

Feasibility Studies

Service Overview

Feasibility studies are used to ensure that any new service developed or any substantial changes to an existing service within the Regional District fulfill a need, are sustainable, are supported within the community, and to get an idea of the true costs of delivering the service.

Feasibility studies can be expensive. The current strategy for funding feasibility studies involves setting aside a small amount each year to ensure that when a study is needed, there are funds available, rather than imposing the full financial burden of a study over one or two years.

Budget Highlights

Decrease in taxation from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

For 2026 the Board chose to reduce the taxation to provide all five electoral areas with some measure of tax relief in a difficult budget year.

The feasibility studies either planned or underway in 2026 are:

- Denny Island House Numbering Feasibility Study funded by \$26,000 from Growing Communities Grant, and \$7,000 from a Vancouver Coastal Health Grant. This study is complete.
- Next Gen 911 - \$45,000 UBCM Grant fund, deferred from 2025 to support local preparedness for implementation of Next Gen 911. The total regional value of this study, including collaboration with the Nuxalk and Heiltsuk Nations, is estimated at \$167,375. Grant funding of \$180,000 will offset a significant portion of the implementation costs. The study is Complete
- Denny Island Wharf \$86,040 funded \$68,440 in Rural Diversification and Infrastructure Grant funds and \$17,600 in local contribution.
- \$74,000 Growing Communities Grant for Potential Feasibility Studies for Electoral Area A

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$54,635.70	\$42,501.50	(\$12,134.20)	-22.20%
Local Taxation	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	-66.70%
UBCM/Provincial Grant	\$146,950.00	\$355,439.80	\$208,489.80	141.90%
Total Income	\$216,585.70	\$402,941.30	\$186,355.60	86.00%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$56,310.70	\$26,314.00	(\$29,996.70)	-53.3%
Grant Funding	\$159,275.00	\$375,627.30	\$216,352.30	135.80%
Total Expenses	\$216,585.70	\$402,941.30	\$186,355.60	86.00%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Check out the completed studies!

Area A

House Numbering



Regional 9-1-1



General Operations

Service Overview

General operational services consist of a variety of functions that support the elected officials of the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) and their work, as well as the overall management of the organization, including:

- CCRD Board & Committee meetings
- Central Coast Regional Hospital District Board meetings (a separate legal entity with the same Board of Directors)
- Elections and referendums
- Office management
- Financial Services
- Human resource (personnel) services
- Information systems/ IT
- Legislative services / legal coordination / legal fees
- Communications with the public
- Property Management
- Records Management
- Risk Management & Insurance
- Purchasing
- The space and office equipment needed to support these functions

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$644,935.39	577,201.31	(\$67,734.08)	-10.50%
Revenue from Apportioned Administration	\$150,913.09	\$160,744.52	\$9,831.43	6.51%
Local Taxation	\$806,654.16	\$888,950.66	\$82,296.50	10.20%
Other Revenue (Interest Income)	\$38,000.00	\$52,400.00	\$14,400.00	37.89%
Provincial Basic Grant	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	\$77,633.88	\$77,633.88	\$0.00	0.00%
Grant Funding	\$140,940.00	\$5,772.68	(\$135,167.32)	-95.90%
CCRHD Contribution to CCRD	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Income	\$2,072,576.52	\$1,976,203.05	(\$96,373.47)	-4.65%
Operating Expenditure	\$1,485,267.98	\$1,516,056.49	\$30,788.51	2.07%
Contingency	\$95,487.96	\$75,000.00	(\$20,487.96)	-21.46%
Capital Works	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grant Funding Project	\$140,940.00	\$5,772.68	(\$135,167.32)	-95.90%
Contribution to Asset Replacement	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$1,743,695.94	\$1,618,829.17	(\$124,866.77)	-7.16%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$328,880.58	\$357,373.88	\$28,493.30	8.66%

Budget Highlights

The draft general operations budget has been approved in principle, with taxation set at \$888,950.66, including existing policies and contractual obligations, and incorporates the Board's direction to reduce reliance on surplus to balance the budget.

