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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy Society		
Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy - Community Education		
Physical literacy education provides coaches, teachers, and community leaders with the knowledge and skills to deliver higher-quality, more impactful programs within their organizations, clubs, and groups.		
This project will deliver three streams of education in the Southeast Kootenays:		
- 4-6 Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) workshops - 3-4 Foundational coaching courses (such as All Youth Matter and Planning a Practice) - Multiple Afterschool Physical Literacy sessions in elementary schools		
FMS training builds the essential movement skills (grass roots level) needed to succeed in all sports and recreational activities.		
Through its volunteers, Active Cranbrook will further partner with local schools and sport and recreation organizations to bring qualified facilitators to the region. This approach reduces barriers for residents who are unable to travel or afford required certifications, such as NCCP FMS training.		
Due to geographic and financial challenges, communities in the Southeast Kootenays do not have the same access to training opportunities as other regions in BC. This project will bring certification and professional development opportunities directly to the East Kootenays. Grant funding will cover instructor travel and course delivery costs. Active Cranbrook will promote, coordinate, and support access to training through its established marketing channels and volunteer network.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$10,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$250.00
	District of Invermere	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$250.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

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BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - East Kootenay Branch		
Low cost Spay/Neuter Community Voucher Program		
The low cost Spay/Neuter community voucher program at the East Kootenay Branch of the BCSPCA targets pet overpopulation. By providing free or subsidized spay/neuter procedures for owned cats, dogs and rabbits in low income households, as well as feral cats throughout the East Kootenay Region. The program also provides microchips with lifelong registration to the BC Pet Registry, to help lost pets be safely returned to their owners or be identified as an already sterilized feral cats.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$16,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$600.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$300.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$600.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$300.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$700.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
		\$29,300.00

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Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors Society		
Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers		
The project "Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers" would provide gas and meal vouchers to low income family caregivers who are driving senior's to medical appointments out of community, or to visit their senior loved one who is placed in long term care out of community on the "first available bed" policy. The Caregivers Network supports over 200 family caregivers throughout the East Kootenay, and at minimum another 200 senior care recipients who benefit from our support. In a recently conducted needs assessment, we have determined that approximately 1/3 of our clients are low income and struggling with the cost of caring for a loved one. We would like to invite our low income clients to register in this travel assistance program on an individual as needed basis. We have six paid staff in the largest communities in the East Kootenay each with their own client base and means to distribute gas and meal vouchers. We would provide low income clients with meal and gas vouchers to help offset the cost of caregiving for a senior loved one needing to travel out of community.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network		
Wild Voices for Kids RDEK		
Wild Voices for Kids supports school-based environmental education in the Columbia Basin by connecting pre K-12 teachers and students to hands-on presentations and field-studies, based on the local environment. These presentations and field-studies are created and delivered by community educators who are experts in their field, including biologists, ecologists, geographers, foresters, mountain guides, and cultural liaisons. The goals of the Wild Voices program include: 1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways 2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students 3. Providing access to environmental learning for students and teachers in the Columbia Basin through at least 100 fully subsidized and 100 heavily subsidized presentations each school year, with unlimited presentations available at slightly subsidized rates Since 2008, students across the Columbia Basin have received curriculum-linked presentations and hands-on field studies through Wild Voices. Funding would be used to cover honoraria for Community Educators delivering presentations and bussing expenses for student travel to field-based studies for Wild Voices presentations delivered to students in RDEK.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,800.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,600.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$900.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
		\$14,600.00

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Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History		
The Lens of History		
Over the past year, the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History (CBIRH) has acquired several new collections of historic images from East Kootenay. We plan to expand the Columbia Basin Image Bank by digitizing, preserving, and providing public access to 850 additional images. Our high-quality scanning process will protect the originals and ensure the images are suitable for publication, tourism, city promotion, and historical projects. These images will be freely accessible on CBIRH's website, www.basininstitute.org , serving both students and the wider public. The project will include images from the City of Cranbrook (175), Village of Canal Flats (30), Village of Radium Hot Springs (100), City of Fernie (75), City of Kimberley (70), District of Sparwood (30), Electoral Area A (40), Electoral Area B (75), Electoral Area C (150), Electoral Area E (75), and Electoral Area F (30).		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,645.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,560.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,455.00
	District of Sparwood	\$625.00
	Electoral Area A	\$830.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,560.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,125.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,565.00
	Electoral Area F	\$625.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$625.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,080.00
		<u>\$17,695.00</u>

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Cranbrook And District Restorative Justice Society

Restorative Justice Service Enhancement & Capacity Pilot

CDRJS has worked to reduced crime in the East Kootenay since 2007 by working with RCMP, victims, and community members to hold people accountable outside of court when appropriate. These processes are extremely financially efficient and save both the municipalities and provincial government significant costs related to crime and provide reparations to victims where appropriate. Traditionally, our work begins after a charge has been recommended.

This pilot shifts that model upstream.

