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1st Kimberley Scouts, Scouts Canada

Camp Stone Safety Modernization Project

The 1st Kimberley Scouts is undertaking a one-time safety modernization project to align Camp Stone and key program equipment with current safety standards and best practices for youth outdoor programming. Camp Stone is a community-serving facility that supports youth development, outdoor education, and volunteer-led recreation for families across Kimberley and the wider RDEK region.

This project will fund a professional third-party safety inspection of the facility and equipment inventory, followed by targeted upgrades to address identified safety gaps. Improvements will include replacement of outdated or non-compliant gear, modernization of safety-critical systems, and implementation of standardized safety documentation and procedures that support safe participation in community programming.

The purpose of this project is to proactively reduce risk, improve emergency preparedness, and ensure the facility meets contemporary expectations for organizations serving youth and the public. This is a time-limited capital improvement initiative (not an operational expense) and represents a strategic investment in public safety and long-term community infrastructure.

City of Cranbrook	$3,600.00
City of Kimberley	$6,000.00
District of Invermere	$2,500.00
Electoral Area C	$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,500.00
Electoral Area F	$1,100.00
Electoral Area G	$1,100.00
Village of Canal Flats	$900.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$900.00
	$20,600.00

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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
	$15,000.00

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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
	$10,000.00

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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
	$17,695.00

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Community Connections Society of Southeast BC

Community Connections Early Years Programs Shed

Family Fun Night is a free, weekly, drop-in program held at Centennial Hall that supports families with young children through play-based, relationship-focused experiences. Designed for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers, the program offers a welcoming, low-barrier space where families can connect with one another, strengthen caregiver-child relationships, and build confidence in their child's development through movement, creative play, and shared activities.

Centennial Hall provides one of the few large, accessible indoor spaces in Kimberley suitable for this type of community programming, particularly during winter months when outdoor options are limited. Weekly hall rental costs, however, represent a significant ongoing expense and create a barrier to the program's long-term sustainability.

ReDi funding would be used to help offset rental costs for Centennial Hall, ensuring Family Fun Night can continue to be offered consistently and at no cost to families. Funding would also support improved on-site storage for program materials. Currently, supplies are stored under the stage, which is functional but not ideal. A small, dedicated storage solution would improve safety, organization, and efficiency, and support a more sustainable long-term partnership with Centennial Hall.

By investing in accessible space and infrastructure, this project strengthens community connection, supports early childhood development, and helps ensure families continue to have a reliable, inclusive place to gather and play.

	City of Kimberley	$6,600.00

Community Connections Society of Southeast BC
Sponsoring: I Feel It Too - Pregnancy & Infant Loss and Fertility Issues Peer Support Group

I Feel It Too: Peer Support

Peer Support is designed to bridge the gap for families who endure miscarriage/late pregnancy and infant loss. We run meetings once a month in Marysville. They're informal and are designed to give anyone who has experienced a loss a place to gather and feel support from others in the community. We have also designed cards (The Little Bear Project) with information about our pregnancy + infant loss and fertility issues peer support group on one side and on the other side is a resin bear along with a short message about the bear being donated in memory of another baby taken too soon. In January 2026 the Encompass Pregnancy Care Clinic, EKRH Maternity ward and Kimberley Medical Clinic began stocking and providing these cards to patients who experienced a loss. This allows patients to go home with the information for a local support resource, remind them they are not alone in this experience and for health providers to send their patients home with something when they would otherwise go home with nothing. The aim for the project is to continue to provide monthly peer support group meetings and provide adequate amounts of cards to the facilities we are already connected with but also expand to other facilities and groups such as the Emergency Department at the EKRH.

	City of Kimberley	$2,700.00

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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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Cranbrook Lacrosse Association

Women's Lacrosse and Community Expansion Equipment

The Cranbrook Lacrosse Association (CLA) is a family-focused, community-driven non-profit youth sport organization that has served the Cranbrook community for over a decade. Our mission is to introduce and grow the sport of lacrosse in an accessible and inclusive way. To support affordability, the CLA has not increased program fees for the past three years.
Participation in lacrosse is growing rapidly across Canada, and the CLA has seen increased demand locally for program development: expanding programming to Kimberley and introducing female lacrosse teams. The CLA has the facilities, coaches, and community interest required to launch these programs, however, additional equipment is needed to make them successful long term.
This project is focused on the purchase of lacrosse equipment to support new Kimberley and women's teams, allowing the CLA to expand access to the sport across the region, increase equity for female players, and keep participation affordable for local families.

City of Cranbrook	$20,000.00
City of Kimberley	$10,000.00
Electoral Area C	$7,500.00
Electoral Area E	$5,500.00
	$43,000.00

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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 Climbing Association		
Climbing Safety and Maintenance Fund Climbing is an inherently dangerous. The East Kootenay Climbing Association exists to ensure the safety of rock climbers around the East Kootenays. Bolts, hangers, and other safety gear need to be consistently monitored and replaced. Many take the safety of climbing equipment for granted, but that is because climbing associations like ours actively monitors crags, and updates gear as needed, when budget allows for it. This application is to replenish our material supplies, replace wearing equipment, develop new routes, and purchase additional tools that will allow us to more actively ensure the safety of regional crags. The EKCA is a volunteer team that spends their summers repairing routes. We also allow individuals from outside of the volunteer board to submit applications to access our materials and use our equipment after they have been vetted. By expanding our supplies and equipment, we increase our capacity to build and repair an ever greater amount of the local climbing routes.		
	City of Kimberley	$5,417.00

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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
	$21,750.00

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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 Regional Search and Rescue Society

Starlink Mini ROAM Units

This project will improve Kimberley Search and Rescue's communication reliability by supplementing, and potentially replacing, our satellite phones with a Starlink Mini internet system. Satellite phones come with high fees and offer limited data, while Starlink provides a dependable, high-speed connection directly in the field. With Starlink, our teams can use Wi-Fi and app-based calling for voice communication and share real-time messages, photos, GPS locations, and other critical information between SAR Command and field crews. This improved connectivity will reduce delays, support faster decision-making, increase situational awareness, and strengthen the overall safety and effectiveness of our operations. We plan to install Starlink Mini kits in each of our six response vehicles:

Initial Response Vehicle - transports first responders, first aid equipment, and a stretcher.

