after detailed investigation of the building and electrical capacity.

-NOTE: We have split this project into two components which can happen in sequence and not necessarily, though ideally, at the same time. The priority is Heat Exchange Units first and Drapery second.

Funding Recognition

News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Inclusion in group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, Acknowledgement in the PHMS posters and programs.



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Pender Harbour Reading Centre Society - Reading Centre Book Learning

Date Received 6/29/2024

Project Description

The funding meets the criteria for Capital purchases and increased daily comfort and operational capacity. New windows will make the building warmer for all who access the library. This will allow extended lengths of time for everyone to occupy the premises. Reduced operational cost will allow the Society to spend finances on other necessities like books, DVDs and pre-school picture books. It will also enhance the long-term viability of this heritage building by securing the building envelope. [Needs Statement](#)

Our 1950s heritage building has not been updated or improved as a community library for more than 50 years. Our goal is to update and improve our facility so that it is better suited to its role as a volunteer managed library for adults and young children, and a free community gathering and meeting place. The expansion of services we aim to offer includes better computer access and support for those with questions about their devices, quality colour printing, book clubs, author talks and other programs.

The entire community of Pender Harbour, Egmont, and Halfmoon Bay are potential beneficiaries of the improvements we are planning. However, most of our repeat users are seniors, and increasingly, young families. Those who had to drive to Sechelt, previously, for quality printing will also benefit.

The project is important to address the comfort in the building. Over 3000 people have free access to the library which was built in the 1950s. Thirty volunteers open and work the library six days a week. The lack of insulation and single pane windows causes significant heat loss, increased heating costs and a lack of comfort. Many of those who access the building are children and seniors. Besides book lending, other programs require extended periods of time for occupants to be in the building. The insulation issues have been addressed. Access has been improved by a ramp to the front door. Now we would like to add to the comfort by installing energy efficient windows.

Timeline - If we successfully receive the grant, we will immediately obtain an updated quote. The SCRD is already aware of our efforts. As the building is owned by them, we will



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request their permission to proceed with the upgrade. As soon as these requirements are met, we will contact the selected supplier for a date to commence. Installation can be completed in days, and we would expect completion before Fall of 2024.

Additional Details

If possible, we would like to copy the style of the existing windows, at least on the front of the building, because they lend the facility a cottage-like charm. Upgrades to the comfort in the library will allow us to host many other programs.

Funding Recognition

Inclusion in group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, Newsletter, website (www.penderharbourlibrary.ca), Facebook page



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Sechelt Community Associations Forum-SCAF - Communication Tools for Sechelt Residents & Visitors

Date Received 6/27/2024

Project Description

1. Build cedar Community Bulletin Boards (BBs) (\$2500 each) and develop a SCAF website (\$3500) for residents and visitors.
2. This project is fully supported by the CAs and will provide valuable/essential info to residents and visitors. SCAF's track record is solid and membership continues to increase as we take on emergency preparedness etc. Design plans and costing for both capital aspects (BBs & Website) are completed. Local contractors were used. SCAF, SCCF, DoS, SCR D, GoC and other non-profit entities will have use of the BBs and will have links on the SCAF website. CAs are providing funds where possible and SCAF is exploring future funding possibilities to increase the number of BBs.
3. There will be opportunities for feedback on the BBs & website. An unveiling ceremony with representatives from SCCF, DoS is planned at completion of the first BB. A report of feedback will be shared. Longterm viability will be to secure funding thru donations by businesses etc to build more BBs.

Needs Statement

1. Provide important and official communication to, and map of, the area. (Notices and information from non-profits and governments i.e. SCAF, SCCF, DoS, SCR D, Government of Canada (GoC).

There are nine Community Associations (CA) that represent residents of the DoS. Namely, Sechelt Village, Wilson Creek/Davis Bay/Selma Park, Tuwanek, Sandy Hook, Tillicum Bay, East Porpoise Bay, West Sechelt, Sunshine Heights (SHORA) and West Porpoise Bay (in hibernation). These volunteer non-profit Associations represent residents in a defined area who come together to address issues affecting their community. SCAF is the over arching structure for these CAs. SCAF needs to be better able to communicate and connect with the residents and visitors to the District of Sechelt.

2. Residents of, and visitors to, the District of Sechelt will benefit. Using a multifaceted coordinated communication approach, SCAF will be positioned to communicate with the residents and visitors on relevant and essential information (i.e Emergency Preparedness, Water Restrictions, Fire Bans, Bylaws, etc)
3. Construction and installation of highly visible, aesthetically pleasing, weather/vandal resistant cedar Bulletin Boards. Additionally the establishment of an official SCAF website. There are very few (viable) Community Bulletin Boards with maps in the District of Sechelt. SCAF lacks a website presence that coordinates and reflects the activities and information of the CAs.

Timeline - SCAF is requesting funding for nine installed Bulletin Boards (one per CA) and the development of a SCAF website. Both the Bulletin Boards and Website are ready to go and awaiting funding. Completion date mid October 2024.



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Additional Details

Cost of the BB architectural drawing was donated. After verifying with Canada Revenue Agency, development of a website is considered a capital asset expense - please consider this important aspect in your funding considerations. The majority of DoS residents receive their mail in neighbourhoods. Our plan is to strategically position the BBs at high volume mail delivery sites. There are approximately 160 locations of delivery sites in the DoS. Several CAs are large and it will be difficult to choose a single location to place a BB. There will be maps of the respective CA on the BB and website.