Instead of only responding after harm has occurred, this project will test a structured youth prevention model delivered directly in partnership with schools, youth facing organizations, and RCMP. Small group sessions will be offered to youth who are showing early warning signs, involvement in fights, peer conflict, or repeated school discipline issues, before charges are laid. The goal is early accountability, skill building, and intervention before behaviour escalates into criminal involvement.

The pilot will introduce a formal referral pathway from schools and police, a structured group curriculum focused on responsibility and conflict resolution, and clear tracking of outcomes.

The project relies on CDRJS's trained volunteer facilitators, supported by coordinated oversight to ensure consistency and proper data collection.

ReDi funding will be used to launch and test this prevention-focused pilot for a defined period. Results will determine whether this approach reduces youth police contact and supports long-term community safety.

City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
City of Fernie	\$4,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
District of Elkford	\$2,000.00
District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	\$40,000.00

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Diverse Family Roots Society		
AccessABLE Kootenays		
AccessABLE KOOTENAYS is all about mapping the Kootenays and the communities that are accessible, inclusive, engaging and fun friendly places to meet folks. In partnership with Web developer Noah Funk , along with the strength of our 40 plus volunteer Family Stewards - https://diversefamilyroots.ca/family-stewards/ that are located all throughout the East Kootenays. Also enlisting the Self-Advocates from the Kootenays CLBC Community Council we will be able to provide individuals and families precise information that acknowledges accessible ,inclusive ,supportive, businesses and meeting places, fun places, gathering places in communities all throughout the East Kootenays of British Columbia. AccessABLE Kootenays project will engage people with disabilities and be inclusive of people with disabilities with other intersectional lived experiences including, IBPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+communities, youth, seniors. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of our 40 volunteer family stewards, the communities that they live in, their BIOS and how they can support families In their community. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of Resources and community support/ respite options for individuals and Families.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
		\$21,000.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council		
Ecosystem Allies: Arming the Public		
This project will expand EKISC's Education and Outreach Program by strengthening community knowledge, skills, and capacity to prevent and manage invasive species across the East Kootenay region. Building on the success of the 2025 ReDi-funded project, which demonstrated strong community engagement and demand for hands-on learning, this initiative will deepen education efforts while introducing new tools, partnerships, and training to support long-term behaviour change. The project will deliver invasive plant and animal education through in-person workshops, presentations, community weed pulls, walk-and-talks, youth programs, and outreach at high-risk locations such as farmers markets, boat launches and recreation areas. These activities will promote key messages including Clean, Drain, Dry; PlayCleanGo; Don't Let It Loose; PlantWise; and Buy Local, Burn Local. Online webinars and social media outreach will further extend reach. A renewed focus will support landowners through one-on-one interactions, helping them identify and understand practical management options. New partnerships will introduce innovative learning approaches, including exploring alternative uses of invasive species through Indigenous, traditional, and holistic perspectives, such as making tinctures and salves, and emerging tools like invasive species detection dog training. Funding will also enhance program delivery through new education materials, safety equipment, and staff training, including water safety, bear safety, and Indigenous relations training. Together, these efforts will empower communities to take informed, meaningful action on invasive species stewardship.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$750.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$21,750.00</u>

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East Kootenay Regional Science Fair Society		
East Kootenay Regional Science Fair		
We host the East Kootenay Regional Science Fair on an annual basis. Students in grades 6 to 12 from around the East Kootenay can compete in the fair and possibly qualify for Canada-Wide Science Fair. Each year four winning students from the regional fair travel to the national fair with their project. Science fair is an opportunity for students to develop their own experiments or complete research projects to further their scientific understanding. It is also an opportunity for students to present their work and defend their ideas to a series of judges. The regional fair is a gateway to the national fair where students can represent their home region.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,200.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,100.00
	City of Kimberley	\$800.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$600.00
	Electoral Area C	\$600.00
		\$4,800.00

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East Kootenay Society For Active Living		
Soccer for ALL - Summer/Fall 2026		
The East Kootenay Society for Active Living, through its Premier Elite Soccer Camps program, proposes Soccer for ALL, an inclusive youth soccer initiative providing structured, high-quality programming to children and youth aged 6-16 across urban and rural East Kootenay communities. The project prioritizes equitable access for families facing financial, geographic, or systemic barriers, including Indigenous youth. In Summer and Fall 2026, the project will deliver three integrated components. Premier Elite Summer Soccer Camps will operate in Cranbrook (Moir Park), Kimberley (Marysville/Purcell Fields), and Fernie (community fields) from July 6 to August 28, 2026, offering affordable, developmentally appropriate training. A fully subsidized summer camp for Îᑭᓐᓴᓐᓴᓐ (St. Mary's Band) youth will run in Cranbrook from July 13-17, 2026, continuing a successful barrier-free model. In addition, a fully subsidized fall program in Fernie, titled Fernie Selects, will run September 8 to October 15, 2026, with 2-3 sessions per week. Targeted outreach will engage families in RDEK Electoral Areas A, B, C, and E, with transportation support and shared equipment improving rural access. Programming follows Premier Elite's player-centred curriculum aligned with Canada Soccer's Long-Term Player Development framework and UEFA Grassroots principles, emphasizing skill development, physical literacy, teamwork, and confidence. Delivery is supported through partnerships with local soccer associations, the Îᑭᓐᓴᓐᓴᓐ community, and municipal partners, using publicly accessible community fields.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$500.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$11,500.00</u>

