

T 604-886-2274 F 604-886-9735

info@gibsons.ca www.gibsons.ca

## **Town of Gibsons Accepting Applications for COVID-19 Safe Restart Community Grants**

January 28, 2021 – The Town of Gibsons is now accepting grant applications from local non-profit organizations which have been negatively affected by COVID-19. A total of \$25,000 in grant funding is available to not-for-profits that provide services to vulnerable people, and there is a limit of \$1,000 per organization.

"This past November, the Town learned that we would be receiving just over \$1.5 million from the federal and provincial governments under their joint 'COVID-19 Safe Restart' program," said Town of Gibsons' Mayor Bill Beamish. "While there are strict parameters on the how money may be spent, there is a provision for issuing funds to local not-for-profits that provide services for vulnerable people, such as those living with disabilities, mental illness or addictions. Council has earmarked a total of \$25,000 for groups such as these and we invite eligible organizations to submit a grant application."

Grant applications may be found on the Town of Gibsons website at gibsons.ca/safe-restart-grant. The Community COVID-19 Relief Fund will operate much like the Town's Grants of Assistance program, with organizations self-identifying eligible expenses and submitting an application for consideration.

Staff will administer the program and will contact all applicants once the award decisions have been made. As this is an open intake process, applications will be reviewed in the order that they are received.

- 30 **-**

For more information, please contact: Finance Department Town of Gibsons

Phone: 604.886.2274 Email: finance@gibsons.ca