Support Vehicle 1 - carries additional team members as required.

Support Vehicle 2 - provides further personnel support depending on response size.

Boat/Snowmobile Vehicle - carries inflatable boats in summer and two snowmobiles in winter.

Technical Rescue Vehicle - Swiftwater and ice rescue equipment and tows larger trailers with a jet boat or multiple snowmobiles and a rescue toboggan.

Command Unit - serves as the on-scene command and coordination centre.

Equipping each vehicle with reliable field internet will ensure consistent, high-quality communication across our response area, improving safety for both the public and our volunteers.

City of Kimberley	$2,000.50
Electoral Area C	$2,000.50
Electoral Area E	$2,000.50
Electoral Area F	$2,000.50
	$8,002.00

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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 Ê”aqì“am (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 Ê”aqì“am 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
	$11,500.00

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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

Elks Lodge 90 - Kimberley BC

Facility Repairs; Floor & Ceiling

Repair floor and ceiling to increase longevity of the old building in the areas that we do most of our fund raising events. This area is a major revenue generator of funds that is also directed to our donation account. We also host celebration of life events, and provide facilities for other nonprofits to hold their events such as Military Ames, Remembrance day, Hockey fundraising and the Community Band and the Kimberley Pipe band.

City of Kimberley	$8,500.00

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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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Key City Theatre Society

EdFest 2026

ED Fest 2026 is the fourth annual edition of Cranbrook's free, outdoor, multi-day arts festival, presented in Rotary Park and Downtown Cranbrook.

The 2026 edition marks the 100th anniversary of Cranbrook's Great Elephant Escape of 1926, a defining moment in the community's local folklore and identity.

Building on three successful years of delivery, ED Fest 2026 will present a curated mix of:
- Live music and performance
- Visual arts and public art installations
- Lantern Parade
- Circus arts
- Storytelling and historical interpretation
- Youth and family creative zones
- Indigenous and intercultural programming
- Artisan market and food vendors

The festival will use the anniversary as a creative lens, inviting artists and the public to explore themes of escape, belonging, movement, and imagination through accessible and participatory arts experiences.

New in 2026:
- A 100th anniversary Ed the Elephant procession featuring a large-scale puppet and community-built elements
- A commissioned site-specific performance inspired by the escape
- Expanded youth arts programming
- Increased participation from regional artists across the Kootenays

ED Fest continues to grow as a cornerstone cultural event for Cranbrook, strengthening local cultural identity while supporting shoulder-season tourism, downtown animation, and paid opportunities for artists.

City of Cranbrook	$11,907.00
City of Kimberley	$750.00
Electoral Area C	$4,250.00
	$16,907.00

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Kimberley & District Chamber of Commerce

Clock Talk - A Business Summit & Expo

We are proposing to host our 2nd Annual Clock Talk - A Business Summit & Expo, designed to strengthen economic resilience, build local collaboration, and support business growth across our region. The Summit will bring together entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized businesses, economic development professionals, local governments, and Indigenous and community partners for a full-day (possibly multi-day) event focused on resources and tools, shared learning, and regional connection.

The event will feature keynote speakers, facilitated workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities centered on themes such as workforce development, business retention and expansion, innovation, tourism, sustainability, and regional collaboration.

City of Kimberley	$6,000.00

Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Kimberley Arts Festival (KAF)

The Kimberley Arts Festival (KAF) is a four-day, multidisciplinary arts celebration taking place from Wednesday, September 23 to Saturday, September 26, 2026. A celebration of all the creative things our community has to offer, KAF brings local and regional artists together for engaging, accessible, imaginative experiences. From visual to performing arts, to music and wellness-focused creativity, KAF is an opportunity to share the innovative arts of our region. To appeal to as broad an audience as possible, KAF programming includes hands-on workshops, musical and theatrical performances and free family events.
Throughout the week, this curated schedule will provide opportunities for artistic exploration. Visual arts workshops at Centre 64 include drawing, painting, collage, and Reiki symbols. Volunteers will provide free arts and crafts activities for families and children, and the outdoor stage will host live music and theatrical performances. Closing out the festival will be an indigenous magician.
Through a combination of paid and free programming, KAF aims to provide multiple entry points for engagement. This festival will increase access to the arts in our region, provide opportunities for our local artists and creatives, and create a vibrant cultural gathering to strengthen our community engagement.

City of Kimberley	$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	$350.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
	$2,350.00

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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
	$9,600.00

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Theatre@C64 Fall Season

Theatre@C64 is a community theatre program developed by Centre 64 in collaboration with local artists and volunteers. The project will provide accessible, inclusive opportunities for youth and adults in Kimberley and the surrounding area to participate in all aspects of live theatre, both onstage and behind the scenes.
Building on the success of a pantomime Puss in Boots for the holidays, Theatre@C64 will conduct mainstage performances in Fall 2026 season. Supported by monthly drop-in improv nights and exploratory workshops, participants will have opportunities to engage in acting, directing, playwriting, costume and set design, stage management, and technical theatre. Programming will be open to a range of experience levels, from first-time participants to experienced performers, with an emphasis on skill development, mentorship, and collaborative creation.
Theatre@C64 productions will take form through a combination of facilitated rehearsals, workshops led by local theatre professionals, and volunteer support. Centre 64 will provide rehearsal and performance space, administrative coordination, and promotional support. Productions will culminate in public performances, strengthening Kimberley's cultural offerings while creating welcoming entry points into the performing arts.
Theatre@C64 aims to build community connection, foster creative confidence, and support diverse storytelling in Kimberley. By lowering barriers to participation and offering consistent programming, the project will help grow a sustainable local theatre culture and expand access to live performance in a rural setting.

