

<b>Policy Title:</b> National Indigenous People’s Day Grant Funding	<b>Policy Number:</b> P152
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**PREAMBLE**

1. Section 263(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act* gives authority for local governments to provide assistance for the purpose of benefiting the community or any aspect of the community.

While community development is a shared responsibility, the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board recognizes that the provision of financial support through funding can leverage additional support and enable the delivery of necessary and desirable services. In addition, it is recognized that the Regional District’s structure as a federation of municipalities and electoral areas can enable partnerships and efficiencies in the delivery of services that provide regional benefit.

**PURPOSE**

2. To establish and provide sustainable, reliable and annual grant funding for National Indigenous People’s Day equally funded through tax requisition across the following services.
  - a. Service 691 Area A Baynes Sound Heritage Conservation
  - b. Service 692 Electoral Area B Heritage Conservation
  - c. Service 693 Electoral Area C Heritage Conservation

**SCOPE**

3. This policy applies to the grant funding for National Indigenous People’s Day held within the CVRD.

**DEFINITIONS**

Grant Funding:

Means an unconditional financial grant, that is provided by the CVRD to support the National Indigenous People’s Day celebrations held by the K’ómoks First Nation.

**POLICY**

- a. To provide stable funding, the Board shall determine the total annual grant allocation through the financial planning process.
- b. Grant funding will be sourced from taxation and administered as a stand alone grant type.
- c. The funding shall be split equally between Service 691,692,693.
- d. On an annual basis, the Nation will submit to the CVRD notification confirming that the event will be held and the date on which it will be held.

Minimum Base Funding Guarantee:

- e. The Board shall commit to maintain a base grant allocation equal to at least 90 percent of the previous year's approved amount.

Annual Review Safeguards:

Any proposal to reduce funding below the guaranteed base level will require a staff report providing rationale.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4. The CVRD Board is responsible for:
  - a. Annual approval of grant funding and approval of proposed amendments to minimum base funding.,
- 5. CVRD staff are responsible for:
  - a. Recommending sufficient grant funding within the financial planning process.
  - b. Administration of funds to recipient.

**REVISION HISTORY**

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