

## Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure grant for Gambier Island

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Dear Gambier Islanders

As you may have read in the Coast Reporter last week or seen in the Gambier Islanders Facebook group, the Gambier Island Community Association (GICA) was a successful applicant to the Province of BC's new Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure (REDIP) grant program. In total, we will receive \$84,000 to be spent over two years to identify and develop plans to address the island's most pressing issues.

Specifically, our two-year project will:

- 1) conduct an island-wide survey of current residents and property owners with regard to what we see as the most crucial needs of the community,
- 2) develop plans to address issues identified by our survey, and
- 3) conduct some initial activities outlined in the plans we develop.

In the coming weeks and months, and throughout the project, we will keep you informed of our progress and share things openly and transparently. You will hear from us through email, Facebook, at open meetings, etc., and we will ensure there are opportunities for input and feedback throughout the project

We will be in touch again soon about ways to become involved with and support the project (and community!), and other important information.

Thank you for your attention.

Gambier Island Community Association Directors