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East Kootenay Track and Field Association

Equipment Upgrade for East Kootenay Track and Field

We need to replace some of our older equipment and to add new equipment to be able to offer a wider variety of disciplines. We will be able to attract more youth with more options for all the track and field disciplines. The project will be carried out by board members and parents volunteers. We got engagement from local businesses last year and they are happy to support us again. We are also doing additional fundraising by being involve in the Kimberley Fall Fair as a non-profit.

City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,300.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,300.00
Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,060.00
	\$33,660.00

Elk River Watershed Alliance

Youth Watershed Education Program

The ERA Youth Watershed Education Program will establish a comprehensive, place-based watershed education initiative serving Grade 10-11 students across the Elk Valley.

Research shows that sustained, experiential learning, where students revisit concepts over time, apply knowledge in multiple contexts, and actively construct understanding, leads to stronger retention and meaningful behaviour change. ERA will build a Grade 10/11 module consisting of three interconnected sessions. Each session builds from foundational knowledge to applied problem-solving, allowing students to observe real ecosystems, collect and interpret data, test ideas through interactive games and design challenges, and communicate their learning. These experiences build ecological literacy, scientific confidence, and stewardship identity among youth. This is designed to support deep learning rather than one-off exposure.

ERA will develop curriculum-aligned lesson plans, assemble durable teaching kits, and design an interactive board game. The modules will be delivered to 60+ students, create teacher resources, and establish partnerships with School District 5 (SD5) schools. Students will gain hands-on experience with water quality monitoring, habitat assessment, climate data analysis, and adaptation planning turning students from passive learners into active watershed investigators.

City of Fernie	\$1,501.00
District of Elkford	\$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$950.00
	\$4,451.00

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Elk Valley & Area Hospice Society		
Update Core Volunteer Training Manual		
Project: Updating our current training manual. Goal: Our current course was donated to us by the previous facilitator; it is outdated and needs considerable updating. This will bring our current outdated core training manual up to date, offering efficient, effective, and appropriate course material to properly train volunteers and educate the public. This project will allow us to deliver an up to date training course, ensuring we can build volunteer capacity and knowledge. Action: We will hire an Education Designer, a specialist who can take our existing Companioning the Dying course material and work with the Elk Valley & Area Hospice board to create a revised training manual.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$3,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Elk Valley Family Society

Elk Valley Active Living Program

The Elk Valley Family Society (EVFS) will implement a recreation access program to reduce financial barriers to physical activity for low-income individuals and families living in EVFS housing. The project will provide selected tenants with a set number of punch passes to local recreation facilities, including the Fernie Aquatics Centre, Evolution Gym, and other community-based recreation spaces.

The project will increase equitable access to recreation opportunities that support physical health, mental well-being, and social connection. By enabling tenants to participate in regular physical activity and community recreation, the program will help reduce social isolation, improve overall wellness, and support the development of positive routines for both adults and children. For tenants who have experienced trauma, domestic violence, or prolonged stress, access to recreation offers a safe and supportive outlet that promotes healing and emotional regulation.

The project will be achieved through an application-based selection process to ensure that subsidies are directed to individuals and families who face financial barriers and demonstrate interest in participating. EVFS staff will oversee the application process, distribute punch passes, and provide information about available recreation opportunities. The program builds on existing relationships between EVFS and local recreation providers and will be delivered using established administrative systems, ensuring accountability, equitable access, and meaningful use of funds.

City of Fernie \$15,660.00

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Elk Valley Gymnastics Club		
Equipment Upgrades 2026		
Project Description The Equipment Upgrade Project is an equipment upgrade initiative designed to enhance gymnastics and ninja classes at Elk Valley Gymnastics. The project focuses on acquiring 2 new soft impact mats to improve safety upon landing for both vault and bars and the purchase of a new Trapezoid box system for climbing and skill development. What the Project Will Do This project will: Replace old and broken-down mats and boxes. Improve the safety of classes and the range of skill ability and age of gymnasts able to use it. Strengthen the overall impact of classes by enabling coaches to work more efficiently and effectively. How the Project Will Be Achieved The project will be implemented through the following steps: Procurement: Obtain competitive quotes and select vendors for the purchase of Mats and the trapezoid box Acquisition and Installation: Purchase, deliver, and install the new equipment, ensuring compliance with all safety and regulatory requirements. Staff Training: Provide training for staff on the proper, efficient use and storage of the equipment. Integration into Operations: Incorporate the upgraded equipment into daily operations to improve the safety of classes.		
	City of Fernie	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$5,500.00</u>

Fernie Alpine Ski Team

Fernie Alpine Ski Team Race Equipment

This project supports the replacement and upgrading of FAST's (Fernie Alpine Ski Team) aging and obsolete alpine race and race timing equipment.

