



2009 Premier's Report

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Provincially Funded Programs
Administered by the Union of BC Municipalities



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Background



Background

Local Government Program Services (LGPS) is a department of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) that administers programs that are funded by the Province of British Columbia and that delivers grants and other services to local governments. In 2009, LGPS managed 13 active grant programs. These programs were designed to assist municipalities, regional districts and, in some cases, other applicants, to address community issues in a locally meaningful and efficient manner.

LGPS was implemented in 2004; meaning that 2009 was our sixth year of operation. Over these years, staff have reviewed more than 3,000 applications that met basic funding eligibility. As outlined in Table 1, this has resulted in more than 2,200 completed projects.

Application Status	2004 - 2009
Complete	2,217
Approved or AIP	640
Pending	32
Closed/Withdrawn	152
Not Funded	49

Table 1: LGPS Grants Since 2004

Since 2004 (and including the Regional Community to Community Forum program since 2001) we are pleased to note that:

- More than \$88.6 million has been committed to projects throughout the province. Of this, more than \$65.7 million has been disbursed.
- Every local government in the province has accessed one or more funds.
- Numerous applications from applicants other than local governments have been considered. These include:
 - More than 330 applications from Boards of Education, largely for the 2005 and 2008 School Community Connections programs.
 - Close to 350 applications from First Nations, Aboriginal organizations or Treaty Advisory Committees have received funding, or have applications under review, through programs such as West Nile Virus Risk Reduction, Emergency Planning, Regional Community to Community Forums and Building Governance Capacity.

- Approximately 50 applications from community organizations, including colleges and universities, health authorities and non-profit organizations, received funding, or approval or approval in principle, through a number of LGPS programs.

It is also interesting to note that since 2004, 125 local governments have been funded five or more times under various funding programs. Of these applicants, the average grant (based on projects completed to date) has been approximately \$28,300.00 and the total value of grants awarded to local governments has ranged from approximately \$15,600.00 to \$2.9 million.

The types of programs that LGPS has offered also demonstrate an interesting pattern. In general, LGPS grants fall under one of four categories: Community Safety, First Nation Relations, Healthy Communities and Tourism. As outlined in Chart 1, the total value of grants funded under each stream has varied considerably since 2004.

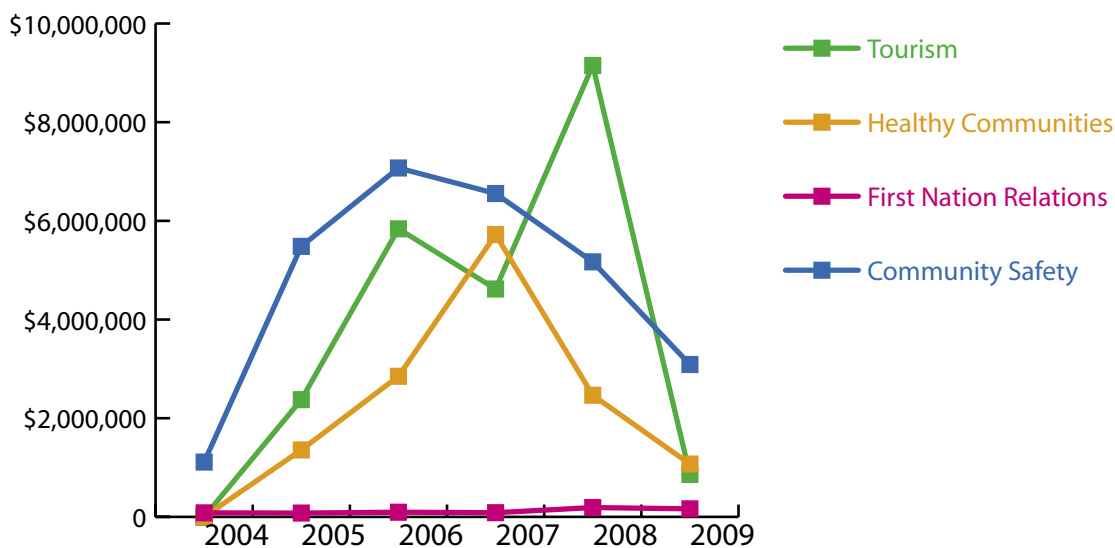


Chart 1: Value of grants by funding stream and year

Purpose of this Report

This report provides an overview of the LGPS programs managed on behalf of the provincial government in 2009. The intent is to share information about the distribution of funds as well as to highlight the co-benefits that have emerged as a result of planning and projects across the province.

It is important to note that, in addition to the funds that are disbursed directly to local governments and other eligible applicants, administrative fees are also charged by UBCM for most LGPS programs. As the administrative fees vary by program, they are not included in this report. However, they are included in the quarterly LGPS financial statements that are available on UBCM's website.

Details on the 13 programs managed in 2009 are included in following sections of this report. In addition, three appendices are available on our website (or included on the CD version of this report):

- o Appendix 1 – LGPS grants to local governments.
- o Appendix 2 – LGPS grants to non-local government recipients.
- o Appendix 3 – LGPS grants by program.



