

Major Contributions Grant Application Guide

The Major Contributions Grant is designed to support larger projects in community infrastructure and planning. The grant is intended for projects that have a broad impact, benefiting the entire island community. Our goal is to help build safer, healthier, and more attractive communities. Major Contributions aims to enhance the lives of all islanders and make Haida Gwaii a more desirable place to live, work, play, and visit. The grant focuses on the following priorities:

- **Improving Infrastructure:** Support projects that enhance public spaces, facilities, and essential community services.
- **Community Health and Safety:** Fund initiatives that promote the wellbeing and safety of island residents.
- **Beautification and Sustainability:** Encourage projects that make communities more attractive and environmentally sustainable.
- **Building Economic Growth:** Support projects that contribute to making Haida Gwaii a more vibrant place for business and tourism.

Important Information

- **Applications are due by May 1st by 11:59 p.m.**
- **Minimum application amounts:**
 - Non-profit organizations - \$25,000
 - Local governments - \$25,000
- **Maximum application amount: \$200,000**
- **Equity requirement:**
 - Non-profit organizations - 25%
 - Local governments - 50%
- **Projects must start at least two months after the application intake deadline. Any expenses incurred before Board approval will not be eligible for reimbursement.**
- **Projects can last up to two years.**
- **Applicants with overdue reports are not eligible to apply.**

Who can Apply?

- Local non-profit organizations
- Local governments

Who Gets Priority?

Preference is given to:

- Non-profit organizations.
- Projects involving multiple communities that benefit Haida Gwaii as a whole.
- Initiatives that create and sustain long-term jobs.
- Applications that show partnerships, collaborations, or have leveraged other funding opportunities.

Ineligible Uses

All applications must abide by the Gwaii Trust Society General Grant guidelines. Please note that the grant cannot be used for:

- **Core Funding:** General operational costs or funding for ongoing programs.
- **Prior Expenses:** Costs incurred before grant approval.
- **Other Restrictions:** Any items outlined in the General Grant Guidelines.

What you need to apply for the Major Contributions Grant

- [Apply online at gwaitrust.com portal.](https://gwaitrust.com)
- Your total project cost and the amount you would like to request.
- Any additional project funding or revenue you may have.
- A project plan.
- Your project start and end date.
- How will you acknowledge Gwaii Trust's support?
- Any additional supporting information - like a partnership or authorization letters.

When your project is completed

- Provide your final budget to actual spreadsheet and include all the relevant receipts
- Provide photos of the project - we'd like to share your success!
- Write a brief final project summary - tell us things like:
 1. What went well?
 2. Were there any challenges?
 3. How many people participated or attended?
 4. Any additional comments, feedback, or recommendations.

I need help with this, who can I speak to?

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