City of Cranbrook	$1,000.00
City of Kimberley	$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	$495.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
	$4,995.00

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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

Kimberley BC Senior Association

Line Dancing and Chair Yoga Classes

Qualified instructors will teach line dancing and chair yoga geared to seniors. The goal is to fulfill the mandate of our society which is to provide social activities with a physical component. The project will be achieved by our ability to hire a qualified yoga instructor and a qualified dancing instructor, and most important to secure this grant.

City of Kimberley	$3,300.00

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Kimberley Basketball Foundation		
Kimberley Jr NBA 2026 The Kimberley Basketball Foundation will run a12 session basketball development program for youth 7-12 years old. It will be delivered at an all-in cost of $99 per participant with waivers available for families that find the fee prohibitive. Each participant will receive a jersey, basketball and hat. This is delivered through a group of trained and screened volunteers comprised of parents, community members and high school students.	City of Kimberley	$3,700.00
Kimberley Disabled Skiers Association		
Alpine Skiing Gate Panels and Bibs Our current gate panels no longer meet the safety homologation requirements of FIS for the levels of racing we conduct annually. The current equipment was purchased with the legacy grant from the 2010 Olympics. Gate panels for alpine ski racing are specialized equipment and only FIS homologated equipment is allowed to be used FIS and all levels of ski racing. We have a timeline of end of 2026 to replace the gate panels. The athlete numbered bibs we are currently using were well used when we inherited them from BC Alpine who ceased to continue with the featured sponsor. Some events we run do provide race kits with bibs but many of our races and training camps require us to provide bibs. We have a sponsor interested in co-funding the project to purchase new bibs and this equipment can easily be printed to feature a sponsor on the bib. The longevity of both pieces of equipment is approx. 10 years.	City of Kimberley	$7,000.00
Kimberley District Heritage Society		
Phase II - Kimberley Interpretive Heritage Panel Project Using the KDHS's Footsteps Through the Past Walking Tour Booklet as a foundation, this project will bring Kimberley's heritage to life in an engaging and meaningful way. The project will see the development and installation of a series of interpretive heritage panels to showcase significant locations, building and events in Kimberley. The panels will make local history accessible to community and visitors, build pride in these special places and events, strengthen community identity and honour the stories that have shaped Kimberley and area. Phase I of the project which launched in early 2025 has seen the development of 6 initial interpretive panels. Goals reached to date include receiving project endorsement from key partners including the City of Kimberley, Tourism Kimberley, The Columbian Basin Institute and the Kimberley Chamber of Commerce; fundraising through grants (RDEK -ReDi, Teck, Kimberley and District Community Foundation, Kootenay Savings), events and donations in excess of $12,000 and, the initial design of panels and their locations. Phase II envisions another 4 panels being developed and installed along with the updating and reprinting of the Footsteps Through the Past Walking Tour Booklet, creation of a website and a social media presence to support the Interpretive Panel Project.	City of Kimberley	$6,500.00

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Kimberley Edible Garden & Greenhouse society

Community Garden Fencing

Fencing for the existing garden area has proven to NOT be deer proof. If our expansion request is approved by the City we will re-fence the existing space plus the new space to ensure proper deer-proofing and make the entire area consistent in appearance. Old fencing materials will be re-used within the garden for vertical trellising etc. Existing irrigation system will be expanded with additional driplines in the new planting area.

City of Kimberley $15,787.00

Kimberley Nature Park Society

KNPS Share the Trails Initiative

This project will develop and implement a coordinated signage and education initiative in Kimberley Nature Park to reduce user conflict, improve trail etiquette, and reinforce shared recreational and conservation values. The park supports diverse year-round users, including hikers, mountain bikers, dog walkers, conservation-minded visitors, and winter users such as skiers and fat bikers. Growing tensions and misconceptions about park management have led to social conflict and behaviours that can compromise user safety and ecological integrity.

The project will introduce clear, welcoming signage that communicates shared-use principles, seasonal trail etiquette, wildlife sensitivity, and low-impact recreation practices. Interpretive signage will also explain the park's multi-use mandate and conservation values, helping counter perceptions that the park is managed primarily for a single activity. Complementary educational content (e.g., web resources, social media) will extend these messages beyond the trailhead.

The park's complex trail network can be difficult to navigate without a smartphone or map-reading skills, creating barriers for some users and newcomers. We have identified 42 trail intersections with two or more routes that would benefit from new signage, as well as interesting locations for interpretive signage such as viewpoints and notable wildlife habitats.

The project will be delivered through co-design with key user groups, strategic placement at high-use and conflict-prone locations, visually engaging messaging, and ongoing feedback to support refinement over time.

City of Kimberley $10,000.00

Kimberley Nordic Club

Welcome Centre Rental Fleet Enhancement

The Kimberley Nordic Club (KNC) has grown exponentially over the last 15 years from 379 members and 1,479 day users in 2010 to 1,915 members and 7,500 day users in 2025. The club just built and opened a new Welcome Centre to better serve this growth. The Welcome Centre also functions as an equipment rental shop, where we provide cross country ski rentals to visitors so that they can enjoy our trails. Although we expanded and updated our rental shop, we have not been able to expand our rental fleet due to budget limitations. Currently, the Welcome Centre rental fleet cannot support the demand for rentals we experience. The quantity of gear that is offered does not align with the capacity of the new space. We would like to enhance our rental fleet to meet the demand so that we can ensure that everyone who wishes to ski our trails can do so with the proper gear.

City of Kimberley $9,769.00

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Kimberley Pride Society

Kimberley Pridefest 2026

Our Pridefest 2026 will include a 19+ drag show event in June and a family friendly outdoor event in September. We are splitting Pridefest into two parts for 2026 to help improve our visibility over the year and reduce volunteer fatigue.

Our goal is to build on the success we had for our 2025 Pridefest, providing similar and new programming, with improved amenities and collaboration with local businesses. Kimberley Pridefest 2026 will have a positive impact by providing 1) safe spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ community members to be who they are, 2) opportunity for local businesses and organizations to participate and engage with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and showcase their allyship, 3) connection between businesses and organizations to foster community collaboration and encourage alliances, 4) awareness and inclusivity of the 2SLGBTQIA+ to the residents and visitors, and 5) economic benefit for businesses and organizations of Kimberley and area.