Highlights



Highlights of 2009

Programs Administered in 2009

2009 was an active year. Although no new programs were offered, multiple grant application intakes provided local governments and other applicants the opportunity to apply for existing programs. As in past years, staff worked diligently to ensure a responsive turn-around time on all applications.

Over the calendar year, more than 500 eligible applications were received, resulting in 169 projects being completed; 288 projects underway; and 17 applications under review.

2009 Grant Distribution by Area Association

In the competition-based programs, LGPS staff review applications with an eye to ensuring an adequate urban/rural balance as well as representation in all areas of the province. This helps to ensure that local governments and communities in each Area Association are benefiting through LGPS.

Map 1 provides a summary of the distribution of applications that were submitted in 2009 and that were approved, approved in principle or are under review.

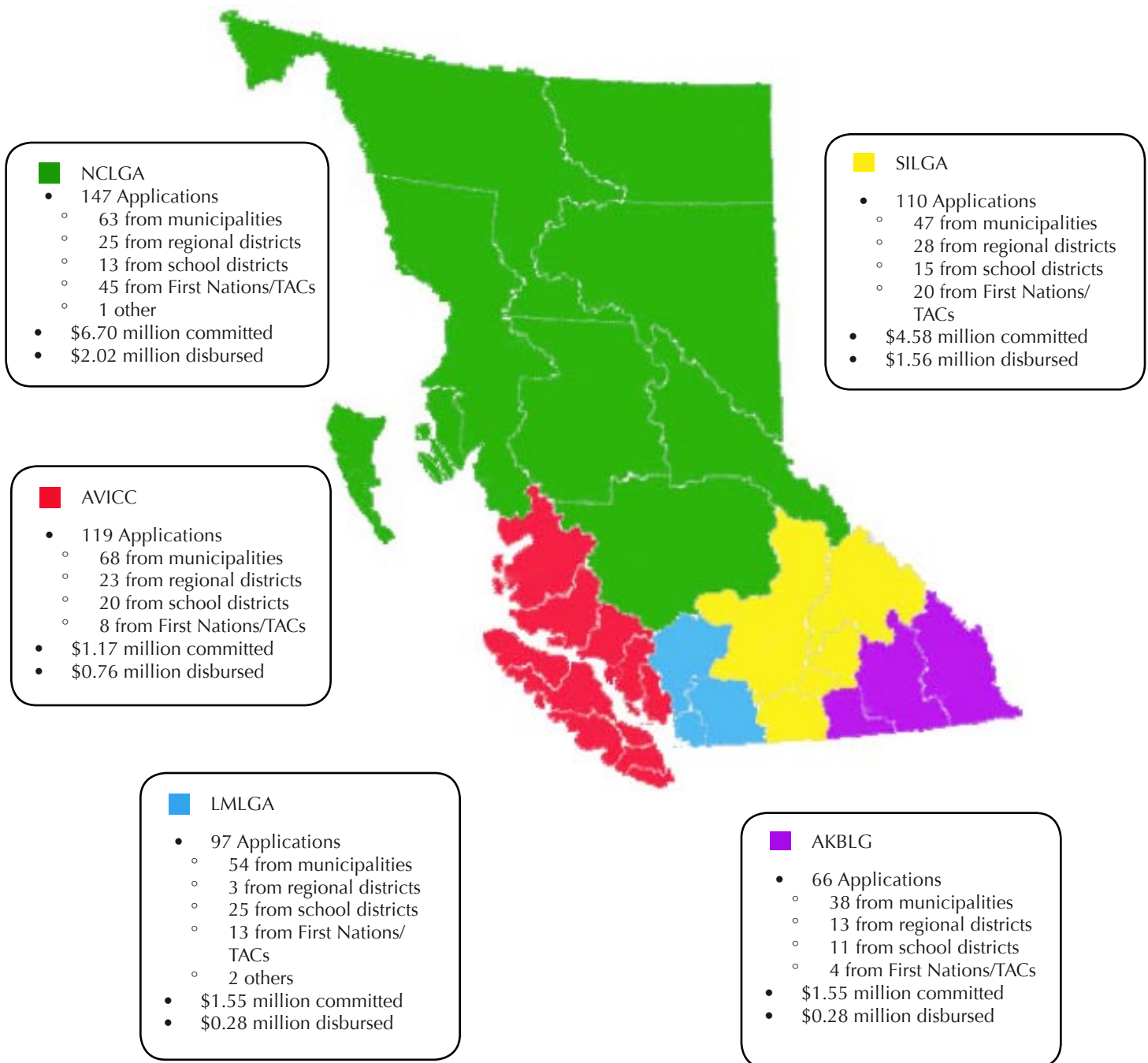
Administrative Effectiveness

Throughout 2009, LGPS maintained a high level of administrative effectiveness and we are pleased to report that:

- LGPS staff attempted as best as possible to keep application forms to no more than 2 pages and to provide electronic forms for all required reports.
- Where possible, staff from the funding Ministry or agency sat on the evaluation committee and helped LGPS staff in grant adjudication.
- Most applications were reviewed within two weeks and the majority of grants were disbursed within the time lines outlined in the program guides.
- Modest administration costs helped to ensure that provincial funds were directed to communities.