In March 2027, the Fernie Alpine Ski Team (FAST) plans to host the BC Alpine U16 Western Championship at Fernie Alpine Resort (FAR). This multi-day event is expected to host approximately 250 athletes, along with coaches, officials, families, and a large team of volunteers, from across Western Canada.

To host this event, FAST requires capital investment to upgrading and purchasing additional hardware to meet BC Alpine and Alpine Canada technical requirements, and to meet FIS-equivalent standards for timing specifications, precision and redundancy. Historically, FAST borrows equipment from ski clubs in the Kootenays to host events of this calibre and FAST is still planning on borrowing timing equipment. This grant will go towards key equipment that will be used by FAST in the future.

The grant application is intended for capital expenditures for additional equipment, replace/upgrade current systems that are missing key hardware. These include specific timing hardware, communications and power, as the event occurs in an area of the ski hill with no power.

City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$8,025.00
	<u>\$10,025.00</u>

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Fernie Chamber of Commerce

Griz Days 2027 - 50th Anniversary

Griz Days is Fernie's largest winter festival, bringing thousands of locals and visitors together for a multiday celebration of arts, culture, and outdoor activities. Held annually on the first weekend of March, it fills a traditionally quieter period for local businesses, driving economic activity and encouraging longer stays. 2027 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Griz Days so we want to make it bigger and better than ever!

The Fernie Chamber of Commerce is the host organization for Griz Days and is a signature community event. The festival features free entertainment, family friendly activities, fundraising events, and local business engagement. It embraces Fernie's unique heritage and fosters a strong sense of community pride. Griz Days is not a fundraiser for the Chamber. The funds raised through sponsorships, grants, and fundraising efforts go directly toward keeping events free and inclusive, ensuring everyone in the community and surrounding area can participate. The festival is a true community effort, made possible by local businesses, over 60 dedicated volunteers, and strong partnerships. The Chamber leads the planning and execution, ensuring a well-organized and vibrant festival that benefits the entire region.

City of Fernie	\$5,000.00
District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area A	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$10,000.00

Fernie Child Care Society

New Infant/Toddler Child Care Spaces

We are renovating a new classroom to provide more child care spaces for infants and toddlers. Once the space is renovated and licensed, we will be able to contact families to inform them that they have secured reliable, affordable, quality child care.

City of Fernie	\$45,788.00
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Fernie Citizens Housing Society

Awnings

Installing awnings over tenants' exterior doors will help reduce direct sun exposure and heat gain in individual units, particularly during peak afternoon hours. By shading entry doors and adjacent windows, awnings can lower indoor temperatures, improve overall comfort, and reduce the reliance on fans or other temporary cooling measures.

City of Fernie	\$12,000.00
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Fernie Food Security Society		
Fernie Schools Weekly Backpack Food Program		
The Weekly Backpack Program is a food-security initiative that provides nourishing, whole foods to youth in Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary School (EIDES) and Fernie Secondary School (FSS) over weekends, a time when school-based meal programs aren't available. The goal is to bridge the hunger gap for kids who rely on school meals during the week, ensuring they have access to adequate food outside school days. Youth are encouraged to fill their backpack with the food items required to provide the nutritional requirements for the weekend. The food is child-friendly and usable without complex preparation. The program ensures consistent access to food, supports family well-being, and helps children stay focused and healthy; all fundamental aspects of reducing food insecurity and its latent effects on learning. This is achieved by: 1. Coordinating with Schools: Schools identify students who would benefit, ensuring food goes to the children who need it and integrates with existing supports, allowing access without stigma and with dignity. 2. Reduces Stress: Youth from food-insecure households may lack sufficient food Friday to Sunday. Providing food that can be counted on eases financial pressure on families struggling with rising costs. 3. Supports Positive Development: Adequate nutrition is linked to better learning and overall health. 4. Encourages Community Involvement: Broadens support for local food security and raises awareness about child hunger.		
	City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>

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Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club		
Freestyle Training Equipment Replacement		
The Fernie Freestyle Club is a community-based organization dedicated to developing athletes and promoting safe participation in freestyle skiing and snowboarding. Through structured coaching, training environments, and youth programming, the club provides opportunities for athletes of varying skill levels to develop technical skills, confidence, and lifelong engagement in winter sport. Our programs serve local youth and visiting participants by maintaining a safe, professionally managed freestyle training environment. The club operates in partnership with local mountain facilities (Fernie Alpine Resort and Wapiti Ski Club) and relies on well-maintained equipment to construct and maintain terrain park features that meet safety and training standards. The club's current terrain park and course maintenance equipment has reached or exceeded its service life. Aging tools and hardware reduce efficiency, increase maintenance downtime, and pose safety risks to both staff and athletes. We will achieve our goals with the purchase and replacement of aging snow fencing, bamboo poles, generators, rope, shovels, rakes, tampers, and snowblowers.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$3,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$10,500.00</u>

