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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ENGAGING IN AGRICULTURE PLANNING

July 27, 2021 – Victoria, B.C. The Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) is pleased to announce the funding of eight projects through the Local Government Partnership Program (LGPP). Delivered by IAF, with funding from the governments of BC and Canada, LGPP is designed to help regional districts and municipalities develop, update and implement agricultural planning tools.

“This is a great crop of local government projects,” says IAF Board Chair Jack DeWit. “Agricultural planning is vital at all levels of government, especially for regional districts, municipalities, First Nations, and other local governments. It’s so important to provide funding for planning at that local level to ensure the success of agriculture across our province, for everyone’s benefit.”

IAF staff is now working with the approved applicants to execute their projects successfully.

Local Government Partnership Program Information

The Local Government Partnership Program is designed to:

- Support the development of shared visions for agriculture in BC communities; and,
- Encourage the integration of agricultural priorities into local government planning and decision making.

The desired outcome of the LGPP is for local governments to support the growth and economic viability of agriculture when making decisions about land-use planning and by-laws or regulations.

The program provides up to \$40,000 per recipient in non-repayable, cost-shared funding.

Applications for 2022/23 LGPP funding will open in Fall 2021.

To learn more: www.iafbc.ca/lgpp

Additional Quote

“I’m so pleased that we are continuing to invest in local communities to strengthen food security for all British Columbians. These projects will help create local conditions for sustainable, economic growth in farming and food producing businesses. I want to thank everyone involved for their hard work in this important endeavor.”

- Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Approved Applications

Organization	Project Name	Approved Amount
Islands Trust	Denman Island Farming Regulations Review Project	\$18,000
Tsawwassen First Nation	TFN Community Farm	\$22,250
Cariboo Regional District	Agricultural Area Plan	\$40,000
Township of Spallumcheen	Southeast Sector Agricultural Industry Plan	\$40,000
Regional District of Central Okanagan	Regional Agricultural Strategy	\$40,000
Comox Valley Regional District	Comox Valley Agricultural Plan – Review	\$40,000
Regional District Kootenay Boundary	Lower Columbia Region Agricultural Strategy	\$29,323
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Bringing Indigenous Perspectives to Regional Food and Agriculture Planning Processes	\$23,200
TOTAL		\$252,773

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The BC Investment Agriculture Foundation is an industry-led, not-for-profit society that creates funding opportunities to support a thriving BC agriculture and agri-food sector through the effective delivery of programs.

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