



## **Food Security** **Funding Opportunities for** **Island Businesses and Communities**

The following is a list of grants available for food security related projects in the Islands Trust Area. As grant deadlines can change and eligibility guidelines vary, please contact each funder directly to verify the described programs and services. Information on additional grant sources is available from RuralBC at [www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/granttool.html](http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/granttool.html)

**Grant Title:** Green Grants

**Funder:** Island Coast Economic Trust

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Quarterly. Check website for updates.

**Eligibility:** Local government, non-profit and community groups, industry associations, educational institutions. Only Denman, Hornby, Thetis, Gambier, Keats, Thormanby, Gabriola and Lasqueti Islands are eligible.

**Criteria:** Projects that help grow and diversify the economy in the following sectors: Agriculture, Small Business, Energy, Tourism, Forestry, Economic Development, and Transportation.

**Website:** <http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/>

**Grant Title:** Green Grants

**Funder:** Walmart-Evergreen Foundation

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** Annual grant typically with a late January deadline.

**Eligibility:** Community groups, non-government agencies

**Criteria:** Community food garden projects, urban naturalization, use of native plants, restoring and stewarding woodlands, meadows, wetlands and ravines.

**Website:** <http://www.evergreen.ca/en/funding/grants/walmart.sn>

**Grant Title:** Community Project Grants

**Funder:** Vancity

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** Jan. 31/May 15/Sept 15

**Eligibility:** Non profit and community organizations.

**Criteria:** To promote opportunities that contribute to a more sustainable economy while helping protect and preserve the planet's natural habitat.

**Website:** [www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/CommunityProjectGrants/](http://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/CommunityProjectGrants/)

**Grant Title:** Grants and Community Initiatives Programs

**Funder:** Vancouver Foundation

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** January and July (depending on program)

**Eligibility:** Registered charitable organizations or qualified donees.

**Criteria:** Children, Youth and Families, Education, Environment, Health and Social Development, Youth Homelessness. Food security could fit these topics depending on the project.

**Website:** [www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/grants/](http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/grants/)

**Grant Title:** Fuelling Change (replaced the Shell Environmental Fund)

**Funder:** Shell Canada

**Amount:** \$100,000; \$50,000, \$25,000

**Deadline:** March and July

**Eligibility:** Non profit and community organizations.

**Criteria:** Environmental Action, Education.

**Website:** [http://www.shell.ca/home/content/can-en/environment\\_society/fuellingchange/guidelines.html#subtitle\\_1](http://www.shell.ca/home/content/can-en/environment_society/fuellingchange/guidelines.html#subtitle_1)

**Grant Title:** Local Government Agriculture Planning Program

**Funder:** Investment Agriculture Foundation

**Amount:** \$45,000. 50% cost sharing.

**Deadline:** Grants under \$10,000 – no deadline. Over \$10,000: consult funder

**Eligibility:** Local governments, or a joint project between local government and an agriculture organization.

**Criteria:** Development of agricultural area plans, new or updates to existing.

**Website:** [http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/local-govt-ag-planning/ag\\_planning.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/local-govt-ag-planning/ag_planning.htm)

**Grant Title:** Feast of Fields Grant

**Funder:** Farm Folk City Folk

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000

**Deadline:** consult website

**Eligibility:** Community and non-profit organizations.

**Criteria:** To increase community capacity to build a sustainable, local food system.

**Website:** <http://feastoffields.com/>

**Grant Title:** Islands Agri-Food Initiative

**Funder:** Investment Agriculture Foundation

**Amount:** Up to 50% of project costs. Other 50% can be in-kind.

**Deadline:** varies; contact funder

**Eligibility:** Commercial and non-profit organizations.

**Criteria:** To encourage the development of a viable and sustainable agri-food sector on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Powell River. Projects must do one of the following: 1.) Enhance market development and promotion of agri-food industry, 2.) Increase stakeholder knowledge base, 3.) Facilitate development of strategic partnerships, or 4.) Support increased food processing as a catalyst for rural development.

**Website:** [http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/IAFI/iafi.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/IAFI/iafi.htm)

**Grant Title:** Agriculture Environment & Wildlife Fund

**Funder:** Agricultural Research & Development Corporation

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** March 4; May 13; Oct. 14

**Eligibility:** To resolve key agriculture-environment issues. To further the environmental sustainability of the agriculture sector while enhancing the viability of the industry.