Fernie Golf and Country Club

Fernie Golf Club Alternate Water Source

In 2026, the Fernie Golf Club (FGC) is planning to replace its source of water for irrigation of fairways and greens. Currently, since the 1960s, the FGC draws from the City of Fernie's treated water supply. The new system will draw water from a large pond located on the golf course. The project entails construction of a pump house, installation of a high capacity pump and new supply pipes that will connect with the existing irrigation system. The new system will eliminate the nightly consumption of several 100 thousand liters of treated water during summer months. This will greatly enhance the capacity of the city's domestic water supply. A pumping test of the pond and the local aquifer was conducted in the fall of 2024 and found that this water source is capable of satisfying the golf course needs without impacting flow in the nearby Elk River. A dedicated water supply system will provide a reliable and efficient irrigation system and the golf course will not be impacted by future City of Fernie water consumption restrictions. The golf course is expecting to receive a water license from the Province of BC in early 2026 with substantial project completion in late October 2026 and final completion in mid-2027.

City of Fernie	\$30,000.00
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Fernie Heritage Trust Society

Knox on 2nd Classical Music Series

The Knox on 2nd Classical Music Series will deliver five ticketed classical concerts over a twelve-month period at our community arts space in downtown Fernie. The series expands access to high-quality performing arts in a rural community, supports professional musicians through fair compensation, and strengthens the region's year-round cultural offerings through a consistent, repeatable program of chamber and solo concerts. Programming is designed for intimate listening environments and focuses on artistic excellence, accessibility, and sustainability.

The project presents professional chamber ensembles and soloists in an intimate 180-seat venue, offering a consistent classical program in a rural community. Delivery includes artist contracting, venue coordination, technical production, targeted marketing to classical audiences, and public performances scheduled primarily in shoulder seasons to support year-round cultural vitality. Where appropriate, concerts will include brief artist remarks or moderated engagement to strengthen audience connection. The series operates on a blended funding model that combines earned ticket revenue, sponsorships, and public grant support to uphold professional standards and ensure fair artist compensation.

City of Fernie	\$5,000.00
District of Elkford	\$1,250.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,250.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,500.00
	\$10,000.00

Fernie Pets Society

Elk Valley Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)

This program provides subsidies to area residents with a household income of less than \$50,000, who require financial assistance in order to spay or neuter their cats. Approved applicants pay a nominal fee of \$70 per cat with the remainder of the costs covered by the Society. The program also covers the full cost of spay & neutering surgeries and other veterinary fees for feral cats in order to reduce the unwanted cat population.

City of Fernie	\$1,100.00
District of Elkford	\$300.00
District of Sparwood	\$800.00
Electoral Area A	\$800.00
	\$3,000.00

Fernie Pets Society

Railyard Dog Park Storage Building

The Society is in need of a sheltered and secure storage facility that is large enough to accommodate its maintenance equipment and materials at the dog park.

City of Fernie	\$6,000.00
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Fernie Pride Society		
2026 Elk Valley Pride Festival		
The Elk Valley Pride Festival is a multi-day community festival hosted by the Fernie Pride Society that celebrates Pride and brings together 2SLGBTQ+ people, families, and allies from across the region. It is a community initiative designed to create an affirming and welcoming space while supporting connection, visibility, and inclusion in the Elk Valley and South Country regions. The project will celebrate diversity, strengthen community relationships, and promote inclusion through a range of accessible cultural, recreational, and educational experiences. The festival welcomes participants of all ages and backgrounds and offers opportunities to connect, learn, and engage in community activities that highlight queer arts, voices, history, and experiences. This will be achieved by organizing a five-day program of events such as parades, flag-raising ceremonies, workshops, youth programming, arts activities, outdoor recreation, performances, and community gatherings. It also involves collaboration with volunteers, vendors, artists, and local organizations that provide resources, services, and interactive activities. Programming is largely free, hosted in accessible venues, and supported by community participation and sponsorship to ensure broad engagement and impact.		
	City of Fernie	\$6,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
		\$16,000.00

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Fernie and District Arts Council		
Public Art: Out of the Box		
Out of the Box is a week-long community public art initiative taking place in August, culminating in a public celebration at the final Wednesday Social of the season. The project activates public space through live art-making, hands-on learning, and community participation, making the creative process visible and accessible. The project includes: Live Painting Local artists will create artwork in real time in public spaces, inviting conversation and interaction while sharing their creative process. This provides the community with direct access to working artists and increases visibility and appreciation of public art practices. Community Workshops A series of hands-on workshops will offer residents of all ages opportunities to explore public art techniques, contribute to collaborative pieces, and learn from experienced artists. These sessions are designed to lower barriers to participation and encourage creative confidence. Celebration Event The week culminates at the Wednesday Social with a public showcase of completed artworks alongside the annual Banner Project. This celebration will include additional art activities and opportunities for community engagement, highlighting the role of creativity in building connection, identity, and pride in place.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,800.00