Our objectives for the event are:
-Provide programming for all ages and encourage community gathering together,
-Bring awareness and inclusivity of the 2SLGBTQIA+ to the broader community and encourage alliances,
-Collaborate with and support local businesses and organizations,
-Celebrate the diversity represented by the community of Kimberley, and
-Fun for over 500 residents and visitors of all ages!

City of Kimberley	$4,000.00
Electoral Area C	$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,050.00
	$6,050.00

Kimberley Seahorse Swim Association

KSSC Equipment Enhancement Project Phase 2

The continuation of the Kimberley Seahorse Swim Club Equipment Enrichment Project is an undertaking of purchasing and upgrading athlete training equipment for our growing club. These items will be implemented into the KSSC athlete development program. This equipment will help challenge our athletes physically and keep their training sessions mentally stimulating and engaging. Our enrolment numbers are growing along with our competitive placings. With this success, our athletic equipment requirements are also growing. This expands on our 2025 ReDi Grant. We still have needs such as agility paddles, fins, chutes and tethers. However, we have urgent equipment needs and upgrades that take precedence. Swimming's biggest hurdle is coach communication. We've all sat on the bottom of a pool listening to the garbled sounds from above. Imagine trying to execute an advanced stroke as your coach makes you stop to make corrections. This communication gap causes innumerable hurdles. A portable, underwater speaker system is our loftiest goal. We also have one starting block that needs to be replaced as it nears the end of its lifespan. As a youth club, safety is paramount and this can't be ignored. Additionally, as we expand our training gear so do our storage needs. A new storage locker would streamline our equipment organization and accessibility for our athletes.

City of Kimberley	$8,500.00
Electoral Area C	$2,500.00
Electoral Area E	$2,640.00
	$13,640.00

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Kimberley Trails Society
Sponsoring: Vahana Nature Rehabilitation

Lois Creek Invasive Plant Control/Education

Lois Creek Trails - Invasive Plant Control and Education

1. Perform invasive plant control on the Powerline Trail in the Lois Creek Trail system where Powerline Trail descends into Florence's Gully and the Lois Creek Watershed. The invasive plants were brought in by logging equipment many years ago and we are working to prevent the spread of the invasive plants into the watershed and further into the Lois Creek hiking trails. We perform non-chemical invasive plant control with target goat grazing and hand pulling. Approximate treatment dates: July 20th, August 15th, Sept. 4th, 2026 (depending on plant re-growth.)

2. Host: "Goats Eat Weeds - Invasive Plant Goat Trek & Weed Pull". It will be hosted by Friends of Lois Creek, Vahana Nature Rehabilitation and the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council. It will be held when the local schools are back in session and when the weeds are trying to go back into flower after they have been treated twice during the summer. We will coordinate with local classes to participate and advertise to the public for this fun event. This will educate about invasive plants in the Lois Creek trail system.

	City of Kimberley	$4,000.00

Kimberley Trails Society
Sponsoring: Friends of Lois Creek

Power Plateau Trail Extension

This project in Lois Creek will create a 600-metre trail extension contouring from the Powerline Trail up the Legion Ridge hillside to a hub where several trails converge -Totem, Tighty Whitey, Blake's Single Track and Legion Ridge Trail. With a significantly lower grade than any existing access route, the new trail will provide more suitable access to the top of the escarpment for younger and older populations. It is a core component of a broader initiative by the Friends of Lois Creek and Kimberley Trails Society to establish a 5-km stroller-grade loop that will improve accessibility for a wider range of users including young children and people with impaired mobility. It will be a more inclusive, sustainable and desirable connection into this part of Lois Creek Trails. Sustainable trail design is the intended goal, and users will also enjoy views of the ski hill and other natural features. The new trail will help mitigate the impact of logging and wildfire risk reduction work planned for winter 2026-27 that is anticipated to affect this part of the trail network. The trail is located on City of Kimberley land and will be built by Kimberley Trails Society through its partnership agreement with the city. When completed, the trail will be collaboratively managed by KTS and the Friends of Lois Creek.

	City of Kimberley	$7,700.00

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Kimberley Trails Society

Purple People Pleaser Trail Redesign and Refurbish

The project will refurbish, redesign, and partially reroute the Purple People Pleaser (PPP) mountain bike trail on Bootleg Mountain in Kimberley, BC. PPP is one of the most heavily used intermediate trails in the network and serves as a critical progression step for riders advancing from beginner-friendly trails such as NIMBY and Spicy Kitty.

The Bootleg Mountain trail network is the primary shuttle and pedal access downhill area in the region offering a dedicated and managed recreation site through a partnership agreement with Rec Sites and Trails BC. Bootleg Mountain sees significant ridership from surrounding communities and tourists between May and October.

The project will extend the trail from 1.45km to approximately 2.3km, reduce the overall trail grade by 4%, and introduce purpose-built speed-control features such as berms, grade reversals, rollers, and technical trail features. Approximately 700 m of degraded trail will be reclaimed, 700m of existing trail will be retained, and new trail segments will be constructed to create a more sustainable alignment.

This work will be achieved through professional trail design, selective machine-assisted construction using narrow equipment, and volunteer and contractor support coordinated by the Kimberley Trails Society (KTS). The final trail will be narrower than the existing alignment to promote controlled speeds, reduce maintenance needs, improve long-term durability and user experience.

City of Cranbrook	$10,000.00
City of Kimberley	$15,000.00
Electoral Area E	$5,000.00
	$30,000.00

Kimberley Wellness Foundation

New Kitchen Integration

The project will complete the integration of a newly constructed onsite commercial kitchen into our existing food recovery operation, enabling a significant expansion of high-volume meal production and upgraded safety standards. While the infrastructure for the kitchen is now in place, additional organizational capacity and skilled labor are required to fully activate and operate this new facility without disrupting current food recovery activities.