**Criteria:** Farm organizations or other groups with strong links to the agriculture community.

**Website:** [http://www.ardcorp.ca/index.php?page\\_id=34](http://www.ardcorp.ca/index.php?page_id=34)

**Grant Title:** Enterprising Non Profits Grant Program

**Funder:** Enterprising Non Profits  
**Amount:** \$10,000  
**Deadline:** May 24, 2012.  
**Eligibility:** Non-profit organization or registered charity  
**Criteria:** Social enterprise development.  
**Website:** <http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/primary-links/enp-granting-programs>

**Grant Title:** Community Food Action Initiative  
**Funder:** VIHA  
**Amount:** Up to \$20,000 depending on project category.  
**Deadline:** 2012 deadline passed; next deadline not yet announced  
**Eligibility:** Community groups, non-government agencies, food security networks/coalitions.  
**Criteria:** Improve local food security through the following project topics: 1.) Developing a Community Capacity Building Plan, 2.) Developing A Community Food Action Plan, 3.) Implementation of A Community Food Action Plan, or 4.) Early Identification and Implementation of a Promising or Emerging Practices and/or Approaches.  
**Website:** [http://www.viha.ca/mho/food/food\\_security/Community+Food+Action+Initiative.htm](http://www.viha.ca/mho/food/food_security/Community+Food+Action+Initiative.htm)

**Grant Title:** Innovative Co-operative Projects, Co-operative Development Initiative  
**Funder:** Canadian Cooperative Association/Government of Canada  
**Amount:** up to \$75,000/year.  
**Deadline:** June - TBC  
**Eligibility:** Co-operatives, organizations and associations, universities and colleges, and local governments.  
**Criteria:** Agriculture, rural community development, innovative goods and services, projects that contribute to sustainability and capacity building in co-operative sector.  
**Website:** <http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/Program-information>

**Grant Title:** School Community Connections  
**Funder:** UBCM  
**Amount:** \$8,000 per grant, 3 grants max. per school district.  
**Deadline:** Funding not currently available, decision pending if it will continue.  
**Eligibility:** School Districts  
**Criteria:** To support greater utilization of school facilities for broader community purposes, such as community gardens.  
**Website:** <http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/healthy-communities/school-community-connections-2008.html>

**Grant Title:** Agri-Spirit Fund  
**Funder:** Farm Credit Canada  
**Amount:** \$5,000-\$25,000  
**Deadline:** Applications accepted beginning May 2012  
**Eligibility:** Registered charities, qualified donees, agricultural societies.  
**Criteria:** Capital projects for community improvements in rural areas. Agriculture focus preferred, but not required.  
**Website:** [http://www.fac-fcc.ca/en/AboutUs/Responsibility/agrispiritfund\\_e.asp](http://www.fac-fcc.ca/en/AboutUs/Responsibility/agrispiritfund_e.asp)

**Grant Title:** Eco Action Community Funding Program  
**Funder:** Environment Canada

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** 2012 Deadline TBA (past deadline: Nov. 2011)

**Eligibility:** Non-profit and community groups

**Criteria:** Clean Air, Clean Water, Climate Change, Nature. Food security could fit these topics depending on the project.

**Website:** <http://www.ec.gc.ca/EcoAction/default.asp?lang=En&n=FA475FEB-1>

**Grant Title:** Western Diversification Program

**Funder:** Western Economic Diversification Canada

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Ongoing intake

**Eligibility:** Industry, research institutions, non-profit groups, local government.

**Criteria:** To promote the development and diversification of the western Canadian economy. Could support small business development, community innovation, and capacity building in food security.

**Website:** <http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/301.asp>

**Grant Title:** Community Development Program: Building Rural and Northern Partnerships

**Funder:** Rural Secretariat, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

**Amount:** 50% of costs. \$75,000 for Partnership Projects, \$100,000 for Knowledge Building Projects, and \$10,000 for Workshops.

**Deadline:** Ongoing intake until June 30, 2012 for Partnership and Knowledge Building Projects. Sept. 30, 2012 for Workshops.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit groups, community groups, universities/colleges, cooperatives, local government.

**Criteria:** Projects must address one of the following topics: 1.) Enhanced competitiveness of rural regions, 2.) Foster transformation of local ideas and untapped assets into sustainable innovative economic activities, or 3.) Facilitate the development of new economic opportunities from existing natural and cultural amenities.

**Website:** <http://www.rural.gc.ca/RURAL/display-afficher.do?id=1244146341952&lang=eng#when>

**Grant Title:** New Horizons for Seniors – Community Participation and Leadership

**Funder:** HRSDC

**Amount:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** New deadline TBA (past deadline: Sept. 2011)

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profit agencies, community-based coalitions, networks, ad-hoc committees, band/tribal councils or other aboriginal organizations

**Criteria:** Community-based projects that encourage seniors to play an important role in their communities. Encourages seniors to contribute their skills, experience, and wisdom in support of social well-being in their communities. Food security projects involving participation and leadership from seniors could be eligible.

