



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	March 24, 2026
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IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

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Amount of Funding Requested: _____ Grant Due Date: _____

Grant Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable).

Please submit this form, with accompanying materials, to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City of Nanaimo, 455 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, or by email to: legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca.

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**ATTACHED: LETTER FROM TRUST CEO WITH LINKS TO:
INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE REVIEW, 2026
FIRST NATIONS STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS, 2025**



March 24, 2026

Sent via email: legislative.Servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca

**RE: *Request Letter of Support — Island Coastal Economic Trust:
Advancing Made-on-the-Coast Co-Governance Legislation***

Dear Mayor Krog and council,

We are at a pivotal moment for local economies across Vancouver Island and coastal communities — and the voice of your community matters.

Local leaders who govern Island Coastal Economic Trust are working to support the Province of British Columbia to advance a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernize the Trust with a strategic investment to shape economic development across our region for decades. A brand-new [Independent Legislative Review — A Case For Change](#) — provides a compelling, evidence-based case for this change, identifying strategic investment as the essential foundation for modernizing the Trust and advancing co-governance with First Nations. This is something local governments and First Nations have sought since the Trust started, and now, enabling new legislation is being developed by the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth.

We are requesting the support of your council in this defining moment in Trust's history. Attached is a template letter for your council to consider sending to Minister Ravi Kahlon. At the Regional Advisory Committee meetings of the Trust, elected leaders encouraged each other to copy your local MLAs and, where possible, coordinate a joint letter with neighbouring councils, First Nations, and/or regional districts to amplify the message. Please feel free to adapt the template with stories and examples specific to your community — the Minister needs to hear the human and local economic impact of this work in your own words.

This advocacy builds on real momentum. Throughout early 2026, community leaders have engaged MLAs directly, building on recommendations from over 30 First Nations governments who contributed to the [First Nations Strategic Recommendations Report](#) — which is now actively informing the development of new legislation. Together, governments across our region have built a strong foundation. But the window is open now: legislative and investment decisions will be made in the months ahead, and elected voices like yours are essential to advancing this vision that is shared among local governments and First Nations.

Please reach out directly if I can support you in any way — I am ready to assist immediately.

With gratitude,



Brodie Guy
Chief Executive Officer
Island Coastal Economic Trust

encl. Template Letter of Support



**ISLAND COASTAL
ECONOMIC TRUST**

[date]

Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth
Government of British Columbia
JEDI.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Kahlon,

On behalf of (Council/regional Mayors/Regional District), we are writing to express our strong support for advancing legislation to modernize the Island Coastal Economic Trust and to position it for long-term impact through strategic provincial investment.

The work to renew the Trust represents a *Made on the Coast* initiative shaped and championed by coastal First Nations, local governments, and regional leaders working together toward a shared economic vision. Over the past several years, your Ministry's partnership has enabled meaningful engagement and co-development, resulting in an unprecedented level of regional alignment.

Across 53 First Nations governments, 35 local governments, and elected MLAs in the region, there is broad consensus that the Trust should evolve into a modern, co-governed regional economic development institution that reflects partnership, reconciliation, and shared responsibility.

The alignment has been achieved. The regional mandate is clear.

To carry this work forward, we respectfully urge the Province to bring forward legislation as soon as possible to formalize the renewed governance structure and provide long-term certainty for the Trust.

As government focuses on economic resilience, regional development, and disciplined spending in a period of global uncertainty, the Trust represents an established and accountable mechanism to advance those shared priorities. Over nearly two decades, the Trust has leveraged provincial investment into tangible economic outcomes in coastal communities, strengthening local economies and fostering collaboration across jurisdictions.

Strategic investment in a modernized Trust would build on that proven track record, protect prior public investment, and provide a focused vehicle to support economic transition in coastal and rural regions. This approach aligns with the Province's emphasis

on strengthening British Columbia's economy while ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds.

As municipal leaders, we see firsthand the importance of strong regional institutions in supporting jobs, innovation, and community stability. With modernized governance and renewed capital, the Trust is well positioned to continue delivering measurable results for British Columbians.

Our region stands united behind this vision. Such consensus around a regional economic priority is rare and reflects years of careful collaboration.

We look forward to working with you to advance both the legislative and investment components necessary to secure the Trust's future.

Sincerely,

[Mayor / Council]

[Local Government]

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