We will add critical shelving in two key areas: the dishwashing area, to safely air-dry and store the increased volume of commercial kitchen equipment while preserving space needed for food recovery operations; and the kitchen pantry, equipment, and packaging areas, to improve organization, efficiency, and food safety. These upgrades will allow the kitchen and food recovery programs to function simultaneously and at greater scale.

The project will also fund contracted professional cook hours essential to launching this new phase of operations. These hours will be used to activate the commercial kitchen, ensuring compliance with food safety and regulatory requirements associated with commercial kitchen operations; train existing staff and volunteers on specialized equipment and develop scaled-up recipes suited to larger volumes of recovered food. Together, these investments will transform surplus food into nutritious meals at scale and maximize the impact of our food recovery efforts.

City of Kimberley	$4,895.00

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Kimberley Wellness Foundation

S.W.I.M Seniors Wellness in Motion

The S.W.I.M (Seniors Wellness in Motion) program offers specialized, low-impact aquatic exercise sessions tailored for seniors facing mobility challenges. Held weekly at the Kimberley Aquatic Centre's Leisure Pool, our sessions improve flexibility, strength, and balance in a safe and supportive environment. Beyond physical benefits, S.W.I.M fosters a sense of community through social interaction and post-exercise coffee gatherings. S.W.I.M also offers a much-needed break for caregivers of local seniors with mobility and health challenges. The program allows caregivers to take time for themselves while seniors participate in the program.

City of Kimberley	$7,150.00
Electoral Area E	$500.00
	$7,650.00

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 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
	$11,849.00

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Kootenay East Soccer Association

KESA Building Community Through Soccer

The Kootenay East Soccer Association (KESA) is proud to maintain its Canada Soccer Member Association Level 1 designation-an achievement that reflects our commitment to high-‘quality programming and a supportive, community-‘driven soccer environment. This recognition underscores our dedication to creating meaningful opportunities for players, coaches, referees, and families across the East Kootenay region.

As a Level 1 association, KESA prioritizes coach education by offering free, accessible training such as Learn to Train, Fundamentals, and Soccer for Life. These programs strengthen volunteer coaching capacity while inspiring youth to explore leadership pathways, helping build a sustainable future for soccer in our community.

To address the growing need for qualified officials, KESA is also launching a free Referee Course for members this year. This initiative supports local clubs and tournaments at a time when referee shortages are increasingly challenging sport organizations nationwide.

KESA remains committed to reducing financial barriers for families by covering tournament fees, field rentals, and jerseys for players in both House and REP/DEV programs. These efforts ensure that all children-regardless of financial circumstances-can participate fully and confidently.

Through these initiatives, KESA continues to strengthen community connection, expand access, and support the long-‘term growth of the beautiful game throughout the region.

City of Cranbrook	$29,500.00
City of Kimberley	$12,300.00
Electoral Area C	$9,300.00
Electoral Area E	$6,000.00
	$57,100.00

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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
	$15,000.00

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Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Child and Family Service Society

Pantry Program at t?ikxawi?ikimik - Foundry East Kootenay

The Pantry Project at Foundry East Kootenay supports youth aged 12-24 and their caregivers by providing access to healthy food, hot lunches and basic hygiene products in a safe, inclusive, and judgment-free space. Foundry East Kootenay is part of a province-wide network of integrated health and social services, offering care in areas such as physical health, mental health, substance use, social services, and peer support.

The Pantry Project responds to increasing food insecurity and limited access to hygiene supplies-issues that directly affect dignity, self-confidence, wellbeing, and participation in school, work, and community life. The pantry ensures that any youth or family visiting Foundry can access the essentials they need, when they need them. Building on two successful years, this funding will maintain and enhance pantry operations, with a small portion of the budget supporting hygiene items like menstrual products and toiletries. Foundry staff will restock items regularly, support the weekly lunch program, monitor usage trends, and engage youth in identifying emerging needs to ensure the pantry remains responsive and effective.

By reducing barriers and promoting equitable access to essential supplies, the Pantry Project strengthens community connection, supports health and wellbeing, and demonstrates Foundry East Kootenay's commitment to youth-centered, inclusive care.

City of Cranbrook	$5,000.00
City of Kimberley	$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	$4,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
	$12,000.00

LEES Spark Society for Youth

Spark Youth Facility Energy Retrofits

This project involves a comprehensive energy retrofit of a ~3,000 sq ft single-story concrete facility. Upgrades include increasing wall and ceiling insulation, furnace & DHW tank upgrade, LED light installation and electrical upgrades as well as upgrading to a modern heat pump system and ductless split A/C installation. The project aims to dramatically enhance indoor comfort, and reduce GHG emissions, positioning the facility as a sustainable, resilient asset for youth programming. This retrofit will improve comfort, safety, and year-round usability of our facility, reducing operating costs and emissions. Improved insulation, air sealing, and heating efficiency will make the space more reliable for programming and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. These upgrades will enable us to run more programs in colder months without excessive heating
costs, increase accessibility for all seasons, and support our environmental values. It's a step toward energy self-reliance and long-term infrastructure sustainability.

City of Kimberley	$19,000.00
Electoral Area C	$3,499.00
Electoral Area E	$5,000.00
	$27,499.00

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Living Lakes Canada Society

Lake-level monitoring at Hahas Lake and McGinty Lake

This project will establish baseline lake-level monitoring at Hahas Lake and McGinty Lake, two community-stewarded lakes near Kimberley, BC, where residents have raised concerns about perceived lower-than-historically-normal water levels.
Under Living Lakes Canada (LLC) direction, manual staff gauges, water level and barometric loggers will be installed at both lakes, initial baseline surveys and the first bi-annual technical survey will be carried out. The project will be project managed by two recent graduates of Wildsight's Youth Climate Corps who will coordinate implementation, act as liaisons between community groups and technical experts and 3rd part contractors, and support communications and reporting with guidance from LLC.
Local stewards, including the Meadowbrook Community Association and a Hahas Lake representative, will be trained to collect monthly lake-level readings and upload data to the open-access Columbia Basin Water Hub. This approach ensures that monitoring can continue long after the project period at minimal cost.
By combining technical oversight, youth leadership, and community participation, the project delivers immediate, practical outcomes while establishing a sustainable foundation for long-term lake monitoring and freshwater stewardship.