**Website:** [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community\\_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml)

**Grant Title:** Core Grants and Community Lending

**Funder:** Vancity Community Foundation

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** January, May and September

**Eligibility:** Non profit and community organizations

**Criteria:** Non-profit social enterprise, affordable housing and homelessness, and community asset building. Food security could fit these topics depending on the project.

**Website:** <https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/CommunityProjectGrants/>

**Grant Title:** Friends of the Environment

**Funder:** TD Bank

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** Dec., Feb., May, Aug.

**Eligibility:** Registered charities, non-profit groups and qualified donees.

**Criteria:** Protecting and preserving environment, assisting youth to participate, cooperation among environmental organizations.

**Website:** <http://www.fef.td.com/funding.jsp>

**Grant Title:** Farm Business Advisory Services Program

**Funder:** BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands/Federal Government

**Amount:** Up to \$1900 for Tier 1 program; up to \$3000 for Tier 2 program.

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Eligibility:** Existing farmers and beginner/start-up farmers.

**Criteria:** To help farmers access basic financial analysis and specialized business planning services.

Producers must complete a farm action plan to be eligible. The program provides two tiers of funding support to producers for business consulting services. Tier 1 provides consulting services for a basic farm financial assessment to a value of up to \$1,900, at a cost of only \$100 to the producer. Tier 2 covers up to 85 per cent of the cost of consulting services to a maximum of \$3,000, for specialized business planning to adopt progressive farm business management practices and strategies in nine business management areas.

**Website:** <http://www.ats-sea.agr.gc.ca/exp/5288-eng.htm#b>

**Contact:** George Geldart. Tel: 250-260-3024. Email: [George.Geldart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:George.Geldart@gov.bc.ca)

**Grant Title:** BC Agroforestry Initiative

**Funder:** Agri-Food Futures Fund/Investment Agriculture Foundation BC

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Ongoing intake.

**Eligibility:** Farmers, ranchers, woodlot owners, agroforestry product buyers and producers.

**Criteria:** To achieve a self-sustaining agroforestry industry. Key activities include developing partnerships between practitioners and stakeholders, linking producers and products with buyers, increasing awareness of agroforestry benefits, and developing a marketing strategy.

**Website:** [http://www.iafbc.ca/funding\\_available/programs/agroforestry/Agroforestry.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/funding_available/programs/agroforestry/Agroforestry.htm)

**Contact:** David Trotter. Tel: 604-556-3148. Email: [David.Trotter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Trotter@gov.bc.ca)

**The Investment Agriculture Foundation** administers grant programs for 15 program areas and purposes. Visit their website for details:

[http://www.iafbc.ca/apply\\_for\\_funding/default.htm](http://www.iafbc.ca/apply_for_funding/default.htm)

**Federal grants are also available to the agriculture sector. Please visit the Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada website for a complete list:**

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1204137480722&lang=eng>

**Funding Opportunities for BC Producers, Processors, and Associations**

<http://www.ats-sea.agr.gc.ca/exp/5288-eng.htm#e>

There are a number of local **community foundations** who offer grants in their region. In addition, **regional districts** often offer grants-in-aid for community projects. Please check the following websites for programs, deadlines and eligibility as it applies to your region:

**Denman & Hornby Islands:**

Comox Valley Community Foundation: <http://www.cvcfoundation.org/>

Comox Valley Regional District: <http://www.comoxstrathcona.ca/>

**Gabriola Island:**

Nanaimo Community Foundation: <http://www.nanaimocommunityfoundation.com/>

Nanaimo Regional District: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/>

**Salt Spring Island:**

Salt Spring Island Foundation: <http://www.saltspringislandfoundation.org/>

Victoria Foundation: <http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/>

**Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, North Pender, & South Pender Islands:**

Capital Regional District: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

**Bowen Island:**

Bowen Island Community Foundation: <http://www.bowenfoundation.com/>

Metro Vancouver: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/>

**Thetis Island:**

Cowichan Valley Regional District: <http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/>

**Lasqueti Island:**

Powell River Regional District: <http://www.powellriverrd.bc.ca/>

**Gambier & Keats Islands:**

Sunshine Coast Regional District: <http://www.scrd.ca/>

Sunshine Coast Community Foundation: <http://sccfoundation.com/>

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