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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
1st Invermere Scouts		
Invermere Scouts		
Beaver Scouts is a place to discover new things and embark on great adventures. Fun and friendship are the cornerstones of the Beaver program. Youth aged 5 to 7 get to explore a little bit of everything; through winter adventures, short hikes, tree planting, games, crafts, camping and family events. Beaver Scouts gain valuable social skills while making new friends along the way. Beaver Scouts is all about teamwork, cooperation and developing self-confidence. Weekly meetings will be held in Invermere, as well as special outings like hikes, camping trips and skill sessions. The program will follow the school calendar year with special meetings held in the summer. We hope for an increase in volunteers, leading to an expansion of the program offerings. We would like to include groups for older children as well in the future, such as Cubs and Scouts. We would also like to take the Beavers camping, which would require additional gear, venue rental, food, etc.		
	Electoral Area F	\$4,500.00
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 Improvements will include replacement of outdated or non-compliant gear, modernization of safety-critical systems, and implementation of standardized safety documentation and procedures that support safe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
		<u>\$20,600.00</u>

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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
		<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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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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Columbia Lake Stewardship Society		
Columbia Lake Monitoring and Education Project		
The primary activities of the Columbia Lake Monitoring and Education Project will include:		
- Water quality and quantity monitoring of Columbia Lake, its tributaries, and the upper reaches of the Columbia River. The project will build on our baseline data, gathering information on the lake's water quality, quantity and vulnerable aquatic species populations in the lakes. The data collected through this monitoring will add to our growing knowledge of the variability and sensitivities of the lake. All data and observed information will be shared with all stakeholders. It will also help inform decision-making, governance, and restoration efforts in the headwaters region. - Community education and outreach initiatives such as free kids' educational camps, information booths at Tilley Memorial Park, the Fairmont "take out" spot and Farmers' markets. - Maintenance of the river float "take out" spot in Fairmont. This spot is used by 14 to 22 thousand people between May and September each year. The only facilities currently available are those provided through the Columbia Lake Monitoring and Education Project. - Participating in species surveys and monitoring. - Providing opportunities to the community for participation through various initiatives such as citizen science water monitoring, participating in community invasive weed pulls and community cleanups, and delivering community educational programs.		
	Electoral Area F	\$10,000.00
Columbia Valley Arts Council		
Youth Workshop Programming		
The Columbia Valley Arts Council would like to focus on re-introducing youth workshop programming. We plan to partner with Pottery Playground, in order to deliver a wider range of choices than we can offer on our own. Workshops will focus on Drawing Fundamentals, Introduction to Painting, and Introductory Pottery classes, including hand-building and basic wheel throwing. Workshops will take place at the Pynelogs Arts and Cultural Centre and the Pottery Playground workshop/studio. Our goal is to offer free and/or affordable workshops to increase accessibility for the youth interested in the Arts.		
	District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
		\$4,000.00

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Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Boardroom Hybrid Meeting Upgrade

The CVCC would like to upgrade the hybrid in person/remote meeting capabilities of its boardroom. Many boards in the Columbia Valley are struggling with director attraction and retention. Our Valley is long and bringing together an effective board often means the directors come from as far away as Spillimacheen and Canal Flats to meet in a central location like the CVCC boardroom. The CVCC has many groups using the conveniently located Chamber Boardroom as a meeting space. While the boardroom is functional as is, the popularity of offering a hybrid in person/remote option has grown for user groups trying to make participation as convenient as possible for the most people possible. The current hybrid option could be improved by simplifying the setup process (somewhat challenging for our less tech comfortable users) and increasing the effectiveness of the hybrid meeting technology.

The CVCC would like purchase a 360° conference camera, mic, and speaker combination unit that would create an immersive hybrid meeting experience. This device would also be made available for a nominal rental fee to non-profit groups to use off-site at alternate meeting locations.

District of Invermere	\$1,200.00
Electoral Area F	\$650.00
Electoral Area G	\$650.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

Columbia Valley Cycling Society

Columbia Valley Cycling 4 a Cause

The Columbia Valley Cycling 4 A Cause Summer Solstice event is a chance to bring all types of cyclists together in a community event. The event is a one-day event on June 20, 2027 and will be fundraiser for CVCS for an upcoming project and for another non-profit in the community (TBD) with the focus on FUN and being an inclusive event. This event will bring like-minded people together and raise awareness, create a more cohesive community, raise funds for worthy causes while having fun and meeting new fellow cyclists. The event will be a participation event taking place during summer solstice to signify the start of summer cycling. It is for various types of cyclists with choices of types of routes to make it an inclusive event. Each participant will travel to and cycle their selected route and all cyclists will meet after for a social gathering where people can meet fellow cyclists, support the CVCS and the local non-profit and raise the profile of cyclists in our community.