City of Kimberley	$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	$3,200.00
	$6,200.00

McKim Middle School

Ktunaxa Language Signs

Ktunaxa language Signage at McKim School, in Kimberley on Rotary Drive. As we learn about the Ktunaxa culture, traditions and the land of the original people, our school would like to show allyship by installing signs in Ktunaxa. This would show our community of kÌ“ukamaÊ”na (Kimberley), our support for ReconciliACTION.
The entrance sign would have McKim School (and) the Ktunaxa word for school: yaÂ·kiÇ, Ê”ituqÌ“Ç,iÇ,qakÂ¢amnamki (lit: place where writing is taught). The phrase on the gym, loosely translates to: We are thankful to be on Ktunaxa Territory.

City of Kimberley	$5,717.00

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Meadowbrook Community Association
Sponsoring: Friends of Cherry Creek

the "Mather Creek Watershed Monitoring"

The "Mather Creek Watershed Monitoring" project will engage Friends of Cherry Creek (FCC) volunteers in monitoring areas surrounding beaver wetlands to better understand biological diversity in the watershed. To collect this data, volunteers will identify and map key locations along well travelled wildlife corridors leading to and from wetlands. Participants will receive specialized training in beaver habitat monitoring from a wildlife ecologist, followed by camera-trap deployment and data collection training by a professional biologist.

The data collected through this project will support and strengthen ongoing conservation initiatives, enhance cross-cultural knowledge sharing with the Aq'am Water Guardians in recognition of Ktunaxa sovereignty, and create educational opportunities for Kimberley youth interested in conservation leadership. Additionally, the project will encourage stronger engagement and collaboration among conservation organizations, and other watershed users.

City of Kimberley	$4,400.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
	$5,400.00

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society

M2BL TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome) Project

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society is dedicated to controlling the region's feral cat population through its Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome (TNR) program. Our experienced volunteers deliver animals from cat containment units throughout the region to local vets for examination and neutering procedures. The animals are treated as required, and evaluated for suitability for placement in homes (in the case of kittens) or returned to their original location (in the case of adults not able to be domesticated). The desired outcome is to humanely keep the feral cat population under control.

Why is a TNR program needed? Feral cat colonies originate from kittens born within the colony, or from intact domesticated cats that have been abandoned or lost. In five years, an unspayed feral female can have up to 20,000 descendants beginning at 5 months of age. Feral cats tend to live together in groups or colonies, in both urban and rural areas. Besides humanely keeping the number of feral cats in check, TNR programs promote cat health through vaccinations and help reduce unwanted spraying and fighting behaviours. Kittens that can be ethically socialized can be adopted out which also helps with population control.

City of Cranbrook	$2,750.00
City of Kimberley	$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	$1,200.00
Electoral Area C	$8,000.00
Electoral Area E	$3,250.00
Electoral Area F	$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
	$17,700.00

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Military Ames

Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ

Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ - On August 20, Military Ames, in collaboration with The Rolling Barrage, a coast-to-coast, x-Canada motorcycle ride, will partner with the Cranbrook Legion to host an appreciation BBQ in Cranbrook. The event welcomes Veterans, active Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP, First Responders, their families and is open to everyone. Military Ames also prepares welcome packages for all riders, often exceeding 250 participants.
The BBQ serves three key purposes:
1. To express gratitude and support for Veterans, active Military, RCMP, and First Responders.
2. To foster connection and collaboration, reinforcing that participants are not alone in their experiences.
3. To raise awareness of PTSD, promote healing, and connect individuals to support and peer networks.
The event has been held in Cranbrook since 2017 and, until recently, was funded mainly out of pocket by volunteers. As attendance has grown, serving nearly 400 people in 2025, the cost of hosting the BBQ has increased beyond what volunteers can sustain. In 2025, expenses exceeded $4,000. With 2026 marking the 10th anniversary of The Rolling Barrage, rider registration and interest are already significantly higher.
The BBQ operates on a donation basis, with 100% of proceeds supporting programs for Veterans and First Responders. Since its inception, the event has fostered meaningful, lasting connections among individuals & organizations.

City of Cranbrook	$800.00
City of Kimberley	$400.00
Electoral Area C	$500.00
Electoral Area E	$400.00
	$2,100.00

North Star Rails to Trails Society

Rails to Trails Enhancement and Improvement

We have 2 projects this year. The first is invasive species control, which a local contractor does in the fall and the following spring. To maintain the physical integrity of the Trail, keeping it safe for users, weeds must be kept away from the pavement edges. A stretch of land 1 metre on each side of the Trail is chemically treated, with physical weed removal of more difficult sections.
The second project is at the request of cyclists using the trail: we need more bike racks at the various scenic viewpoints on the Trail. We plan to install 4 racks this year: an extra one each at 2 existing stops, and 2 at the new gazebo above Marysville. The racks will be purchased at a local manufacturing business and installed by the business with assistance from the Directors and other volunteers.

City of Cranbrook	$16,922.34
City of Kimberley	$6,206.58
Electoral Area C	$11,557.08
Electoral Area E	$2,214.00
	$36,900.00

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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
	$25,000.00

Purcell Hut Association

Backcountry Hut Feasibility Assessment

The Purcell Hut Association (PHA) is undertaking a feasibility assessment to support the development of additional backcountry huts within the region. PHA currently manages the Mt. Patrick Hut in the St. Mary Valley, which has provided safe, low-impact backcountry access for over three decades. With growing demand for non-motorized recreation, PHA is seeking to responsibly expand this network.

The assessment will include site identification and mapping, environmental and wildlife considerations, access and construction constraints, and consultation with groups that may be impacted. PHA has already had preliminary discussions with Kimberley Trails Society, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, local residents, and Ê”aqÌ“am Community Enterprises.

