



Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition

PO Box 3006, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6B7
sibacs.com

SIBAC Project Funding and Application Procedures

The Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition (SIBAC) has funding to support projects and events in the southern interior of BC that address the recommendations identified by SIBAC in their Mountain Pine Beetle Assessment and Mitigation Plan. The SIBAC Board has agreed to allocate funding following the procedures as described below:

- 1) Funding decisions will be made by the Board in face to face meetings.
- 2) Funding requests / project concepts will be presented to the Board Member representing the region submitting the request and in collaboration with staff (Dalyce Brandt & Marc Imus), the request will be further developed for the Board's deliberation.
- 3) The Board will review the Decision Notes provided by staff based upon further development of the concept through researching other existing project proposals, complimentary projects, partnership opportunities, other funding sources, measurement for success and consistency with SIBAC recommendations.

Guiding Principles and Selection Criteria

The Board will consider the following principles/criteria when deliberating on proposed projects:

Principles

- SIBAC will ensure that communities most at-risk of MPB-related impacts will be given priority assistance in SIBAC activities.
- SIBAC views regional co-operation and collaboration among First Nations, municipalities & rural communities, regions, provincial and federal government as critical to efficiently and effectively addressing the challenges that are now being created by the MPB epidemic.
- SIBAC believes that regional economic development planning and implementation that supports rural communities and First Nations will positively impact the entire region.
- SIBAC will focus future efforts on projects and implementation tasks that are supported by multiple stakeholders, including the business community that will best position SIBAC work for success.

Project Support Selection Criteria

- **Linkage of Projects to SIBAC Recommendations/Priorities.** Projects will be evaluated on their linkage to the SIBAC MPB Assessment & Mitigation Plan and how well those projects help to address the identified priorities and recommendations.
- **Strength of Partnership Participation.** Partnerships are strongly preferred - this includes the partners involved and the commitment they have made to the initiative or project (as measured by effort and resources). In-kind contributions will be considered as part of the overall funding contribution from partners.
- **Regional Inclusion.** SIBAC represents participating regional districts and tribal councils across the Southern Interior of BC. SIBAC will view initiatives that cover multiple regional areas with priority consideration. Overall, funded projects should be geographically distributed through the SIBAC region.

- **Project Sustainability.** SIBAC will support projects that clearly demonstrate a full implementation plan and those which support economic growth and diversification or environmental sustainability in the Southern Interior.
- **Expert Involvement.** SIBAC will consider the establishment of a steering Committee that will guide the project or initiative as a valuable tool in ensuring that resources are well-used.
- **Reach of Project.** Projects and initiatives that address issues of widespread concern or that create solutions/tools that can be widely used throughout the Southern Interior will be given priority. Projects with transferability (application in other areas) will be viewed favourably.
- **Timing of Project.** Projects for consideration must demonstrate the finite period in which they will initiate and complete their tasks. **Measurements for Success.** Projects will be evaluated on how well the key tasks will demonstrate their success and value, how well the deliverables are identified and the overall measurements for success are communicated and reported on to the SIBAC Board.

Acceptable Organizations:

- Not-for-Profit
- Local Government
- First Nations Government
- Regional Government

Timeframe:

- The project should be realistic and not extend beyond SIBAC's funding mandate.

Submission Deadlines:

- The Board agreed that there will be no deadlines. Project concepts can be presented at any time.

Funding:

- The Board agreed not to set a limit on the amount or percentage of funding per project, but to evaluate each project as it's presented. (Note: SIBAC contributions to projects should be recognized in some way by project partners.)

Communities most at risk of MPB Impacts were identified by SIBAC as:

- Grand Forks • Greenwood • Canal Flats • Midway • Clearwater • Chase • Barriere
- Lillooet • Lytton • Merritt • Princeton • Lumby • Radium Hot Springs

SIBAC Recommendations:

While SIBAC believes that all of the recommendations below are important, based on community consultations, the six recommendations highlighted **in bold** are seen as the most urgent priority in the short-term:

- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 1 – That the Province work with communities and First Nations to assess and mitigate watersheds at high risk for water quality problems due to the MPB epidemic.**
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 2 – The Province should complete an MPB management and salvage strategy for each TSA in the Southern Interior.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 3 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments should examine potential flooding risks in Communities.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 4 – That the Ministry of Environment regularly updates Communities on major actions the Ministry is undertaking in response to the MPB epidemic.
- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 5 – That the Province should continue to seek methods that maximize value from the timber supply through innovation, partnering and access to fibre.**
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 6 – That the Province should ensure land-based investments (silviculture) continue and cover the entire land base.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 7 – That the Province should undertake changes to forest policy which support Community and First Nation priorities for economic development.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 8 – That the Province and Federal governments support transition and training of forest workers and related displaced workers so that they are able remain in their current communities.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 9 – That the SIBAC Committee will support Provincial Government initiatives to generate new activities and address MPB issues.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 10 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments work with Communities and First Nations to develop tourism infrastructure in Southern Interior Communities.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 11 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments continue to fund the barrier replacement program and range improvements.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 12 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments should undertake hazard/dead tree removal along critical corridors.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 13 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments should work to address limited water supplies for livestock.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 14 – That the Province should undertake comprehensive and Integrated range management planning.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 15 – That the Province works with Communities and First Nations to create “wildfire reduction unit crews”.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 16 – That the Ministry of Forests & Range implements policy and/or regulation changes that would facilitate increased wildfire hazard treatments in the Southern Interior.
- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 17 – That the Province, Municipalities, Regional Districts and First Nations commit to working more collaboratively on wildfire hazard reduction.**
- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 18 – That the Provincial Government develops new methods of regional resource revenue sharing with local governments and First Nations.**
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 19 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments explore government incentives to foster business investment in rural communities.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 20 – That the Provincial Government creates a Rural Strategy for BC.
- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 21 – That the Provincial and Federal Governments dedicate funding for rural economic development in BC.**
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 22 – That the Provincial Government create and support a new economic development program/initiative which encourages and facilitates regional collaboration on economic development in the Southern Interior.
- SIBAC RECOMENDATION 23 – That the Provincial Government work with Rural Communities to protect community services and assets.

- **SIBAC RECOMENDATION 24 – That the Provincial Government provides implementation resources to MPB At-Risk Communities and Tribal Councils.**

Funding Request Form

Organization

Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Information:

SIBAC Board Member:

Has Board Member(s) been contacted?

Project Title:

Proposed SIBAC Funding Request:

Total Value of Project:

Project Overview Description:

Describe how this project meets the SIBAC Funding Principles/Criteria:

- 1) Communities Most at Risk for MPB Impacts
- 2) Linkage to SIBAC Recommendations/Priorities
- 3) Partnership Participation
- 4) Regional Inclusion
- 5) Project Sustainability
- 6) Expert Involvement
- 7) Reach of Project
- 8) Timing of Project
- 9) Measures for Success

Provide a project budget showing all contributions from partners (both financial and in-kind contributions), and anticipated expenses.

Explain the management (project oversight/reporting) of this project.