Changes in general operations for 2026 include **-\$5,000** in consulting fees with plans to complete more work in-house; **-\$4,000** in supplies and small tools, **-\$2,000** in telephone costs; **-\$21,943** for the website upgrades that were substantially completed in 2025; **-\$20,000** in contingency; +\$35,000 for increased election costs, the inaugural Board meeting and orientation for the new Board; +\$6,479 for a full time local government intern (remaining salary costs covered under the NDIIT internship program); +\$26,409.93 in increased staff costs (including a reduced operations staffing cost of \$27,453).

Special Projects (Grant Funding)

Local Climate Action Program \$137,747 deferred to 2025 for Hybrid Electric Vehicle for operations department and Composting Unit Program. Accordingly, the hybrid electric truck for the operations was purchased in January, 2025 and composting units were distributed to the community in 2025. \$5,772.68 remaining is deferred to 2026.

Emergency Management

Service Overview

Emergency Management is required by provincial legislation. While grants are used to keep costs low, current and upcoming legislation require expanded capacity and investment. Emergency Management is the coordination and implementation of steps and resources required for the mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery tasks associated with emergencies. Emergency Management activities include planning, training, and responding to emergencies such as wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, and flooding.

Budget Highlights

No increase in taxation.

General operating costs for emergency management have increased by \$2,819.15. The Board committed to investing in emergency management services in 2026, and the costs for fulfilling this commitment have been included in the budget.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$6,458.01	\$13,898.02	\$7,440.01	115.20%
Local Taxation	\$94,731.64	\$94,731.64	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Income	\$101,189.65	\$108,629.66	\$7,440.01	7.40%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$2,581.77	\$3,353.86	\$772.09	29.90%
Operating Expenses	\$87,554.61	\$90,373.76	\$2,819.15	3.20%
Contingency	\$11,053.27	\$14,902.04	\$3,848.77	34.80%
Total Expenses	\$101,189.65	\$108,629.66	\$7,440.01	7.40%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

2026 Budget Feedback

Use the QR code.

OR

Paper forms are available.



Library (VIRL)

Service Overview

Library services in the CCRD are provided through the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL). Although the Regional District does not directly deliver these services, it actively participates on the Library Board and manages tax collection on behalf of the Regional Library Board. VIRL operates a large library system, encompassing 39 branches across Haida Gwaii, Bella Coola, Vancouver Island, and a service area population exceeding 430,000. CCRD is one of 10 regional districts and 28 municipalities involved in this network.

Annually, the Regional District appoints one director to serve on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Directors. For the year 2026, Director Hall has been appointed as CCRD's VIRL Trustee. While VIRL's Bella Coola branch primarily caters to residents in the area, residents throughout the region can benefit from a huge range of digital resources including eBooks, audiobooks and magazines via Libby, and through the Books by Mail program designed for those in remote locations within the VIRL service area. Customers utilizing Books by Mail also have access to professional librarians who can assist in material selection and information retrieval.

Budget Highlights

The annual levy amount for each member is established by the VIRL Board, taking into account their operational and capital requirements. This budget is chiefly influenced by the VIRL taxation level.

In 2026, the projected CCRD taxes for library services increased by \$7,763 (or 9.2%) in response to a decision made by the VIRL Board.



	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500.00)	-100.00%
Local Taxation	\$83,112.00	\$90,785.00	\$7,673.00	9.20%
Total Income	\$84,612.00	\$90,785.00	\$6,173.00	7.30%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VIRL Regional Library Services	\$82,112.00	\$89,785.00	\$7,673.00	9.34%
Total Expenses	\$83,112.00	\$90,785.00	\$7,673.00	9.23%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Economic Development

Service Overview

The Economic Development service is intended to encourage sustainable economic activity, investment in the entire region, and to support the capacity building of residents to enable entrepreneurs to excel and succeed in the region. Rather than focus on attracting any particular business or company to the area, the emphasis is on connecting residents and community groups with the resources they need to succeed and create their desired economic opportunities.

Budget Highlights

No increase in taxation. Taxation for the service remains at \$59,246.

