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Hi folks,

I'm pleased to share some good news with you. The South Coast Region of BC Parks has been allocated \$40,000.00 from the Park Enhancement Fund for grants that go towards recreation and conservation initiatives in 2016/17. Project priority will be given to initiatives that support community and volunteer projects within our Provincial Parks.

Here is the process for regional applications:

- Interested individuals or groups who have an idea should be advised to contact **the relevant Area Supervisor** (or other staff lead) and work with them on generating an application that we as an agency support. **PLEASE do not submit applications directly to me if they are not for parks that I manage (South Fraser Area).**
- Completed applications for recreation or conservation initiatives will be reviewed by relevant Area Supervisor(s). Applications that have staff support, will then be forwarded to regional review panel. (Check with appropriate Area Supervisor before working on an application)
- Note the **upper limit of \$5,000** per application this year.
- **We have identified a regional deadline of June 20th for receipt of applications.**
- Instructions for applicants are available on our website at <http://iwww.env.gov.bc.ca/ppa/pef/page2.html>.
- We hope to confirm successful projects by June 30, 2016.

Hint: (Rob's thoughts) Projects that engage volunteer labor and leverage additional funding sources (other community partners, municipalities, businesses, etc) would be most likely to succeed. Talk to me if you have any ideas/opportunities on this front for parks within the South Fraser Area! There is a total of \$20,000.00 available for 105 parks in our region. It will be important to write good proposals to ensure your projects are successful.

What can this PEF funding be spent on?

- Projects that engage the local parks community.
- Volunteers - priority will be given to initiatives with a volunteer component (includes activities, supplies, training and recognition).

The funding can also be spent on events and initiatives that support the following:

- **Healthy living & physical activity**
- **Conservation** (e.g., support for Ecological Reserve Wardens, nature education, invasive species control, restoration, science/ research, etc.).
- **Attracting new and current visitors** (e.g., learn to camp and learn to fish initiatives, youth events, multi-cultural events, accessibility projects, events, celebrations, etc.).
- **Partnerships and sponsorships**

Eligible expenses include:

- Supplies, materials, signage, training and other business expenses.
- Financial contribution to a local group or Park Facility Operator who is organizing an event or initiative.
- Fees in support of community outreach (e.g. hosting a booth at a local tradeshow).

What can PEF funding NOT be spent on?

PEF funding cannot be spent on an event or initiative in which vote funding, funding from another Ministry, or funding from the core Ministry budget is used.

Other details:

- Funding must be spent within 2016/17 fiscal year.
- Final report online form must be submitted by partner or lead staff person along with photographs of the project by March 31, 2017.
(<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/volunteers/resources/project-post.html>)

How to Apply

- Complete the attached application form and submit to relevant Area Supervisor.

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