Promoting LGPS opportunities

Each year, LGPS and other UBCM staff promote available grants to our members and other potential applicants. Typically, materials outlining current LGPS grant opportunities are made available at Area Association meetings, UBCM's Convention and through visits to our members.



Map 1: 2009 Grant distribution by Area Association

Accountability

LGPS is committed to delivering grant programs in an accountable and transparent fashion. For example, in 2009:

- The new UBCM website, launched in September 2009, includes a revised, easy-to-navigate Funding Programs section,
- All Program & Application Guides, forms, status reports and quarterly financial statements were posted on UBCM's website and other relevant on-line locations.
- Member bulletins announcing current and new funding were routinely issued to our members and year-end grant activity summaries were mailed directly to each local government. Our partner agencies also played a vital role in advertising LGPS programs to their memberships.
- The majority of funding programs involve a holdback of some approved funds to ensure that projects are undertaken as they have been approved and that qualitative and financial reporting is received.

Shared Priorities

Local Government Program Services provides administration for programs that “address provincial-local shared priorities.” LGPS is able to successfully undertake this role for a number of reasons, including:

- LGPS works with multiple ministries and other agencies and can play a vital bridging role in instances where programs have relationships with more than one ministry and/or agency.
- Many LGPS programs fund projects that are addressing multiple provincial priorities, such as food security, reduction of greenhouse gases and relationship building with neighbouring First Nations.
- LGPS staff provide information to local governments across the province regarding funding opportunities and other services that are available outside of UBCM.



Community Safety Programs

2004

- 2004 Emergency Planning
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
- Traffic Safety Forums

2005

- 2005 Crystal Meth
- 2005 Emergency Planning
- 2005 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
- Traffic Safety Forums

2006

- 2006 Emergency Planning
- 2006 Integrated Emergency Planning
- 2006 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction
- 2006 West Nile Virus – Crown
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

2007

- 2007 Emergency Planning
- 2007 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction
- 2007 West Nile Virus – Crown
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

2008

- 2008 Emergency Planning
- 2008 Farmed Animal Carcass Disposal – Rounds 1 & 2
- 2008 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction
- 2008 West Nile Virus – Crown
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

2009

- 2008 Farmed Animal Carcass Disposal – Round 3
- 2009 West Nile Virus – Basic
- 2009 West Nile Virus – Larvicide
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

2010

- 2010 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction

Community Safety Programs

Emergency Planning

Administered for the Provincial Emergency Program

UBCM has administered the Emergency Planning program since 2004. The program was developed in response to recommendations from the Honourable Gary Filmon after the wildfires in Kelowna in 2003.

Since 2004, over \$2 million has been disbursed to support emergency planning efforts across BC. As outlined in Table 2, funds have been disbursed throughout each Area Association. This has included 275 funded applications, from 126 different local government and 27 different First Nation applicants.

	AKBLG	AVICC	LMLGA	NCLGA	SILGA
2004	\$89,150.00	\$257,547.75	\$142,573.10	\$198,030.13	\$148,937.75
2005	\$21,212.76	\$115,849.18	\$131,042.56	\$65,837.51	\$84,492.32
2006	\$20,000.00	\$90,951.29	\$75,403.57	\$67,753.87	\$42,500.00
2007	\$10,000.00	\$103,123.51	\$81,757.47	\$82,444.50	\$53,454.69
2008	\$0.00	\$62,219.76	\$60,823.11	\$37,713.94	\$27,108.00
	\$140,362.76	\$629,691.49	\$491,599.81	\$451,779.95	\$356,492.76

Table 2: Grant Distribution by Area Association and Year

In 2008, a new round of grants was designed to utilize the last of the funding provided by the Ministry since 2004 and allowed 42 local governments to update and/or exercise their Emergency Plans, or conduct emergency response training.

As sufficient funds do not remain to offer another round of funding, the Emergency Planning program is now complete. A comprehensive program report will be prepared and forwarded to the Ministry in 2010.

Integrated Emergency Planning

Administered for the Provincial Emergency Program & Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation.

In 2006, the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation partnered with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to implement an Integrated Emergency Planning program. The program provided grants of up to \$35,000.00 for 21 local government/ First Nation partnerships to work together on joint emergency planning initiatives.

This resulted in more than \$46,000.00 being disbursed under Phase 1 and, to date, more than \$518,000.00 being disbursed under Phase 2. Interesting elements of the funded Phase 1 projects included:

- Regionalization of emergency social services.
- Dialogue between Child and Youth Committee, Health Authority, Ministry of Children and Families and emergency service agencies.
- Development of mutual understanding and collaborative relationships between local government and First Nations.
- Fostering emergency preparedness for residents.

Phase 2 projects included integrated planning efforts focused on flood risk, disaster resilience, rural emergency planning, personal and community preparedness, hazardous waste planning, and emergency service planning on First Nation lands.

Two projects have received extensions to complete their projects in 2010. After receipt of these final reports, a comprehensive program report will be prepared and forwarded to the Ministries.

Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal

Administered for the Investment Agriculture Foundation and funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

The Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Planning Program was developed in 2007 with funding from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands through the Investment Agriculture Foundation.

The purpose of the program is to provide local governments with funds to amend their emergency plans to deal with situations such as the Avian Flu outbreaks, as well as address dead stock arising from natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. The funds are intended to establish emergency

plans that allow for a timely and efficient disposal of dead stock to minimize the impact on human, environmental and farmed animal health.

To date, 21 local governments have had applications approved and 14 plans have been developed. This has resulted in a commitment of more than \$400,000.00 and a disbursement of over \$322,000.00.

Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative

Administered for the Ministry of Forests and Range

The devastating fires in 2003 clearly demonstrated the need for wildfire prevention activities to be undertaken across British Columbia. In response to recommendations contained in the Filmon Report, the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative was introduced in 2004. The program is comprised of four elements that support local governments and First Nations in wildfire planning and the implementation of mitigation initiatives.

In initial years, the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) was the focus of the program. Local governments were encouraged to develop plans to identify the potential threat from wildfire and appropriate measures to reduce the threat, through both community planning and fuel reduction measures. To date, 184 CWPP applications have been reviewed by UBCM, however, there are a number of communities still without a plan. One aim of the Accelerated Community Wildfire Initiative, announced on October 1, 2009, is to help local governments without an existing CWPP to develop this valuable planning tool.

	AKBLG	AVICC	LMLGA	NCLGA	SILGA
2004	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,795.00	\$75,000.00	\$74,222.00
2005	\$89,360.00	\$103,305.00	\$153,000.00	\$107,202.50	\$107,500.00
2006	\$46,379.45	\$99,100.00	\$13,944.00	\$0.00	\$93,820.00
2007	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$125,321.75	\$35,000.00
2008	\$42,425.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$90,196.50	\$167,099.43

Table 3: CWPP Grants Committed by Area Association and Year

As the program progressed, interest in implementing fuel reduction initiatives increased. Some communities decided to conduct small-scale pilot projects to test methodologies or to showcase fuel management to local residents. Nineteen local governments have completed 27 pilot projects with committed project funding of over \$0.5 million.

Some local governments and First Nations have moved directly into larger scale fuel management projects. Fuel management staff strongly encourage the preparation of prescriptions to ensure communities have the information they require for the operational fuel treatment stage. Prescriptions are funded at 100% of total approved project costs. This provides local governments with a cost-effective way to move forward to the operational fuel treatment stage with “ready to go” projects. To date, 35 prescriptions are in progress or have been completed, representing just over \$912,000 in committed funding.



Area planned for operational fuel management in Mackenzie.

Operational fuel treatments account for the largest element of the program, both in terms of funding and the number of projects either in progress or completed. As of December 31, 2009, 37 local governments and First Nation communities were actively involved in operational treatments with 89 projects in progress or completed. Committed funding for these projects represents just under \$21 million to date. The majority of these treatment projects are in areas affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle.

Feedback from local government and First Nation communities indicates there is considerable interest and a strong commitment to implementing fuel management projects.

West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative

Administered for the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport

Since 2005, the Ministry has invested \$17 million in the West Nile Virus Risk Reduction program to provide local governments and First Nations with the resources they require to take a proactive approach to mosquito control.

The program is administered using a funding allocation formula that is based on a combination of population and risk. In past years, approved activities have included program development and implementation, surveying and mapping of breeding sites, habitat modification and larvicide application.

To date, more than 500 applications have been funded under the West Nile program; representing nearly \$14.5 million in funding. This has included applications representing more than 151 local governments, 95 First Nations and 5 other organizations. As outlined in Table 4, this has resulted in the distribution of funds across BC.

	AKBLG	AVICC	LMLGA	NCLGA	SILGA
2005	\$191,122.65	\$486,668.17	\$2,394,380.20	\$149,141.12	\$778,118.32
2006	\$230,796.76	\$378,573.49	\$2,032,077.59	\$134,196.32	\$828,426.50
2007	\$275,405.75	\$484,607.86	\$1,741,107.59	\$254,697.60	\$926,337.25
2008	\$300,091.12	\$445,790.80	\$1,814,878.69	\$248,417.21	\$1,043,825.25
2009	\$192,228.14	\$317,889.50	\$662,672.23	\$150,628.67	\$779,357.04
	\$1,189,644.42	\$2,116,529.82	\$8,645,116.30	\$937,080.92	\$4,356,064.36

Table 4: Grant commitments by Area Association and Year

As some funds remained within the original contribution for this program, UBCM has worked with Ministry staff to develop a 2010 program. Focusing on the highest risk areas of the Province, applications are expected to be funded in April 2010.



