# COASTAL COMMUNITIES Social Procurement

## INITIATIVE

## Social Procurement: What | Why | How

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# Presentation overview

Are the dollars you spend aligned with your community goals?

- ✓ Social procurement: What & why
- Implementing social procurement
- ✓ CCSPI: What it is and how to join

## The evolution of procurement



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## What is social procurement



#### Adding a social value to existing purchasing

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Social procurement: What is possible?

Key opportunity areas

Employment

- ✓ Skills & Training
- ✓ Social Value in the Supply Chain
- Community Development/ Local Economy

### Social procurement: Is it legally possible?

What about the trade agreements?

Yes, it is legal, and yes, the trade agreements do apply and require parameters for language and actions:

- You cannot restrict competition, but you can require community outcomes from all bidders
- Trade agreements have exceptions for contracting with non-profits, people with disabilities and others
- Trade agreements have financial thresholds

### Local government social procurement implementation options

- Under threshold and direct award purchasing
- Request for Information (RFI) and vendor training
- ✓ Social value weighting
- ✓ **Unbundling** larger contracts
- Community Benefit Agreements
- Large contractor's existing supply chains offer local opportunities

# Social procurement is a solution

- Small businesses and local employment have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
- Procurement can be a key tool in our toolbox for recovery, resilience and rebuilding our local economies.
- Social procurement connects governments and large purchasers to local social and economic development needs

### Coastal Communities Social Procurement Initiative (CCSPI)

#### **Co-Chairs**

Mayor Lisa Helps, City of Victoria

Councillor Colleen Evans, City of Campbell River

#### **Mission**

Improve the health of our communities and the strength of our economies by changing the culture of public sector procurement.

#### **Purpose**

CCSPI helps local governments, First Nations and institutional purchasers on Vancouver Island and in the Coastal Communities turn their procurement dollars into achievable and measurable community benefits.

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## **CCSPI impact**

## Impact at a Glance





## **CCSPI Member Benefits**



Register for upcoming training



Watch previously recorded webinars



Access the vendor pre-qualification template



Access the CCSPI Communications Guide, FAQs & associated resources



Measure & evaluate your community impact



Book a call with the CCSPI team (see more info below)



Access online resources, templates & examples



Join the bi-monthly community of practice for procurement staff



Access the COVID-19 recovery resources

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# Consultation and support:

- One to one consultation
- Initial project review
- Social procurement policy development
- Social value criteria
- RFx review
- Troubleshooting
- Evaluation



### Joining CCSPI is easy, affordable and impactful

- Accessible annual membership fee is equivalent to AVICC dues
- Requests both elected official and staff engagement at Steering Committee
- Professional development, consulting support and access to resources included in membership
- Vendor Engagement and Impact Measurement sub-committees

