

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITIES

Our Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities Initiative is already making a difference on the islands. Established in 2016, this new program is designed to fund community projects that support the maintenance, creation, support and development of community infrastructure - the basic physical systems of a community, like clean water, sewers, transportation, communication, waste management, recreation facilities, and community safety initiatives. These systems are vital to a community's economic development and prosperity. Open to local governments and non-profit organizations, this program will cover almost any expense, including core funding, and can also be used to leverage funding from other governments or organizations.

- \$1 million for each Gwaii Trust community over the next four years
- Communities can use up to \$250,000 per year or save their allocation for a larger project
- These funds can be used as leverage for federal/provincial infrastructure programs.

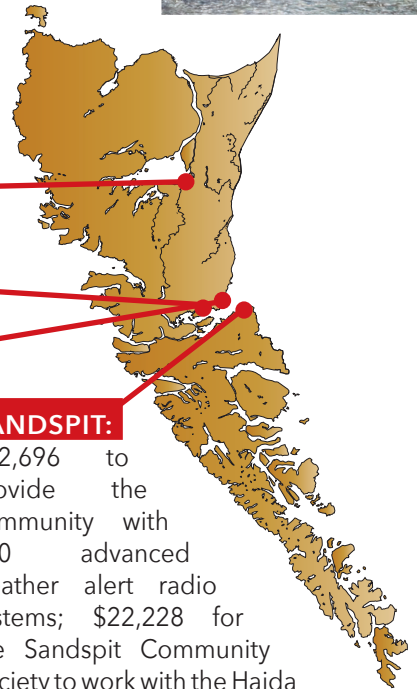
Several projects are already underway as a result of this new initiative.

PORT CLEMENTS: \$20,000 for a new community playground.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE: \$225,233 for the second phase of the boat launch ramp upgrade.

SKIDEGATE: planning for a new Bill Reid Legacy Gallery in the museum, which will house the Loo Taas and the Dogfish Pole, administrative support for the Ngystle Society to enable it to work towards sustainability, board governance and community engagement for the Skidegate Health Centre, renovations to the Kaay Centre, and honouring the community's language keepers and learners, including the Elders at SHIP, the UNBC Haida language students, and students at both Sk'aadgaa Naay and Gidgalang Kuuyaas Naay.

SANDSPIT: \$12,696 to provide the community with 200 advanced weather alert radio systems; \$22,228 for the Sandspit Community Society to work with the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society to plan a post-secondary semester program focusing on marine planning and a transportation system; \$50,308 for the Golf Course Society; \$30,000 to construct a new salmon hatchery building, and \$16,216 to replace siding and repair the fire and ambulance hall.



Applications to this program can be submitted any time and will be considered at the next month's Gwaii Trust meeting. Full guidelines for the Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities Initiative - and all our other programs - are available on our website at gwaiitrust.com.