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In the fall of 2011, the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development announced the \$30-million Community Recreation Program. The purpose of the program was to provide financial assistance to communities throughout British Columbia facing challenges in meeting their recreational needs.

Northern Health Public Health Protection immediately recognized the beneficial impacts this program would have on local governments in the north with respect to our communities' health and well being. Environmental Health Officers responded, in collaboration with Public Health Planners, by contacting their local governments to inform them about the program, providing assistance with the application process, and providing letters of support for projects that promoted physical activity.

In March, the Ministry announced it was funding 98 projects throughout the province, 22 of which were communities in the north.

NE – 6 grants totaling \$1,475,717.00 NI – 9 grants totaling \$3,115,384.00 NW – 7 grants totaling \$2,043,973

Equally important, throughout these interactions with local government, many important relationships were forged, paving the way for future collaborations as we endeavor to improve the health of our communities.

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