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Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC		
Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Programs 2026-27		
The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for outreach and educational programs based out of The Kootenay Trout Hatchery and associated Visitor Centre and Community Fishing Pond (KTH) in Electoral Area C, as well as surrounding communities and school groups from communities such as Cranbrook, Kimberley, Jaffray, Fernie, Elkford, Sparwood, and Invermere. The Kootenay Trout Hatchery is a tremendously valuable resource for the public; particularly residents as well as visitors to the area with nearly 15,000 visitors and over 7,000 Outreach Program participants annually. Programs offered include Learn to Fish; a program designed to introduce participants to sustainable recreational fishing practices as well as Environmental Stewardship Programs, Sturgeon Conservation Educational Programs and Hatchery Tours. Seasonal Outreach Instructors (primarily university students) will be hired, and trained on program delivery. These Instructors will deliver the programs, tours, as well as engage with drop-in visitors at the facility.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$14,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$47,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
		\$70,000.00

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Fun Field Festival Foundation

Fun Field Festival - Kids Program/Marquee

Fun Field Festival 2026 is a three-day, camping-based music, arts, and wellness festival in Wardner, BC.

This year FFFF is expanding the free kids program with sand sculpture, face painting, instrument-making, interactive crafts, games, pony rides, and forest education. Expert and established children's activities and arts facilitators from Fernie and Cranbrook will deliver programming. Activities within the festival are free. Festival tickets are free for kids under 10, with reduced youth/senior/parent pricing.

The festival overall features 15+ multi-genre musical acts, highlighting emerging and established Canadian artists. A highlight is the Friday "Battle of the local Jam Bands," where local regional bands compete.

Family games include scavenger hunts, giant Twister, and frisbee games. Arts offerings include an interactive paint-by-numbers mural, live portrait painting, and a guided group painting session. Wellness options include yoga, ecstatic dance, breathwork, and Qi Gong.

The ReDi grant funding project would fund a large commercial marquee for shade, shelter, and possible stage use, and fund two facilitator groups and supplies, recognizing the value of children's facilitators in the East Kootenays.

Investing in reusable infrastructure and by transitioning from the volunteer facilitator model in 2025 FFF can ensure fair payment of valuable facilitators. An attractive kids program drives ticket sales, increasing festival numbers and helps to bring financial stability for FFF 2027 without ongoing reliance on grant funding.

City of Cranbrook	\$800.00
City of Fernie	\$800.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	\$4,600.00

Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation

The Ghostrider Adventure Camp

The Foundation aims to raise funds to cover the cost of a one week residential summer camp for 36 "at risk" children of the Elk Valley where they will be able to get the chance to experience activities including canoeing, rafting, teambuilding, arts & crafts at Rock lake Camp in Elko, BC. We also provide a one week leadership training program where we offer 6 teens of the valley the opportunity to join our counsellor in training program, where they get to work alongside trained camp counsellors. The project is designed to support "at risk" kids and help develop their confidence, self reliance and team building skills. We hope to raise \$31,500 to cover the cost of 36 campers and 6 teens for the leadership training.

City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$7,500.00

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
Localpalooza		
Kimberley Localpalooza is a vibrant, two-day community festival celebrating local music, arts, and business while creating a family-friendly downtown experience. Now entering its second year, the festival will take place July 25-26 and showcase ten local musicians performing 45-minute sets over two days on the new outdoor stage adjacent to Centre 64—a state-of-the-art performance space developed with the support of the City of Kimberley and Columbia Basin Trust. This event activates the stage as a hub for accessible, high-quality outdoor arts and entertainment. Beyond live music, Localpalooza will feature a chili cook-off with local restaurants, a craft beer garden highlighting regional breweries, an artisan and vendor market, sidewalk sales with downtown businesses, and children's arts and crafts activities. These components combine to create an inclusive, engaging, and celebratory atmosphere that strengthens community connections, supports local creatives, and stimulates economic activity in Kimberley's downtown core. By blending performance, culinary, craft, and family-focused experiences, Localpalooza not only entertains but also fosters a sense of belonging and pride, ensuring Kimberley residents and visitors alike can enjoy and participate in a vibrant cultural event that highlights local talent and creativity.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,600.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
		<u>\$9,600.00</u>

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

WERX@C64

WERX@C64 is Centre 64's visual arts programming, delivered through three dedicated studio spaces designed for hands-on creative learning. Launched in Fall 2025, WERX@C64 offers a range of accessible artistic experiences, including short-term and weekend workshops, as well as multi-week classes taught by local artists, artisans, and creative practitioners from across the region.