This project will strengthen regional recreation planning, improve safety and accessibility for users, and lay the groundwork for future investment in sustainable outdoor infrastructure that supports community well-being and economic resilience.

While several locations have been assessed, further investigation is required to identify the ideal candidate that meets the objectives of multiple partners. For example, a frontcountry cabin close to Kimberley/Cranbrook would provide a safe and convenient non-motorized access site for families. This project will commit to working with multiple stakeholders to assess a plan that aligns with environmental stewardship, conservation priorities, and sustainable recreation principles.

City of Cranbrook	$10,000.00
City of Kimberley	$10,000.00
Electoral Area C	$10,000.00
Electoral Area E	$10,000.00
	$40,000.00

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Senior Citizens' Association of Cranbrook

Renovation of Four Bathrooms

Building is over 45 years old and bathrooms appear to be original and deteriorating. Men's and Women's bathrooms are located on main and lower floors. Inspections and discussions indicate a complete tear-out and replacement of drywall, flooring, fixtures, safety bars, handicap access stalls and sinks with durable, easily maintained materials.

City of Cranbrook	$80,145.00
City of Kimberley	$5,000.00
Electoral Area C	$10,000.00
	$95,145.00

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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Sullivan Mine & Railway Historical Society

Historical Carpenter Shop Roof Replacement

The engineering report of the building, indicated that the roof needs to be replaced. A rotten eave has already been replaced. This project will remove the roofing material, which contains asbestos, utilizing a Hazardous Materials Contractor. This will be followed by overlaying 5/8 inch plywood over the existing laminated roof, after repairing "soft spots" and removal of a large redundant ventilation fan. A torch on roof will then be applied.

City of Kimberley	$10,000.00
Electoral Area E	$6,000.00
	$16,000.00

Summit Community Services Society

Senior Social and Creative Engagement Program

The Senior Social and Creative Engagement Program is a monthly initiative designed to enrich the lives of seniors through social interaction and creative expression through 12 events. The events will accommodate 20 -25 participants and be 2 hours in length.
The project will provide a diverse range of activities tailored to senior interests and abilities including hands on projects such as seasonal crafts, themed holiday celebrations and group activities to foster friendship and a sense of belonging.
We will achieve the project goals by facilitating the events with a trained seniors wellness professional as well as an assistant to ensure activities can be adapted to accommodate seniors of all abilities with dignity. Activities are designed to promote cognitive stimulation, emotional well-being, and social connection.

City of Kimberley	$6,360.00
Electoral Area E	$6,360.00
	$12,720.00

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Summit Trail Makers Society

STMS Tool Storage Upgrade

Summit Trail Makers Society (STMS) requires a larger tool & materials storage facility.

STMS maintains 11 hiking trails throughout the Columbia Valley that are enjoyed by more than 6000 locals and visitors every year. People from throughout the RDEK and surrounding areas use these trails. Maintaining these trails requires tools and supplies. Our current tool storage is a small trailer. The tools and materials STMS needs to perform trail maintenance has exceeded the capacity of this trailer. The current trailer is only 5 ft high which makes it difficult and uncomfortable for volunteers to collect and manage tools and supplies. The current trailer has no power for lighting which exacerbates an already difficult working environment. Our organization is only as strong as our group of volunteers and STMS has made it a priority in recent years to improve the safety, comfort, and experience these volunteers have while doing their valuable work.

STMS would like to purchase a 20'x8' shipping container and outfit it for use as a storage facility. This larger space would alleviate the problems listed above and provide a secure and safe environment for STMS volunteers to conduct pickup/drop off and maintenance of tools and supplies. The Lake Windermere District Lions are partnering with STMS and providing a space on their property for the container.

City of Cranbrook	$250.00
City of Kimberley	$250.00
District of Invermere	$2,150.00
Electoral Area F	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$350.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$6,000.00

Sunrise Rotary Club of Cranbrook

Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo

The Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo (KRGF) is a world class cycling event. 2025 had a record 556 registrants. The event promotes the mental and physical benefits of cycling. This is a ride not a race. Well over 50% of the riders come from outside the area, thus promoting tourism with a significant economic benefit to the region. (Cranbrook Tourism reported in excess of $600,000). Funds raised support Rotary service projects, including the construction of the proposed Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice facility. Partner service organizations that work at the event also receive some funds that support their local projects. Over 200 volunteers support ride day and the event is managed by a core of experienced individuals.

City of Cranbrook	$3,000.00
City of Kimberley	$3,000.00
Electoral Area C	$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	$2,000.00
	$10,000.00

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Symphonic Rock

Symphonic Rock is a one-time collaborative concert presented by the Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) in partnership with Cranbrook-based rock band Pretty for the People, taking place on November 28, 2026 at the Key City Theatre.

The project brings together orchestral and rock musicians in a shared performance designed to attract both traditional symphony audiences and local popular music fans who may not otherwise attend an orchestral concert. The concert format is intentionally structured to allow audiences to enter from different musical comfort zones. Joining the Symphony on stage will be the highly acclaimed Cranbrook based rock band Pretty for the People. The program will feature the symphony and the band independently at a few moments throughout while most of the performance is a collaboration between the two ensembles.

This collaboration represents a new artistic approach for SOTK and an opportunity to explore alternative concert formats that remain accessible, familiar, and engaging for a broad audience. Informal community response to the concept has already generated significant interest, indicating strong local appetite for this type of cross-genre experience.

If audience response and ticket demand are exceptionally strong, SOTK may add a matinee performance; however, the project is fully designed to be delivered as a single evening event and does not depend on an additional performance.

City of Cranbrook	$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	$500.00
Electoral Area C	$500.00
Electoral Area E	$500.00
	$5,000.00

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Western Skies

Western Skies at Fort Steele is a family-friendly outdoor symphonic concert presented by the Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) at Fort Steele Heritage Town, in collaboration with the Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation (CAMAL - site operator) and participating Indigenous partners. The project will offer an accessible cultural experience that brings residents and visitors together in a setting that reflects regional history and living cultures.

