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Subject: Follow up to regional meetings with Minister Osborne and Minister Rankin – funding information

This message is being forwarded to you on behalf of Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

To: Mayors, Regional District Chairs, and Chief Administrative Officers of British Columbia

Dear Mayors, Chairs, and CAOs:

Thank you for participating in the December 2021 regional meetings with Minister Osborne and Minister Rankin. During the meetings, two funding programs were mentioned and here are the details for these funding opportunities:

[150 Time Immemorial grant program – Heritage BC](#)

The intake for the 150 Time Immemorial grant program – Heritage BC closes on **December 24, 2021**.

In July 2021, the Province announced the \$30 million Time Immemorial grant program to be administered by the First Peoples' Foundation and Heritage BC. Indigenous communities, local governments and eligible organizations can apply for funding under the 150 Time Immemorial program for projects that promote and educate British Columbians about diversity, inclusion, and resilience through cultural heritage infrastructure, awareness, and planning.

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Infrastructure Funding – ICIP Environmental Quality Program

The intake for the ICIP Environmental Quality Program closes on **January 26, 2022 at 4 pm PST**. Program information can be found [here](#).

The Environmental Quality Program is focused on infrastructure that will support quality and management improvements for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. It will also support projects that remediate contaminated sites and divert solid waste from landfill. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that add value around environmental protection, resource recovery and reuse, climate change adaptation and mitigation and energy efficiency, generation and recovery. A water conservation plan is a requirement for any drinking water and wastewater projects.

Funding for local governments is available up to 73.33% of the eligible project costs (40% Government of Canada, 33.33% Province of British Columbia). Municipalities may submit one application. Regional Districts may submit one application for each community in their area. A community is defined as a settlement area within a regional district electoral area or an established or proposed service area.

Please email infra@gov.bc.ca to get connected to a program team member who can respond to your questions.

If you didn't get a chance to speak during the meeting or if you would like to share additional thoughts please email MUNI.Minister@gov.bc.ca.

After you share examples of recent initiatives or resources in your community for building relations with First Nations and Indigenous people during the meetings, I encourage you to email relations@civicinfo.bc.ca to have the resources or news releases of them added to the Joint Indigenous and Local Government Initiatives and Relations library to inspire and support other local governments.

Happy Holidays and wishing everyone a safe and healthy New Year 2022!

Kind regards,

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