The project increases creative opportunities for residents in Kimberley and surrounding rural communities by providing high-quality, affordable instruction across a variety of artistic disciplines and skill levels. Early response to the program has been strong, with participants engaging from across the region and demonstrating a clear appetite for ongoing, community-based creative learning.

Funding will support the continued delivery and growth of WERX@C64 by covering workshop supplies and targeted advertising. Providing materials for each workshop reduces barriers to participation, particularly in remote, rural contexts where sourcing specialized art supplies can be difficult and costly. This approach ensures workshops remain inclusive, welcoming, and financially accessible to a broad range of participants.

Advertising support will enable Centre 64 to reach new audiences, increase enrollment, and maximize attendance, ensuring workshops are well attended and sustainable. Together, these supports will strengthen Centre 64's capacity to deliver consistent, high-quality programming, support local creatives, and foster community connection through shared creative experiences.

City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$3,500.00
District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
	\$21,000.00

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Kootenay Columbia Air Search and Rescue Society		
Sponsoring: Southeast Drone Search and Rescue Team		
Search and Rescue Gear Acquisition and Response Level Training		
This project will provide our team with the necessary equipment for ensuring that we can see all targets clearly as they are spotted by the drone. The Spotter will have a larger visual plane to be able to see small objects and discern between bystanders and actual search targets. This will decrease the amount of time that it takes to search a given area. An important part of our response is the ability to search in the dark using thermal cameras. We have recognized the need to light up our search command post for the safety of the people working the area, along with a well lit area to land in. The jackets we intend to purchase will allow us to identify ourselves amongst other search teams during a search, as well as during the process of analyzing search photos and videos. Because we also train and respond to tasks with GSAR groups we have the need to be able to accompany them into the back country during all seasons without causing them any extra effort or stress. AST1 training would allow us to accompany them into avalanche zones, and Remote First aid would give our team a level of first aid that would be relevant to remote responses.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,325.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,200.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,324.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,200.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,200.00
		<u>\$11,849.00</u>

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Kootenay Outdoors Recreation Enterprise (KORE Outdoors)

ReHUB Mobile Repair Tour 2026

The 2026 ReHub Mobile Repair Tour will deliver measurable environmental and community impact across the East and West Kootenay, offering outdoor gear repair, sustainability programming, and workforce skill development. ReHub is KORE Outdoors's circular gear initiative focused on repair, reuse, and redesign of outdoor gear to sustain product life and divert materials from local landfills.

We're helping communities and the outdoor gear industry shifts away from single use thinking by keeping products in use longer. Through repair clinics, upcycling workshops, community gear swaps, and collaborations with designers, ReHUB helps reduce waste and create and extend new value from old outdoor gear.

The 2026 tour will travel to 12 communities in the Kootenay and Columbia Regions June 2026 September 2026. Each one day event will feature a seven-person ReHub Repair Crew (one Tour Manager, three Repair Technicians, one Intake Coordinator, and one DIY Educator, one driver) delivering repairs, demonstrations, and community workshops supported by local organizations and businesses.

The ReHub Tour is a collaborative project with College of the Rockies (COTR) who are providing the Mobile Education Lounge (MEL) truck and trailer and driver.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
District of Elkford	\$2,500.00
District of Invermere	\$2,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,500.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch

East Kootenay Family Support Project

Our project will ensure that East Kootenay families can attend essential medical appointments, regardless of their financial circumstances. In addition to easing travel costs, we offer emotional support and referrals to other organizations that can provide additional assistance.

Friends of Children helps cover expenses such as fuel, accommodations, parking, and meals, and works closely with partner agencies to connect families with additional resources and information. Together, this support ensures families are not alone when they must travel to access vital medical care for their child

City of Cranbrook	\$18,000.00
City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

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Reel Canadian Film Society		
Reel Canadian Film Festival		
This volunteer-run event is dedicated to the talent, skill, and diversity of Canadian Filmmakers. RCFF, in collaboration with a number of private and public partners, showcases Canadian film from a number of genres including drama, comedy, documentary, and animation. Over one weekend in January, RCFF showcases five feature films, film maker interviews, short films from emerging Kootenay filmmakers, and an opening and closing reception		
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$600.00
		<u>\$1,600.00</u>
Rocky Mountain Village Auxiliary Society (RMVAS)		
Celebrating Special Occasions for the Elk Valley and South Country Senior's		
The project is to intentionally celebrate and bring the joy to all residents on every holiday we can. RMVAS and community members will work together to get this done.		
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	District of Elkford	\$250.00
	District of Sparwood	\$250.00
	Electoral Area A	\$400.00
	Electoral Area B	\$400.00
		<u>\$1,800.00</u>