Operating Expense

- The Employee Travel budget has been reduced by \$10,126 based on refined cost estimates and updated travel planning.
- Proposed budget includes \$48,123 for future matching grant funding opportunities.
- \$40,000 earmarked for Cultural Pole Project at Bella Coola Airport

Special Projects (Grant Funding)

- UBCM Active Transportation Grant - \$30,000 grant funding plus \$10,000 CCRD funds
- NDIIT grant funding \$58,000 per year towards economic development staffing and retaining a grant writer (plus \$2,550 CCRD Contribution)
- NDIIT grant funding of \$40,000 Business Façade Improvement Grant (\$20,000 in new dollars and \$20,000 deferred from 2025)
- NDIIT Labour Market Research Grant - \$45,000 grant funds and \$5,000 CCRD funds
- VCH Public Health - 2025/2026 One-time-only Health Promotion and Capacity Building Grant of \$9,000
- NDIIT Marketing Initiatives Grant - \$20,000 grant funds and \$20,000 CCRD local contributions
- Provincial FIFA Community Event Grant - \$42,500 grant funds and \$7,500 CCRD funds

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$163,096.31	\$148,310.56	(\$14,785.75)	-9.10%
Local Taxation	\$59,246.00	\$59,246.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grant Funding	\$105,041.66	\$245,475.00	\$140,433.34	133.7%
Total Income	\$327,383.97	\$453,031.56	\$125,647.59	38.4%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$139,743.62	\$134,908.55	(\$4,835.07)	-3.50%
Economic Development Initiatives	\$46,066.66	\$269,000.00	\$222,933.34	483.90%
Future Projects	\$140,573.69	\$48,123.01	(\$92,450.68)	-65.80%
Total Expenses	\$327,383.97	\$453,031.56	\$125,647.59	38.4%

Land Use Planning

Service Overview

The *Local Government Act* requires the support of a Land Use Planning Service for the region. This consists of the preparation of land use plans, such as the Official Community Plan (OCP), the Zoning Bylaw, dealing with applications such as rezonings and variances, land use referrals, and other land use issues. In the CCRD, the only Official Community Plan covers the Bella Coola Valley, (portions of Area C, D and E, but does not include the Nuxalk reserves).

Budget Highlights

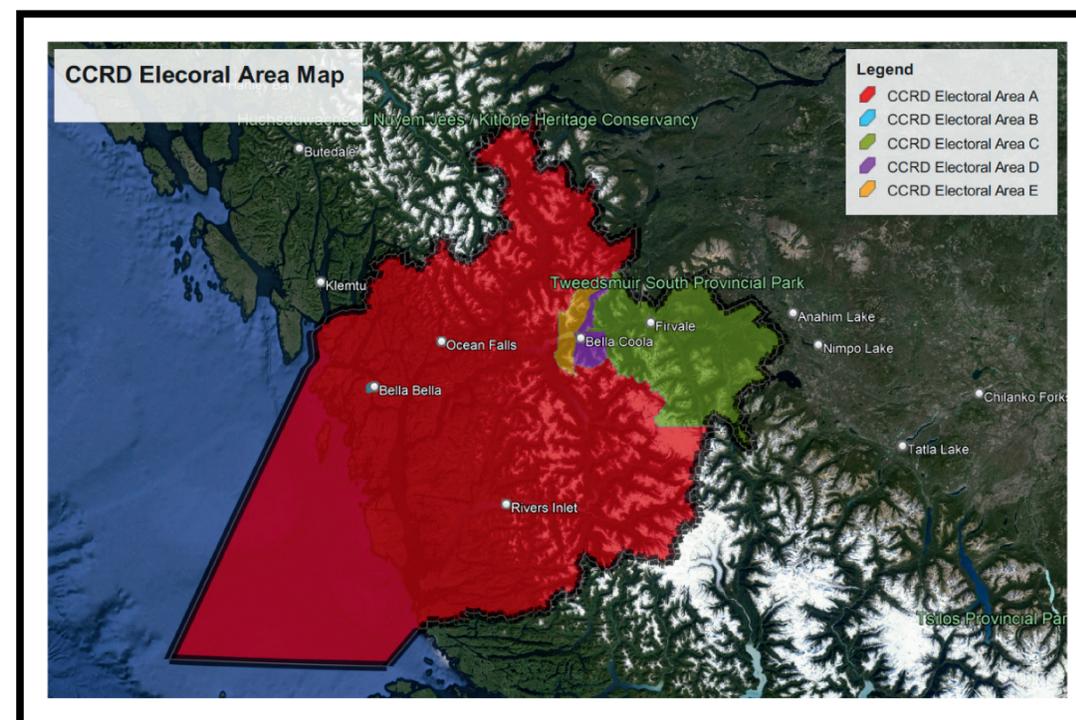
No increase in taxation. No increase in rates and charges.

