

July 3rd, 2024

Dear Gambier Islanders,

Re: Gambier Island Community Association (GICA)'s Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Project: IMPLEMENTATION.

GICA is looking for proposals from islanders or island community organizations to implement one or more of the action items that appear in the [UBC SCARP Final Report](#) (pgs. 34-49). We are aiming to support approximately ten projects of various scope and scale and have some \$50,000 from the original grant from the Provincial Government for distribution. Successful proposal submitters will be paired with a REDIP Oversight Committee member who will assist with the administrative and financial aspects of the project.

The GICA Board has accepted the recommendations of the REDIP Oversight Committee to prioritize 11 of the UBC SCARP recommended action items based on their feasibility and overall community impact (but are accepting applications for projects in line with any of the action items):

1. Improve Community Awareness on Firefighting (Fire Action #2, pg. 34)
2. Seek External Funding for More Fire Suppression Equipment (Fire Action #7, pg. 37)
3. Create a Neighbourhood/Community Emergency Plan (Emergency Action #1, pg. 45)
4. Develop a Community-Organized System of Waste Collection (Waste Action #5, pg. 42)
5. Establish Informal Fire Lighting Protocols at a Neighbourhood Scale (Fire Action #9, pg. 37)
6. General Emergency and First Aid/CPR Training (Emergency Action #10, pg. 48)
7. Expand Upon Existing Social and Digital Networks Focused on Buy-Nothing and Upcycling to Encourage Waste Diversion (Waste Action #1, pg. 40)
8. Organize Community Campaign to Remove Fire Fuel (Fire Action #4, pg. 35)
9. Participate in FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program (Fire Action #10, pg. 38)
10. Develop Island-Wide and Community Best Practices for Waste Disposal, Diversion and Management Procedures of Various Forms of Waste Such as Toxic Waste, Renovation and Construction Waste, Large Waste, Ocean Waste, and Biological/Organic Waste (Waste Action #3, pg. 41)
11. Develop a Stakeholder-Informed Report to Guide Enhancements in BC Ferry and Stormaway Services (Ferry Action #1, pg. 43)

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/5wKsajqNVP5WM1C47> to the application form. The form is short and simple with only a few details to fill out. Please see the chart at the bottom of this communication for details on how project proposals will be assessed. The decisions on allocation of funding will be made by the GICA Board at the recommendations of the REDIP Oversight Committee.

The deadline for submitting this form is July 24th, 2024.

All projects must be completed by March 31st, 2025.

For assistance in completion of the application or if you have any questions, please reach out to Sam at gambierredip@gmail.com or to any REDIP Oversight Committee member.

Best regards,

The Gambier Island Community Association Board,

The GICA REDIP Oversight Committee (Carmela Allevalo, Elizabeth Carriere, Elaine Davies, Todd Elyzen, Zeno Farinelli, Torsten Kehler, Sophia Khan, Jeanne Mikita, Carol Petroski, Emily Pickett, Rod Robertson and Deb Wainwright) and

Samantha Wing, Project Coordinator

Criteria	Description	Weight %
Project Feasibility	Is the project well planned and possible in the timeframe with the resources available? Are the skillsets, required labour/capacity and creativity etc. available for the successful completion of this project? Is the budget realistic?	45
Urgency	Immediacy and criticality of addressing the selected action item(s)	15
Relevance	Is the project relevant to the selected action item(s)? Is this relevance appropriate?	10
Community/ Communities Impact	Overall effects on the Gambier community/communities	10
Geographical Distribution	Does the project support the goal of offering island-wide use of remaining funds?	10
Connection to First Nations	Does this project support engagement with the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw/Squamish Nation?	10