First Nation Relations

2004

- •2004/05 Community to Community Forum

2005

- 2005/06 Community to Community Forum

2006

- 2006/07 Community to Community Forum

2007

- 2007/08 Community to Community Forum

2008

- 2008/09 Community to Community Forum
- Building Governance Capacity
- Supporting Treaty Implementation
- Treaty Knowledge Exchange

2009

- 2009 Newly Elected Community to Community Forum
- 2009/10 Community to Community Forum
- Building Governance Capacity
- Supporting Treaty Implementation

2010

- Building Governance Capacity
- Supporting Treaty Implementation



First Nation Relations

Building Governance Capacity Pilot Project Program for Shared Local Government & First Nation Initiatives

Administered on behalf of the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation

The Ministry contributed \$300,000.00 towards this program in 2008 with the intent of helping local governments and First Nations to collaboratively build governance management skills, knowledge and capacity.

To date, 9 projects have been funded and LGPS staff will review additional applications on an on-going basis. There has been considerable interest in this program – especially from communities that have benefited from funding through the Regional Community to Community Forum program – and we expect the balance of funds to be utilized in 2010.

Projects approved in 2009 include:

- City of Williams Lake and Tsilhqot'in National Government – First Nation liaison project
- Town of Princeton and Upper Similkameen First Nation - Cultural Heritage Resources Protection Protocol and Princeton Heritage Park
- Town of Smithers and Wet'suwet'en First Nation - Bulkley Valley Economic Development Initiative and have jointly attend 2009 Convention
- District of Vanderhoof and Saik'uz First Nation – Jointly attend 2009 UBCM Convention.

Regional Community to Community Forum Program

Administered for the Ministry of Community & Rural Development and Indian and Northern Affairs
Canada (BC Region)

	Local Governments	First Nations
2001	19	0
2002/03	15	0
2003/04	27	1
2004/05	25	6
2005/06	23	7
2006/07	25	12
2007/08	20	11
2008/09	19	11
2009 NE	10	3
2009/10	21	14
	204	65

Table 5: Number of local government and First Nation applicants by year.

In January 1997, UBCM and the First Nations Summit (FNS) jointly organized the first province-wide Community to Community (C2C) Forum. This event brought together First Nation and local government community leaders from across BC to discuss common goals and opportunities for joint action. The success of the event was due to a spirit of goodwill and an open exchange of concerns, ideas, and constructive viewpoints. There was consensus among the participants that C2C Forums at regional and local levels should be encouraged. As outlined in Table 5, this has meant more than 200 applications from local governments and 65 from First Nations.

The Regional C2C program provides funding for dialogue between elected leaders and staff from neighbouring First Nations and local governments on issues of mutual interest and concern. The goal of the program is to increase understanding and to improve overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Since 1999, close to 300 Regional C2C Forums have been held in communities across the province and more than 140 local governments and close to 200 First Nations and aboriginal organizations have participated.

In 2009, 47 applications, to host more than 50 dialogue events across the province were received. This included applications under the 2008/09, 2009 Newly Elected and 2009/10 Regional C2C programs. Of these, 20 events were held and 26 are scheduled to be held before the close of the 2009/10 fiscal year.



C2C Forum hosted by the Village of Hazelton with the Gitanmaax Band, Gitwangak Band, Kitimat-Stikine Regional District, Moricetown Band and District of New Hazelton on March 12, 2009

Supporting Treaty Implementation Pilot Projects

Administered for the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation

In 2007, the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation contributed \$300,000.00 to support increased information sharing and learning in communities engaged in treaty negotiations. The Supporting Treaty Implementation program was one of two programs developed to support this goal. In the first round, the program provided grants of up to \$10,000.00 for pilot projects that supported treaty implementation through activities such as developing an agreement between a local government and First Nation, establishing a mentoring program or undertaking a community awareness and education campaign.

Pilot projects funded under Round 1 included:

- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District: Coordinate land use decisions, identify referral process and determine a process to resolve disputes with the Huu-ay-aht, Ucluelet, Toquaht and Uchucklesaht First Nations.
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District: Improve government to government relations and develop communication protocol agreement with the Yekooche First Nation.
- District of Delta: Develop servicing agreements with the Tsawwassen First Nation
- District of Ucluelet: Develop service agreements, community forest application, land-use harmonization with the Ucluelet and Toquaht First Nations.

Three of the four funded projects are now complete.

In the fall of 2009, LGPS worked with the Ministry to consider changes to the program to allow Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs) to apply for funding for operational costs for the 2009/10 fiscal year. Nine applications were received and \$75,000.00 has been committed to supporting TACs. The Supporting Treaty Implementation program remains open to our members and applications will continue to be reviewed on an on-going basis.



Commemorating the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between District of Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation. Funded through Round 1 of the Supporting Treaty Implementation program

Treaty Knowledge Exchange Dialogues

Administered for the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation

The second program developed under the 2007 funding contribution was the Treaty Knowledge Exchange Dialogue program. Building on the success of the Regional Community to Community Forum program, the intent of this program was to support dialogue between local governments and/or TACs at an early stage of the treaty process with a local government or TAC that is further advanced.

In part due to the challenge of organizing events with participants that may come from distant regions of the province, only one dialogue took place. However, UBCM and Ministry staff worked together to develop an opportunity for TAC representatives to come together in dialogue in April 2009 and funding from this program was utilized to offset the cost of bringing TAC representatives together in this province-wide meeting. Seven local governments or TACs benefited from this funding.

