

Developing a Community Capacity Plan

Growing Concerns, Planting Solutions (Ucluelet Food Initiative – \$6,000)

Ucluelet is a rural community on the west coast of Vancouver Island at the north end of Barkley Sound. There are approximately 2,000 residents with an additional 3,000 residents in the immediate area including Ittasoo First Nations, Millstream, Willowbrae and Port Albion. The Ucluelet Food Initiative is a capacity building initiative focused on increasing awareness and action of community food security on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The group has broad representation including local non-profit groups, community leaders and local government with the hope of engaging the broader community regarding food security in Ucluelet.

Qualicum Beach Food Security Capacity Building Project (Town of Qualicum Beach - \$3,000)

Qualicum Beach is a town located approximately 30 minutes north of Nanaimo with a population of approximately 8,500. The community has the recognition of having the oldest average age in Canada – 61. This has not stopped the citizens and town from coming together to discuss food security in their community with the hope of further engaging the community. Their plans include educational workshops and holding multiple presentations/forums focused on identifying community concerns regarding community food security. The group's hope is to mobilize their community and build capacity to take action.

Galiano Community Food for the Future (The Galiano Club - \$3,000)

Galiano Island is one of the outermost Southern Gulf Islands of British Columbia. The Galiano Club is a long-standing organization on the Island and has already taken action on increasing community food security on the Island. This year they are planning on broadening their representation in an attempt to engage the entire community around community food security using focus groups and forums to increase community capacity and identify opportunities.