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Senior Citizens Club of Fernie & District		
Fernie Seniors Centre Seating Replacement		
The Fernie Seniors Drop-In Centre is a heavily utilized facility with 48 hours of weekly programming in addition to numerous monthly private rentals. To continue to ensure the provision of a comfortable, well maintained, and safe community facility we are in need of the replacement of the 140 chairs. The existing chairs are commercial grade, metal framed, with black vinyl seats and back. We intend to purchase the same or similar chairs but the existing ones are now 14 years old and are showing their age with tears in the fabric, etc. This will be achieved through the sourcing, ordering, and installation of 140 new chairs for the Seniors Drop-In Centre.		
	City of Fernie	\$5,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$8,500.00</u>
South Country Ag. & More Youth Association		
Learning, Safely Grooming and Celebrating Achievements		
Our Food Safe Course is a Interior Health requirement so we can safely prepare and serve the many meals we cater for our community service work. One of our leaders is an adudicator for this course as well so she will be organizing the course. Grooming equipment for beef and sheep projects will entail racks to keep the animal contained while clipping and washing as well as clippers and blowers. The year end celebration for members will be a meal for all of our members, families and community supporters (we would love to have you all come :)) held at the Grasmere Hall in June as a wind up to our year. Members are celebrated individually for their success throughout the year.		
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$6,000.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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Southeast Kootenay School District No. 5		
Sponsoring: Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Initiative		
Outdoor Classroom Kits for Schools RDEK		
Southeast Kootenay School District 5 and Rocky Mountain School District 6 have collaborated with other local school districts for the past 10 years to offer the Take Me Outside for Learning School Year Challenge. This challenge encourages teachers to sign up to commit to taking their learning outside regularly throughout the school year. The goal of this is to deepen academic outcomes while also supporting better mental and physical health. In exchange, we endeavor to provide resources and support to help them do so effectively. In past years, with your support, we offered classrooms that signed up for this challenge a customizable outdoor learning classroom kit (\$500 value) to support them in undertaking this challenge, and this was met with a huge amount of appreciation! We've attached some of the feedback received. However, we were not able to offer this support to a portion of the classes that signed up. As a result, we would like to request your support in being able to provide access to these resources for more classes in the RDEK. We have requested a total of \$6,000 from you through this program, which in addition to support from other funders.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$400.00
	District of Sparwood	\$400.00
	Electoral Area A	\$300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$300.00
	Electoral Area E	\$300.00
		\$11,000.00

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The Fernie Nordic Society		
Cedar Loop Trail Safety & Stability Project		
This project will improve the safety and reliability of the Cedar Loop cross-country ski trail by addressing long-standing water run-off issues. During warm periods, poor drainage causes water to pool and freeze, creating hazardous ice patches and accelerating snow loss. By upgrading the ditching and grading along the loop, we will significantly reduce these risks and extend the usable ski season for the community. The work will be completed through a one-time investment in professional trail remediation. A contractor equipped with a bobcat/excavator will carry out the heavy ditching and grading required to properly manage run-off. This will be supported by our trained maintenance volunteers, who will assist on site and take on long-term upkeep of the improved drainage system. Led by the Director of Operations and Infrastructure for the Fernie Nordic Society, this project will deliver a safer, more stable, and more predictable trail surface for all users. By preventing ice formation and preserving snowpack, the Cedar Loop will remain a dependable recreational asset throughout the winter season, reducing injury risk and strengthening community access to healthy outdoor activity.		
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Uplift Community Support Association		
2026/27 Individualized Support Services		
UPLIFT provides individualized, one-on-one support for each client and their family, guided by the client's unique goals. Support may include building skills such as self-awareness, self-esteem, self-regulation, social, academic, and communication skills. We focus on fostering growth that aligns with each client's values while promoting overall wellness. This program supports youth ages 3-19 throughout the Elk Valley. Many of our clients have disabilities, developmental delays, or would otherwise benefit from additional support. Our staff work with youth using play-based therapeutic models that prioritize connection, self-discovery, and the development of intrinsic motivation for long-term personal growth. Some clients also access support in a group setting. UPLIFT organizes small groups led by youth support facilitators that encourage peer connection and naturally support skill development through play and organic interaction.		
	City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$225.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
		<u>\$2,225.00</u>

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Wildsight Elk Valley Branch		
Little Sprouts		
The Little Sprouts program is a garden-based, science-focused, parent & tot outdoor program. This program operates once a week in July and August at the Community EcoGarden in Fernie, British Columbia. It has been developed for children (ages 0 through 6) and their caregivers. The program offers scheduled social activities for parents and children at a time of year where most regular programs do not operate. The program provides weekly nature-themed garden activities, a walk-along garden book and outdoor play opportunities including a sandbox, water table, picnic tables, gardening activities, shaded area, fun and playhouse. The FREE program is brought to life weekly by a facilitator who leads the program and supports children and their caregivers in engaging with the activities. The Little Sprouts program has operated at the Community EcoGarden in Fernie since 2008.		
	City of Fernie	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area A	\$800.00
		\$3,200.00
	Total Funding Requested:	\$204,509.00