In order to support 2009/10 TAC operational funding, the balance of the funds originally contributed for the Treaty Knowledge Exchange program have been transferred to the Supporting Treaty Implementation program.



Healthy Communities

2005

- 2005 Community Health Promotion Fund
- 2005 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative - Dialogues
- School Community Connections – Ph. 1
- School Community Connections – Ph. 2

2006

- 2006 Community Health Promotion Fund
- 2006 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Dialogues
- 2006 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Pilot Projects
- School Community Connections – Ph. 1
- School Community Connections – Ph. 2
- School Community Connections – Ph. 3
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2007

- 2007 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Dialogues
- 2007 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Pilot Projects
- 2008 Community Health Promotion Fund

2008

- 2008 School Community Connections – Round 1
- 2008 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Dialogues
- 2008 Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Pilot Projects
- 2009 Age-friendly Community Planning – Round 1
- 2009 Community Health Promotion Fund
- Built Environment & Active Transportation – Ph. 1
- Healthy Food & Beverage Sales – Ph. 1
- Healthy Food & Beverage Sales – Ph. 2

2009

- 2009 Age-friendly Community Planning – Round 2
- Built Environment & Active Transportation – Ph. 2
- Healthy Food & Beverage Sales – Ph. 3
- Healthy Food & Beverage Sales – Ph. 4

2010

- 2010 Age-friendly Community Planning & Projects
- 2010 School Community Connections



Healthy Communities

Built Environment & Active Transportation (BEAT)

Administered with the BC Recreation & Parks Association on behalf of the BC Healthy Living Alliance

The BEAT program was developed to support local governments to develop new active transportation plans, or amend existing plans, in order to be better positioned to access infrastructure funding from provincial, federal and other grant programs. Grants of up to \$25,000.00 were available for community planning projects.

The BEAT program was offered in two phases: Phase 1 in 2008 and Phase 2 in 2009. In both phases, a tremendous level of interest was demonstrated – with more than 100 Expressions of Interest submitted for the 24 grants that were available.

In both Phases combined, the following plans were produced:

- 16 Active Transportation Plans
- 4 Cycling Plans
- 3 Pathway, Trails or Greenway Plan
- 1 Wheelability Assessment

This resulted in 67% of the approved grants focusing on the creation of an overall Active Transportation Plan, 17% percent on Cycling Plans and 13% on Pathway, Trails or Greenway Plans.

Phase 1 funded 10 projects, representing all areas of the province and a disbursement of more than \$204,000.00. Based on the high level of interest demonstrated in Phase 1, 14 grants were available under Phase 2. This has resulted in a commitment of more than \$313,000.00. To date, 5 of the 14 projects are complete and the balance will be completed in early 2010.



Public meeting for the Central Coast Regional District's active transportation plan between the Four Mile townsite and Bella Coola funded under Phase 2 of the BEAT program.

Community Health Promotion Fund

Administered on behalf of the Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport

The Community Health Promotion Fund was initiated in 2005 with a contribution of \$5 million from the former Ministry of Health. Since that time, 134 projects have been completed and an additional 12 projects will be completed in early 2010. In total, this represents a commitment of more than \$4.5 million to community and individual health promotion projects in BC.

The regional distribution of grant values is detailed in Table 6.

	AKBLG	AVICC	LMLGA	NCLGA	SILGA
2005	\$82,453.42	\$230,047.25	\$227,399.00	\$191,637.24	\$142,625.84
2006	\$183,514.82	\$331,365.73	\$331,870.50	\$380,612.13	\$313,537.26
2008	\$188,564.56	\$218,099.11	\$377,232.97	\$180,677.65	\$307,559.38
2009	\$25,000.00	\$174,978.50	\$200,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$87,000.00
	\$479,532.80	\$954,490.59	\$1,136,502.47	\$877,927.02	\$850,722.48

Table 6: Grant distribution by Area Association and Year

This program has been very popular among UBCM's members and has supported relationship building, partnership development and community capacity building. A tremendous number of other co-benefits have also been realized through this program, including:

- Increased food security
- Integrated community planning
- Reduced green house gas emissions
- Stronger relationships with health authorities, First Nations and Boards of Education
- Intergenerational connections

As sufficient funds do not remain to offer another round of funding, the Community Health Promotion Fund is now complete. When the remaining final reports are received, a comprehensive program report will be prepared and forwarded to the Ministry.



Free childcare was offered during the In Their Own Words project funded in the City of North Vancouver under the 2009 Community Health Promotion Fund.



Healthy Food & Beverage Sales in Recreation Facilities & Local Government Buildings

Administered with the BC Recreation & Parks Association for the BC Healthy Living Alliance

The Healthy Food & Beverage Sales (HFBS) grant program was designed to assist local governments with the development and implementation of plans, programs and policies that support the sale of healthy food and beverages in recreation facilities and local government buildings.

