



NEWS RELEASE

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CSR D APPLIES FOR GRANT TO COMPLETE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) is seeking grant funding to complete the set of Housing Needs Assessments for the region, which are now a provincial requirement for all jurisdictions in BC.

The CSR D is applying to the Union of BC Municipalities Housing Needs Reports Grant program for \$45,000 to complete reports for Electoral Areas B, D, and F.

The CSR D Board of Directors recently received Housing Needs Assessment reports for Electoral Areas C and E, which were funded by this program. The Town of Golden is currently completing a Housing Needs Report which includes Electoral Area A and therefore grant funding for that area is not necessary at this time.

Information from these reports is required to assist in creating or amending Official Community Plans, and also need to be in place in rural areas without land-use planning. The province is requiring local governments to complete these reports by mid-2022.

Housing Needs Assessments will be used to help guide both short-term and long-term housing policies and strategies for the CSR D.

More information and a copy of the Housing Needs Assessment for Electoral Areas C and E are available on the CSR D's website.

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