The event will include a public performance on June 27, 2026, supported by professional staging and audience services appropriate for an outdoor venue (including specialized audio support to ensure clear, inclusive sound coverage for attendees). The program and event elements will be developed with Indigenous participation to ensure respectful engagement and to create space for multiple perspectives-past and present-through shared experience, storytelling, and music.

SOTK will also offer community-access measures such as a mix of adult and youth pricing, complimentary tickets allocated for Indigenous community members and underserved households, and a public-facing component (e.g., an open rehearsal or community welcome) to reduce barriers to first-time attendance.

The project will be delivered by SOTK's professional production team, contracted musicians, and partners at Fort Steele/CAMAL, with a clear plan for attendance tracking, participant feedback, and post-event reporting.

City of Cranbrook	$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	$500.00
Electoral Area C	$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	$500.00
	$6,000.00

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The Kimberley Curling Club		
2026 Kimberley Fall Fair The Kimberley Community Fall Fair is an event currently run by 6 local non-profit groups. Our main funds are raised prior to and during the Fall Fair through booth and door revenue. 100% of funds are donated back into our non-profit groups and other volunteer groups. Our main executive consists of 7 people, but closer to the fair we will utilize at least 100 volunteers to help setup and carry out the fair. This includes adults and kids from our non-profit groups and other members of the community The Fall Fair is an event that is designed to bring together local vendors and surrounding communities. The Kimberley Community Fall Fair is run by volunteers and our goal is to raise money through sponsorship/grants and booth/door revenues. These funds are donated back into our community's non-profit groups. The event is two days and hosts vendors from throughout the Kootenays (and western Canada) that vary from food/beverage, material goods and kids entertainment. Our estimated attendance is 3000 people The Fall Fair benefits the Kimberley community, local residents, tourism and local non-profits. Businesses in the fair are able to showcase, sell and promote their products and services. Surrounding areas and locals come to enjoy affordable fun for families and a diverse shopping experience.	City of Kimberley	$2,200.00

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Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook

Apple Capture: Shared Resource Project

The Apple Capture Program is a community-driven initiative that promotes local food sustainability, resource sharing, and public engagement in Kimberley and Cranbrook. The program reduces food waste, increases access to fresh local fruit, and strengthens community connections through a multifaceted approach:
- 24/7 equipment sheds on city owned land, in Cranbrook and Kimberley, providing tools for pruning, harvesting, and processing. The sheds are accessible through online sign up at no cost to users.
- A shared fruit tree resource list connecting community members with trees on private land that are available for harvesting.
- Organized community gleaning and processing events, bringing together volunteers, local organizations, and residents to learn, harvest, and preserve fruit collectively.

Continuous improvement is central to the program. Feedback from multiple years indicates the need for major equipment and systems improvements. We are seeking support to:
1. Implement automated responses and restructure the website for clarity, reducing coordinator time and improving user experience.
2. Develop and test improved manuals and guidelines to empower participants and reduce the need for direct oversight.
3. Purchase additional and replacement equipment to expand the free resource-sharing program, ensuring safe, efficient, and accessible fruit harvesting for the entire community.

These upgrades will strengthen the program as a climate-resilient, sustainable food initiative, supporting local food security and community engagement while maximizing City resources.

City of Cranbrook	$994.00
City of Kimberley	$1,325.00
Electoral Area C	$497.00
Electoral Area E	$497.00
	$3,313.00

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Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook

Community Garden: Resilient Harvest Project

The Kimberley Community Garden has operated for 12 years as an inclusive community space where everyone is welcome to grow, work, harvest, and access shared infrastructure, such as the gazebo, tools, and the compost system. Over this time, we have learned valuable lessons in dealing with challenges, such as soil quality, heat levels, precipitation, and pests.

Our goal is to maximize food production while reducing ongoing labour and resource inputs with practical solutions. Based on our experience and the realities of summer volunteer capacity, we believe low-input, high-yield approaches that also serve as public education tools are the most effective path forward.

In 2026/27, the project proposes two major enhancements to the existing garden:
1. Permaculture beds and a community food forest - which enhances production, uses minimal water, requires less labour, and are more resilient to extreme weather events.
2. A washing station - which will provide a means to clean and package produce to better prepare it for transport to community members and community food programs.

These improvements require materials and coordinator time to source supplies, install infrastructure, plant and establish systems, and provide ongoing care and maintenance.
This project will strengthen the garden as a climate-resilient, low-maintenance community food asset, supporting long-term public benefit, food security, and efficient use of shared municipal space.

	City of Kimberley	$4,224.00

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Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook

Kimberley Farmers' Market Community Programming Project

The project will enhance the weekly market as an inclusive, welcoming space that brings residents of all ages together through shared experiences, learning, and creativity. This project will expand programming and infrastructure to encourage longer visits, meaningful interaction, and stronger community connections for a vibrant downtown experience.

The project focuses on three areas: intergenerational programming, creative engagement, and comfort and accessibility. Weekly inclusive activities will prioritize children and families while intentionally welcoming youth, adults, and seniors to participate together. Programming will include hands-on art activities, creative play, demonstrations, and facilitated conversations that invite people to linger, interact, and contribute.

The market will expand its successful 2025 "Market Socials," a series of demonstrations & discussions on community-interest topics such as gardening, bike maintenance, and climate action. We want to re-introduce weekly kids art activities & create a community-led art project, where local artists will guide the public in collectively creating a mural. Every few weeks, the mural surface will be refreshed and repainted, allowing new themes, voices, and community interests to be represented throughout the season.

Activities will be free, informal, and drop-in, making participation easy for everyone. By intentionally designing the market as a weekly gathering place, this project strengthens the farmers' market's role as a social hub that supports community pride, social connection and reduces isolation.

City of Kimberley	$6,672.00
Electoral Area C	$1,500.00
Electoral Area E	$2,500.00
	$10,672.00
Total Funding Requested:	$307,102.08