To date, 4 phases of the program have been offered to local governments in BC:

- Under Phase 1, eight 'showcase' communities undertook projects to improve options in vending machines, update concession menus and food preparations and increase awareness of healthier food and beverage options;
- Phase 2 followed and 17 communities, with guidance and support from the Phase 1 applicants, have now completed projects;
- Phase 3 funded an additional 5 projects in 2009, and;
- Nine additional applications are currently under review as part of Phase 4

To date, this has resulted in a disbursement of more than \$217,000.00 for Phases 1 and 2 and a commitment of nearly \$97,000.00 for Phases 3 and 4.



Sampling healthier food for the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex in the City of Williams Lake. Funded through Phase 2 of the Healthy Food & Beverage Sales program.

School Community Connections

Administered with the BC School Trustees Association for the Ministry of Education

2005 School Community Connections

The 2005 School Community Connections program was designed to encourage and facilitate the co-location of services for students and the larger community and to encourage greater utilization of school facilities.

The program was offered in 3 phases, with the following results to date:

- Fifty-six Phase 1 applications, to support partnership development between school districts and local governments, were funded (up to \$5,000.00 each);
- Forty-five Phase 2 applications, to support development of a project, have been funded to date (up to \$40,000.00), and;
- Forty Phase 3 applications, to support construction or capital projects, have been funded to date (up to \$125,000.00).

To date, more than \$6.5 million has been committed to 2005 School Community Connection projects.



School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) installed a synthetic grass field at the Bowen Island Community School as part of their Phase 3 project under the 2005 School Community

2008 School Community Connections – Strengthening the Connection

The 2008 School Community Connections program was designed to build on the partnerships developed during the 2005 program and to support co-operative programming benefiting both school districts and local governments. To date, two rounds of the 2008 program have been offered to support healthy eating, physical fitness, early childhood education and other community projects. Over 200 applications were received; resulting in 187 funded projects and a commitment of more than \$1.6 million.

	AKBLG	AVICC	LMLGA	NCLGA	SILGA
2005 - Ph.1	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$30,000.00
2005 - Ph.2	\$200,000.00	\$462,236.00	\$502,133.00	\$360,000.00	\$240,000.00
2005 - Ph.3	\$552,925.00	\$988,290.88	\$1,037,352.50	\$1,055,370.05	\$787,500.00
2008 - Rd.1	\$120,000.00	\$135,176.00	\$266,163.26	\$162,270.00	\$136,000.00
2008 - Rd.2	\$120,000.00	\$152,000.00	\$246,000.00	\$145,500.00	\$128,000.00
	\$1,022,925.00	\$1,802,702.88	\$2,126,648.76	\$1,778,140.05	\$1,321,500.00

Table 7: Grant commitments (except Phase 1 which is actual distributions) by Area Association and program phase.

As outlined in Table 7, the overall School Community Connections program has now committed more than \$8 million to projects across the province. We anticipate that the balance of 2005 and 2008 projects will be complete by the end of 2010. As funds remain from the original contribution to the School Community Connections program, UBCM, BCSTA and the Ministry will be working together to develop and launch a new funding opportunity for the co-location of services in BC communities.



Community garden project funded in School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) under Round 2 of the 2008 School Community Connections program.

Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative

Administered for the Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport

The Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative was initiated with a \$2 million contribution from the former Ministry of Community, Aboriginal & Women's Services in 2004. The Ministry of Health contributed an additional \$0.5 million in 2007. The initiative has included three grant programs: 'Seniors in Communities' dialogues, pilot projects and Age-friendly Community Planning Grants. The dialogues were initiated in 2004 to help local governments learn about the challenges and opportunities of aging populations. In total, 48 dialogues were held throughout BC. The pilot project grants followed and 52 projects, focused on housing, transportation, support services and age-friendly communities were completed between 2006 – 2008.

In 2008 and 2009, two rounds of Age-friendly Community Planning grants were offered to local governments. To date, 6 community planning projects have been completed and an additional 24 projects will be completed in 2010. The community planning grants have supported a range of activities, including:

- Joint Measuring Up/Age-friendly projects
- Incorporating age-friendly guidelines, strategies and policies through the review of Official Community Plans.
- Engagement of seniors in a Regional Growth Strategy.
- Projects focused on specific components of age-friendly communities, such as transportation or housing.

	Number of Funded Programs	Total Grant Value
Dialogues	48	\$98,693.32
Pilot	52	\$1,315,938.04
Planning	30	\$283,400.00
	130	\$1,698,031.36

Table 8: Value of grants awarded per year by program type

To date, as outlined in Table 8, nearly \$1.7 million of the original \$2.5 million contribution has been disbursed and/or committed to projects throughout BC. UBCM has worked with the Seniors' Healthy Living Secretariat to develop a new Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative program to utilize the balance of funds. The new program was recently launched and will support both community planning activities and community projects.



Seniors Jointworks/Osetofit class in Slokan Valley. Funded through Round 4 (2008) of the Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative pilot project program



Tourism

2004

2005

- Community Tourism – Phase 1

2006

- Community Tourism - Phase 1

2007

- Community Tourism – Phase 1
- Community Tourism – Phase 2

2008

- Community Tourism – Phase 1
- Community Tourism – Phase 2

2009

- Community Tourism – Phase 1
- Community Tourism – Phase 2

2010



Tourism

Community Tourism Program

Administered for the Province of British Columbia

The Community Tourism program was initiated in 2005 with a \$25 million grant from the Province of British Columbia. The program was available in two phases: Phase 1 was offered in 2005 and Phase 2 followed in 2007.

