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Pemberton and District Initiative Fund (PDIF) now open for 2027 applications
Applications for new long-term funding are due by 4 p.m. on October 15, 2026

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is now accepting applications from eligible not-for-profit organizations for 2027 funding through the Pemberton and District Initiative Fund (PDIF), subject to available funding.

Jointly funded by the SLRD and the Village of Pemberton, PDIF provides financial support to qualifying initiatives that enhance community life in Electoral Area C and Village of Pemberton. Established in 2019, PDIF has provided more than \$1 million in funding to not-for-profit organizations.

Within the two streams (Economic Development and Arts, Culture & Recreation), eligible organizations can apply for long-term funding, one-time funding or fee waivers. Funding is limited, with available funding for each stream determined by the SLRD Board as part of its annual budgeting process. As a result, requested funding may exceed available funding.

PDIF is administered by the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services (PVUS) Committee, which is comprised of elected officials from Electoral Area C and Village of Pemberton. Each year, the PDIF budget is developed and recommended by the PVUS Committee and ratified by the SLRD Board. The PVUS Committee reviews eligible applications and, subject to available funding and the terms of the PDIF Policy, makes recommendations to the SLRD Board for final consideration.

Applications for new long-term funding requests starting in 2027 must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026. Applications for one-time funding requests and fee waiver requests may be submitted throughout the year, subject to available funding. Visit the [PDIF page on the SLRD website](#) for eligibility requirements, how much long-term, one-time and fee waiver funding may be requested, application forms and more information.

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About the Village of Pemberton www.pemberton.ca

Incorporated in 1956, the Village of Pemberton spans approximately six square kilometres and is home to over 3400 residents and a vibrant business and agricultural community. Serving as a municipal government, the Village of Pemberton is led by an elected Council and managed by an executive team responsible for various municipal services including, planning and development, park operations, recreation facilities and amenities, public utilities, bylaws and enforcement, fire rescue, emergency preparedness, fiscal planning and financial services, legislative services, human resources, communications, and the administration of the Pemberton's Official Community Plan. Situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Lílwat Nation, Pemberton honours the language, culture and history of the Lílwat7ul.

About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 50,496 residents (2021 Census as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is found within the traditional territories of several First Nations, including the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Líl'wat. Small parts of the SLRD also overlap with the traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Tsleil-Waututh, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, and Secwepemc Nations. While the SLRD does not provide direct services to the residents of the First Nations communities located within the region, the organization is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose territories the SLRD operates.

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