Funding Recognition

News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Inclusion in group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, email and photos forwarded to the new SCAF website



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St. Bart's Food Bank - St. Bart's Food Bank Storage Expansion Project

Date Received 6/30/2024

Project Description

Project goals are: 1) Expand our current services to feed vulnerable, marginalized persons living on the Sunshine Coast, 2) Double existing storage space to enhance efficiencies in inventory management, reduce transportation/procurement costs, 3) Expand both cold and dry storage space to improve capacity to store nourishing perishable and non-perishable foods. Additional storage space will help reduce expenses through bulk-buying. We will have capacity to accept and store more in-kind donations from local farms. This project represents a long-term investment in our community as it will be in place for decades to come. St. Barts has a 14 year track record of serving those facing food insecurity in our community. We are ready to proceed with this project as soon as funding is received! An experienced Project manager will be hired to ensure that the project is delivered on time/on budget. Moreover, we keep detailed stats to measure the impact of the project on our service delivery.

Needs Statement

"St. Bart's is fabulous. A very generous, caring and giving community of people." We are the only "no barrier" food bank on the Coast and in 2023 we provided food to feed almost 2800 people. In a small community, we have a big impact! Our Food Bank and Community Hot Lunch services are available to everyone - no one is ever turned away. Every month we have new clients seeking assistance. The majority of our clients are seniors; 36% are families. In the past 4 years we have experienced an 84% increase in the need for our services. This project proposes to fully renovate an existing 325 sq. ft. shed on the property where the Food Bank currently operates. The renovated shed will almost double existing Food Bank storage space and include both cold and dry storage space. We cannot continue to maintain our growing services to those facing food insecurity without additional inventory space. This renovation will meet immediate and long term storage needs and will be an asset to our community outreach programs for decades to come. Additional storage space will also allow us to access a "Food Salvage" program to help reduce food and operating costs over time.

Timeline - September 1, 2024 to November 29, 2024

Additional Details

The St. Bart's Food Bank and Community Hot Lunch programs rely solely on community support/donations to operate. Unlike other Food Banks, we do not receive any government funding. We have over 60 dedicated, community volunteers who deliver our programs. We are grateful for your consideration of our application!

Funding Recognition



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News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Inclusion in group newsletter or similar internal distribution list, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, We would be pleased to provide tours of our facilities!



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Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society - Shaw Road Community Amenities

Date Received 6/25/2024

Project Description

The goals of this project are largely around improving the community of the Sunshine Coast, not only through affordable housing, but creating a hub for the community at large. This aligns with your criteria, which focuses on funded projects that are a community asset and supported by the Sunshine Coast community.

We have worked hard to create strong community support for our projects with local governments, community organizations and residents of the Sunshine Coast. Our Cover the Coast project works closely with community organizations,

When developing this space, we worked closely with local childcare providers and governments with the express goal of addressing key community needs and the shortage of daycare openings.

The project as a whole has oversight from BC Housing to ensure its long term sustainability, but at a local level we will be able to measure this by the use of the community space through the daycare provider, residents and community feedback from non-residents.

Needs Statement

The Shaw Road Project was created by volunteers in the local community with the express goal of creating a more vibrant, welcoming and affordable Sunshine Coast. For several years our community has faced a housing crisis, and this project is the largest project our community has ever done to address housing affordability for working families and seniors on the Sunshine Coast. The project benefits not only the residents but also the broader community by providing safe and stable housing options helping important workers and community workers stay on the Sunshine Coast.

Shaw Road is set to have housing for 73 families and a much needed daycare upon completion. This project's goal is to amplify the positive impact of the project while providing a safe environment for the residents and children who will call Shaw Road home.

The addition of a playground, community garden, BBQ area, and other amenities fosters a sense of belonging and connection among residents. The planned fence ensures safety, creating a secure environment for residents, daycare children, and community members utilizing the green spaces.

These amenities go beyond mere infrastructure; they promote socialization, healthy living, and outdoor recreation. The playground is not only essential for the daycare, but encourages children in the community to interact and play while creating a community hub for families.



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Timeline - These community amenities will be added over the two phases of Shaw Road. The first phase opens in September of 2024, and the second phase could begin construction as soon as August of 2024, with a potential opening date of 2025.

We have had discussions with our developers on this project and upon awarding of the grant, much of the work will begin immediately. Some of the amenities will be expanded immediately upon approval to allow the residents of Phase One to enjoy them. Others such as the fence will be constructed during Phase Two.

Additional Details

The Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society is the only affordable housing organization on the Sunshine Coast focused on the creation of affordable housing for working families and seniors on the Sunshine Coast. We are continually developing and constructing projects to meet the needs of our community. We do not receive any operational funding from the municipalities, province or federal government and therefore rely on community grants to continue our work. Grants such as this allow us to bring much needed improvements to our developments which would otherwise be impossible.

Funding Recognition

News Release with photos upon project completion and significant milestones if completion is delayed, Social Media posts for significant milestones and upon project completion, Signage such as a plaque acknowledging contributions, We would be honoured to name one of the amenities installed after the Sunshine Coast Forest Fund, or a specific donor they would like to honour. We feel that including this would be an excellent way to showcase community organizations on the Sunshine Coast working together towards improving our community as a whole.