As outlined in Table 9, as of January 21, 2010, 159 local governments have completed their Phase 1 projects and more than \$12.2 million has been disbursed to communities in every region of the province.

	Disbursed	Remaining Commitments	Total
AKBLG	\$698,909.69	\$310,848.39	\$1,009,758.08
AVICC	\$2,426,207.56	\$742,707.93	\$3,168,915.49
LMLGA	\$3,402,026.88	\$327,278.34	\$3,729,305.22
NCLGA	\$2,092,258.31	\$167,450.55	\$2,259,708.86
SILGA	\$1,732,196.26	\$254,102.47	\$1,986,298.73

Table 9: Phase 1 grants disbursed and remaining commitments by Area Association

As well, 187 local governments are undertaking Phase 2 projects; including 75 local governments that have now completed their Phase 2 projects. This has resulted in an additional disbursement of \$10.7 million.

A review of the types of projects that have been approved for Phase 2 demonstrates that 44% of all projects are focused on marketing activities. Event planning and facility improvements (each 11%) are the next most common activity. Table 10 and Table 11 provide an overview of the value of grants that have been committed in Phase 2 by tourism category and activity type – and reveals that the largest commitment of funds is for marketing and plan development for arts and cultural tourism.

Category	Event Planning	Marketing	Plan Development	Other
Agri-tourism	\$0.00	\$584,738.59	\$99,144.90	\$0.00
Art & cultural tourism	\$708,518.42	\$1,132,140.34	\$1,311,054.68	\$55,559.27
Conferences & events	\$622,115.81	\$198,142.88	\$55,500.00	\$0.00
Eco-tourism	\$0.00	\$288,285.17	\$170,494.50	\$0.00
Heritage tourism	\$27,775.50	\$431,025.05	\$0.00	\$2,260.00
Sport tourism	\$191,236.56	\$235,381.17	\$200,998.15	\$0.00
Other	\$24,890.40	\$2,511,716.26	\$211,135.17	\$235,419.85
	\$1,574,536.69	\$5,381,429.46	\$2,048,327.40	\$293,239.12

Table 10: Phase 2 grant commitments by tourism category and activity type (excluding infrastructure projects).

Category	VIC	Heritage Buildings	Facility Improvements	Trails	Other
Agri-tourism	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,258.49	\$0.00	\$11,410.00
Art & cultural tourism	\$59,741.55	\$10,102.00	\$133,060.45	\$0.00	\$130,830.25
Conferences & events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,754.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eco-tourism	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$98,504.27	\$467,490.82	\$167,356.81
Heritage tourism	\$62,440.17	\$70,000.00	\$85,278.80	\$8,507.00	\$141,107.35
Sport tourism	\$106,602.99	\$0.00	\$54,017.53	\$112,543.30	\$43,950.31
Other	\$649,494.39	\$1,800.00	\$140,878.26	\$78,992.05	\$297,844.87
	\$888,279.10	\$81,902.00	\$690,752.30	\$667,533.17	\$792,499.59

Table 11: Phase 2 grant commitments for infrastructure projects by tourism category and activity type



Pond hockey Western Cup funded in Logan Lake through the Community Tourism program



Looking Ahead



Looking Ahead to 2010

As Local Government Program Services enters into its seventh year of operations, we continue to look forward to opportunities to enhance and expand program delivery through existing programs and by working with Ministries or other agencies to develop new programs.

Continuing Programs

As 2010 begins, LGPS staff are looking forward to the continuation of the following grant programs:

Community Safety

- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiatives – applications for all elements of the program will be accepted on an on-going basis throughout 2010.
- West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative – a 2010 program has been developed and grants will be awarded in April 2010.

First Nation Relations

- Building Governance Capacity program – applications will be accepted on an on-going basis as long as there are remaining funds.
- Supporting Treaty Implementation – applications will be accepted on an on-going basis as long as there are remaining funds.
- Regional Community to Community Forum – LGPS staff will be working with the Ministry of Community & Rural Development and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to confirm if funds will be available for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

Healthy Communities

- Seniors' Housing & Support Initiative – Round 6, Age-friendly Community Planning & Projects, has been developed and announced. Grants will be awarded in April 2010.
- School Community Connections – LGPS staff are working with the Ministry of Education and the BC School Trustees Association to develop a new round of funding. We anticipate the new program will support projects over the 2010/11 school year.

Conclusion

As we enter our seventh year of operations, LGPS staff will continue to learn from our first six years and to consolidate the experiences and lessons into all aspects of future grant programs and other services.

The continuing development of our program and services, reporting and communications will reflect the quality and importance of our relationships with our members and the provincial government.

We look forward to working with the Province of BC in 2010 to ensure that effective and meaningful grant programs continue to support local governments and communities across BC for years to come.

