Okanagan Basin Water Board Water Conservation & Quality Improvement Grants

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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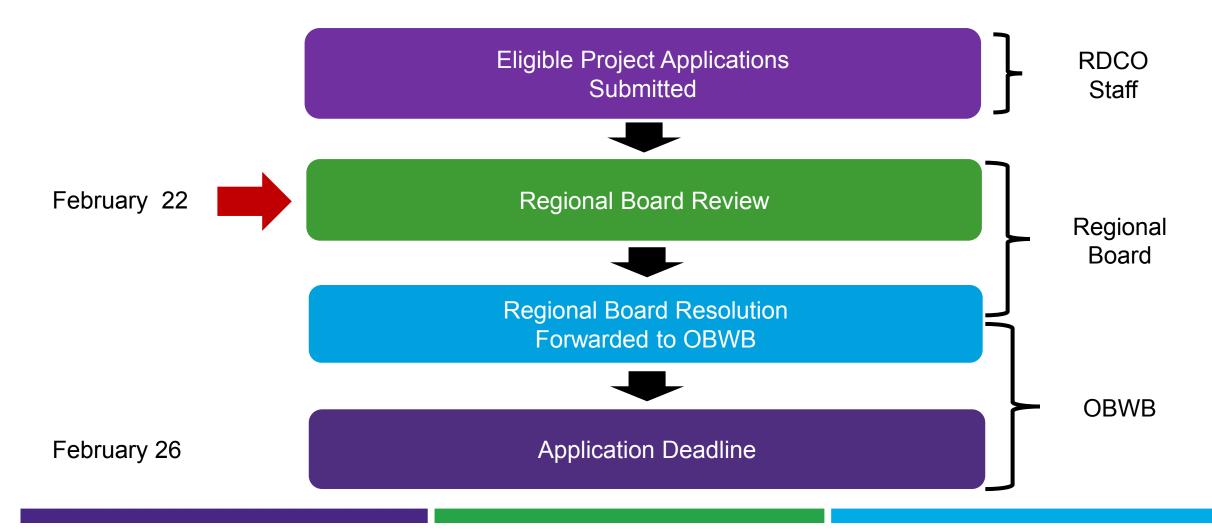


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Purpose

 To endorse, by resolution, one Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant application prior to consideration by OBWB.

Grant Application Process



Background

- Encourage innovative and collaborative projects that promote more uniform standards and best practices throughout the valley.
- Projects are to address water issues, increase knowledge sharing, and enhance the valley-wide sustainable use of water.

Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative

 Okanagan Nation Alliance and Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program.

• Request: \$30,000.00

Project Purpose

- Co-led by ONA, OCCP, and SOSCP;
- Development of a strategy that will enhance the ways of caring for, protecting, and restoring the values and interests of Okanagan Lake foreshore and associated tributaries within the watershed.

Project Background

2019

- Project initiation & scoping
- Secure initial funding
- Stakeholder identification
- Council/Board resolutions of support

2020

- Policy review
 - Hosted (7) workshops led by Syilx planning process
- Applied for multiyear funding
- Update to Regional Board

2021

- Continue public engagement process
- Develop communication strategy
- Hire consultant to develop and write strategy

OBWB Grant Approval Criteria

- Theme: collaborative projects that provide water benefits in large areas throughout the valley.
- Projects that are partnerships between different organizations and span multiple jurisdictions are more likely to receive funding.

Recommendation:

- **THAT** the Regional Board endorse the following application for the Okanagan Basin Water Board Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grant Program:
- Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program and Okanagan Nation Alliance – Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative - \$30,000.00