The CCRD Board of Directors has approved a draft Land Use Planning Budget with a \$20,000 tax allocation. Operating expenses include a contingency fund for unforeseen costs related to the housing initiatives. The Consulting fees budget for land use service support, including referral requests, is proposed to remain at \$15,000, unchanged from 2025. •The OCP update project currently in progress is subsidized by the Community Works Fund and the work will be completed in 2026.

Special Project (Grant Funding)

New Housing Initiatives Grant, with the remaining amount of \$75,888 deferred from 2025, is helping meet new housing requirements.

The UBCM Complete Communities Grant with the remaining amount of \$100,031 deferred from 2025, is intended to support the CCRD's Strategic Plan goals such as First Nation Relations, identifying and pursuing recreation amenities in conjunction with OCP review, and to develop and initiate advocacy strategies for transportation (such as mail service to Ocean Falls and the Denny Island dock) and seniors' housing/availability of Crown land for housing needs.



	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$22,181.08	\$21,837.34	(\$343.74)	-1.50%
Local Taxation	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
User Fees and Charges	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grant Funding	\$216,552.20	\$175,918.96	(\$40,633.24)	-18.80%
Total Income	\$260,133.28	\$219,156.30	(\$40,976.98)	-15.80%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,503.37	\$503.37	50.30%
Operating Expenses	\$20,200.00	\$20,000.00	(\$200.00)	-1.00%
Special Project	\$216,552.20	\$175,918.96	(\$40,633.24)	-18.80%
Contingency	\$22,381.08	\$21,733.97	(\$647.11)	-2.90%
Total Expenses	\$260,133.28	\$219,156.30	(\$40,976.98)	-15.80%

Grant-In-Aid

Service Overview

The Central Coast Regional District has a long history of providing grants to organizations within the Regional District boundaries. In general, the Board supports non-profit, non-partisan and non-denominational applicants. Applications for assistance are governed by the CCRD's Grant In-Aid Application Policy approved by the Regional District's Board of Directors.

Application Process and Timeline

May: Call for applications.

June 1 OR first business day in June: Applications Due

July: Eligible and completed applications will be presented to CCRD Board at the July Regular Meeting for consideration and final decision. Applicants will be advised of the decisions of the Board.

August: Funds disbursed to successful applicants.

All successful applicants are required to submit a Funding Report within 18 months of disbursement of funds.

Note: Failure to submit a funding report will make the organization ineligible for future Grant-In-Aid applications. Late reports will be accepted.

Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

Budget Highlights

No increase in taxation. The Board allocates budgeted Grant-In-Aid funds in a consistent and fair manner by ensuring comparable consideration is given to all applicants in accordance with the Policy F-17 Applications for Grant-In-Aid. There is \$19,500.03 available for disbursement in 2026.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$660.00	\$500.03	(\$159.97)	-24.20%
Local Taxation	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Income	\$20,660.00	\$20,500.03	(\$159.97)	-0.80%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Community Groups - Grants	\$19,160.00	\$19,500.03	\$340.03	1.80%
Advertising and Promotions	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	-100.00%
Total Expenses	\$20,660.00	\$20,500.03	(\$159.97)	-0.80%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Check out more budget information here!