District of Invermere	\$3,500.00
Electoral Area F	\$3,500.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

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Columbia Valley Food Bank

Feeding Minds and Bodies

Feeding Minds and Bodies would ensure that every child and senior regardless of income, has reliable access to nutritious food. Funding for this project would provide us the ability to offer high-quality, nutrient dense food options to families and seniors for fresh foods that are often financially out of reach for low income households. Fresh fruit and vegetables are foundational to supporting cognitive development in children, strengthen immune systems and help seniors in remaining active and resilient. This grant will help close the nutrition gap for children and seniors in our region by turning grant funding support into healthy fresh food on plates. It will allow us to meet a growing need with dignity and respect and put focus on the long-term health of the families and individuals we serve in the Columbia Valley. Currently in our food hampers, when available we provide minimal amounts of fresh produce consisting of potatoes, carrots, onion and for households with children an apple and cheese stick. We would like to provide a greater variety of fresh food and options with enhanced nutritional value.

District of Invermere	\$8,341.56
Electoral Area F	\$3,107.64
Electoral Area G	\$817.80
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,308.48
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,780.52
	<u>\$16,356.00</u>

Columbia Valley Food and Farm Association

Nourish Meal Preparation & Delivery Program

The Nourish Meal Preparation & Delivery Program provides healthy, home-cooked meals to vulnerable and mobility-limited seniors throughout the Columbia Valley. The program currently serves 20 seniors on a weekly basis in partnership with Family Dynamix and has identified unmet demand for up to 45 seniors requiring regular meal support. This application reflects planned growth to meet that level of need during the 2026 program year.

Meals are prepared using a food recovery-first approach. Ingredients are sourced through partnerships with the Columbia Valley Food Bank, local grocery stores, and regional farmers and food producers. Recovered food is prioritized wherever possible to reduce food waste and stretch available funding. When recovery is insufficient, ingredients are purchased at wholesale prices to ensure reliable access to nutritious, culturally appropriate meals.

Meals are prepared in a commercial kitchen, and delivered by an experience Chef and trained volunteers to seniors living across multiple rural and small urban communities. The program emphasizes dignity, nutrition, consistency, and geographic equity, ensuring seniors living outside municipal centres receive the same level of service as those living closer to services.

District of Invermere	\$8,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$3,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$17,000.00</u>

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Columbia Valley Housing Society

Private, Employer, Credit Union, Philanthropic Outreach

This project will engage a local marketing and communications expert to plan and help the CVHS deliver a targeted communications and outreach campaign aimed at private lenders, credit unions, and employers.

The campaign will present non-profit housing project plans, designs, and funding structures, demonstrating how stacked financing supports the delivery of non-profit rental housing in the Columbia Valley over the next five years.

By summer 2026, the campaign will showcase a scalable 10-unit development model in Invermere, supported by a detailed financial proforma, and confirm a 48-unit workforce housing development in Radium Hot Springs as part of the future build pipeline.

Additional workforce rental housing projects in the Columbia Valley may also participate, provided they commit to offering rents at low to moderate income levels and are working with federal or provincial granting agencies to deliver non-profit workforce housing.

District of Invermere	\$2,876.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,916.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,916.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,916.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,876.00
	<u>\$11,500.00</u>

Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association

Youth Soccer Equipment Project

The purpose of this project is to secure funds to be able to purchase some of the required equipment that can allow us to continue to offer this popular program to a growing group of children and youth.

Your support would allow our organization to purchase required equipment (such as balls, tents, jerseys and nets - outlined in the budget) while keeping fees affordable so that there is a lower financial barrier for families wishing their children to participate.

District of Invermere	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	<u>\$5,000.00</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 Invasive Species Council		
Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS)		
The Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS) is a collaborative, landscape-scale program focused on containing and reducing leafy spurge (<i>Euphorbia esula</i>) in the Columbia Valley. Leafy spurge remains one of the most aggressive invasive plants, with well-documented impacts to agriculture, wildlife, biodiversity, recreation and tourism. Its deep root system and long-lived seedbank, demands effective, coordinated management multi-year treatment. SIPCOLS will continue to prioritize treatment of high priority infestations while strengthening coordination among land managers. EKISC will work with project partners to implement an annual workplan that focuses on treating established infestations, new occurrences, and reducing the risk of spread into adjacent lands. This approach leverages partner funding, improves efficiency, and supports management across jurisdictions. Objectives: 1. Inventory leafy spurge sites, with an emphasis on new or expanding infestations. 2. Implement a multi-partner management plan that prioritizes sites adjacent land managers and high-value areas. 3. Treatment of high-priority leafy spurge infestations, particularly those located within 1 km of private land, reducing impacts to agriculture, and neighbouring land uses. 4. Targeted treatments on Crown and lands adjacent to First Nations communities, including areas near the CWWMA and Shuswap Band lands, to align off-reserve and on-reserve management efforts. 5. Engagement with land managers and community to reinforce the importance of leafy spurge control and support long-term participation in prevention and management.		
	Electoral Area F	\$7,240.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,810.00
		<u>\$9,050.00</u>

