



Application Deadline Nears for Coastal Community Credit Union's 2007 Coastal Spirit Fund

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September 19, 2007 -- Vancouver Island: Coastal Community Credit Union is reminding registered charity and non-profit community partners that the application deadline for its Coastal Spirit Fund is Friday, October 5.

"The clock is ticking," said Joe Cristiano, Coastal Community's Senior Vice President Marketing. "We want to make sure that all eligible candidates for funding have the opportunity to submit their applications by the deadline."

The Coastal Spirit Fund was created in 2006 to target the unique needs of the communities served by the Credit Union. Last year, Coastal Community distributed more than \$150,000 in grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000, to 60 Vancouver Island community groups. More than 200 groups applied for a total of \$1.4 million in requests.

Funding is available to local groups operating in these categories: Arts & Culture; Community Service; Environment; Health, Sports & Recreation; and Youth & Education. The grants are allocated by region and funding decisions are made locally.

In addition to funding from the Coastal Spirit Fund, Coastal provides support to Island communities through a variety of other initiatives under its comprehensive Community Investment Strategy. "We're proud to be able to contribute to our communities," said Garth Sheane, Coastal's President and CEO. "When our communities thrive, so do we."

Funding guidelines and applications to the Coastal Spirit Fund are available at any Coastal Community Credit Union location or by visiting www.cccu.ca.

About Coastal Community Credit Union

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest credit union based on Vancouver Island. From Victoria to Port Hardy, the Credit Union offers quality financial solutions and unsurpassed service through a growing network of community branch, financial planning, business and insurance locations. Passionate about its communities, the Credit Union provides financial, in-kind and other resources to support charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment program. Visit Coastal Community on the web at www.cccu.ca.

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