



\$5,000 Research Grant in Land Economics Application Deadline December 10, 2021

This is a call for proposals for a \$5,000 grant in the field of Land Economics, sponsored by the LAI Land Economics Society, Vancouver Chapter. The grant is for a study to be undertaken during 2022. The award is available to academics, land economics professionals, and/or doctoral students undertaking research on land economics topics relevant to the Lower Mainland Region of British Columbia.

1. Background

LAI Land Economics Society was founded in 1930 to foster the study of land economics. Today there are 25 chapters world-wide and approximately 2,000 members from various disciplines, all with a land economics focus (lai.org).

‘Land economics’ is regarded by LAI in a broad sense – including disciplines such as land development, planning, economy, law, valuation, tax policy, housing, transportation, sustainability, geography, urban studies, resilience, and the economic impacts of urban design, architecture, reconciliation, arts, culture, and social programs. Considering current issues, research on housing affordability and COVID responses to land economics are welcomed.

As examples, at the international level, recent research grants include:

- Study on land value capture.
- The influence of ‘automated social media’ (bots) on land development.
- Study on the future of the suburban mall.
- Reconstructing land-based losses of disaster affected victims.

During 2021, the Vancouver Chapter assisted studies on:

- Healthier land development along arterial roads.
- Cedar Place: Public-private partnership for affordable housing.

In 2020, LAI Vancouver co-sponsored a study of the ‘Impacts of the Real Estate Market on the Social Purpose Sector’.

The Vancouver Chapter looks forward to engaging with researchers in land economics studies relevant to the Lower Mainland Region of British Columbia.

2. Grant Application Details

2.1 Timeline

- Deadline to submit proposals: **December 10, 2021 (4:30 pm PST)** to Dr. Ann McAfee LAI Vancouver Chapter. E-mail: amcafee@shaw.ca
- Winning Proposal announced by **January 21, 2022**
- Winning Project to be launched no later than **February 25, 2022**
- Completion of the project is desired by **December 31, 2022**. However, completion can extend to 2023 to accommodate research requirements (Section 2.5).
- **50% of funding will be available on award. The balance will be paid on project completion.**

2.2 Applicant Eligibility

- The Project Lead and/or Principal Researcher must be a faculty member or doctoral student at a Canadian university and/or a professional affiliated with a Canadian-based organization (for profit or non-profit) conducting research in the field of land economics. We regret this grant is not intended to fund undergraduate or MA degree studies.
- The grant may be combined with other funds as part of a larger study.
- Members of the Evaluation Committee and the Vancouver Chapter LAI Executive are excluded from applying.

2.3 Project Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a Committee of the LAI Vancouver Chapter. The Committee's recommendations will be referred to the Vancouver Chapter LAI Executive for approval. The Committee Chair will be responsible for liaison with the successful grantee and publicizing the research results.

2.4 Intellectual Property and Use of Materials

Intellectual property remains with the grantee. LAI Land Economics Society is entitled to publicize, present findings, and provide free access to the research results with appropriate credit and citations in the LAI Keynotes, on the LAI Organization website, or in other publications.

The primary researcher is required, on request, to deliver a presentation of their research results to a meeting of the LAI Vancouver Chapter. The final report will acknowledge the funding support of LAI Land Economics Society Vancouver Chapter. The grantee is entitled to use the Chapter Logo in that sole regard.

2.5 Research Eligibility: Location and Timing

- Land Economics related research on a topic relevant to the Lower Mainland of British Columbia (Generally defined as the Regional Districts of Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley).
- Research projects of up to two (2) years in duration are eligible for funding.
- This grant may be leveraged with other funding as part of a larger research program. Completion of the research is desired by December 31, 2022. However, if the grant is awarded to research which is part of a larger or longer study, the work should be completed by 2023. In this case, an interim report to LAI will be required by the end of 2022.

2.6 Evaluation Criteria

Research proposals submitted to LAI Vancouver Chapter will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Relevance to Lower Mainland of British Columbia Land Economics (Pass/Fail)
- Hypothesis and key questions (20 points)
- Significance and originality of the research program (40 points)
- Expected results and outcomes of the proposed study (20 points)
- Relevant qualifications of the Researcher(s) (20 points)
- Brief CV(s) of Project Lead/Principal Researcher/Co-Researcher (P/F)
- One letter of reference speaking to the Principal Researcher's research capacity (P/F).

2.7 Review Process for Evaluation of Applications

- All applications will be handled in confidence.
- An Evaluation Committee comprised of LAI Vancouver Chapter members will examine the proposals and reach consensus about which project should be funded.
- All funding approvals are at the discretion the LAI Vancouver Executive based on recommendations from the Evaluation Committee.
- A maximum of one \$5,000 award will be granted, payable 50% on award and the balance on project completion.
- LAI Vancouver Chapter reserves the right to grant no award at its sole discretion.



3.0 Questions?

Please contact:

Dr. Ann McAfee, Chair Research Committee, LAI Vancouver Chapter

Email: amcafee@shaw.ca

4.0 Documents and Forms

To apply to this Proposal, please complete and submit to amcafee@shaw.ca by December 10, 2021:

- Application Form (Attachment 1 – note available as a Word document)
- Signed Consent to Disclosure (Page 3 Attachment 1)
- Brief CVs of Project Lead/Principal Researcher/Co-Researcher (as applicable)
- Letter referencing research capacity of Principal Researcher.

Thank you for applying.



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Attachment 1: Please Submit Application by December 10, 2021

Project title:

Project Lead/Principal Researcher (PR):

PR University or other Affiliation:

Co-Principal/Associated Researcher (if any):

Co-PR University/Affiliation:

Proposed Project Timetable:

Start:

Anticipated Completion:

1. Project Summary (for public purposes – maximum 250 words). If application is successful, this section will appear on LAI website and in other LAI print materials.

2. Research Team

2.1. Project Lead/Principal Researcher

Project Lead/Principal Researcher Information:			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Title:			
Department:			
Institution:			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Email:		Fax:	
Address:			
City:			
Postal Code:		Province:	

2.2. Co-Researcher (if applicable)

Co-Researcher Information:			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Title:			
Department:			
Institution:			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Email:			

3. Statement of Intent (Attach)

(Maximum 2 pages, single-spaced 12-point font).

Include a discussion of the following:

- Hypothesis and key questions (20 points)
- Quality and originality of the research program (40 points)
- Expected results and outcomes of the proposed study (20 points)
- Relevance to Lower Mainland of British Columbia land economics (P/F)

4. Qualifications of Researcher(s) (Attach)

Please attach:

- Relevant qualifications of the principal researcher(s). Maximum 1 page. (20 points)
- Brief CVs including publications and relevant research experience of principal researcher(s).
- Letter of Reference speaking to the principal's research capacity.

5. For Proposals with Multiple Funders:

This proposal can be combined with funds from other agencies to extend the scope of the research. If the proposal has, or is seeking other funders, please identify any agreed funders and briefly indicate how a grant from LAI would enhance the study.

6. Consent to Disclosure Form

Name	
Institution	
Position	
Research Project	

By accepting funding from LAI Land Economics Society Vancouver Chapter, I understand that maintaining public trust in the integrity of researchers is fundamental to building a knowledge-based society.

In cases of a serious breach of public trust LAI Land Economics Society Vancouver Chapter may publicly disclose my name, the nature of the breach, the institution or business where I was employed at the time of the breach and, if it differs, the institution/business where I am currently employed. I accept this as a condition of applying for, or receiving, funding and I consent to such disclosure.

Signature

Date