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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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Edgewater Recreation Society		
Wittman Field Improvements - Phase 2		
This grant application is in support of a multi-phase improvement project to the Wittman Field and Frank's Rink area that the ERS will continue to undertake over the next two years. Initial work on this project was completed in the summer of 2024 with the installation of an underground irrigation system. Phase 1 of this project was successfully completed in summer of 2025 with the installation of a new infield. This grant application is specifically to support Phase 2. The overall project is phased as follows:		
Phase 0 (2023/2024)		
-Irrigation and storage		
Phase 1 (Spring / Summer 2025)		
-New Infield		
-Paint and repair dugouts and shed		
Phase 2 (Spring / Summer 2026)		
-Continue paint and repair dugouts and shed		
-Repairs to fencing		
-Complete installation of outfield netting		
-Installation of Batting Cage		
-Back Stop upgrades		
-Bull pen pitching mounds		
-Weed suppression		
Phase 3 (Spring / Summer 2027)		
-Gazebo / Picnic Area		
-Design work and plan for bicycle pump track		
-Landscaping and beautification		
	District of Invermere	\$1,300.00
	Electoral Area F	\$2,375.00
	Electoral Area G	\$3,893.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$9,568.00</u>

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Endless Elevation Development Foundation		
Toby Creek Mountain Bike Enduro Event		
Enduro mountain biking is a growing and inclusive form of outdoor recreation that combines physical activity, community engagement, and responsible trail use. This project will deliver a community-focused enduro mountain bike event at Toby Creek that promotes participation in organized sport, supports trail stewardship, and generates local economic activity. The Endless Elevation Development Foundation (EEDF) is the Registered Applicant and project sponsor, providing oversight, funding administration, and governance to ensure the project delivers public benefit. The project will be delivered in partnership with the Canadian Enduro League (CEL), Canada's largest mountain bike enduro race series, which brings established operational expertise in event delivery, safety planning, and logistics. The event will provide structured competition opportunities for general athletes, while intentionally supporting youth, adaptive, and open non-binary participation through appropriate categories, course design, scheduling, and safety measures. This approach supports athlete development, reduces barriers to participation, and encourages lifelong involvement in sport. In addition to the race, the project will support trail stewardship through coordination with local trail organizations, volunteer engagement, and trail preparation activities. The event will also increase awareness of the Toby Creek trail network as an emerging riding destination, contributing to tourism activity and community engagement while promoting sustainable trail use.		
	Electoral Area F	\$12,000.00
FRESH START Collaborative Society		
Empowered Employment		
Graffiti is an act of mischief that goes beyond being a nuisance. It significantly impacts the visual esthetics of a community and affects the perception of safety residents and visitors feel using public spaces. When unaddressed, graffiti contributes to frustration, a sense of neglect, and repeated vandalism. In addition, each graffiti occurrence costs either the municipality, businesses, or neighborhoods considerable time, money and energy to clean. Empowered Employment is a low-barrier employment program that offers supervised, hands-on skills training to individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. Through initiatives that contribute to cleaner and safer communities, Empowered Employment is having a positive impact on poverty in the East Kootenays. This project will address the lack of graffiti removal options available in the East Kootenays by providing a cost-effective solution to graffiti management. We have reached out to a professional who provided graffiti removal services across BC for many years. They are willing to come to Cranbrook and train Empowered Employment supervisors and participants to professionally remove graffiti from all types of services. Once trained, Empowered Employment supervisors will lead teams in providing professional, cost-effective graffiti removal services on a request basis to Cranbrook and other communities in area E and F.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$3,025.00
	Electoral Area F	\$3,025.00
		<u>\$18,050.00</u>

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Family Dynamix		
Valley Wide Youth Programs		
Our Objective is to offer programs throughout the entire Columbia Valley for youth grade 6-12. Once a month we will run an activity in Radium, Fairmont, Windermere and Edgewater. With this program we will offer a variety of Art, Games night, Gym night, hiking, outdoor survival skills and other activities guided by youth input. Through the youth nights the teens will get an opportunity to get to network and know different youth and supports in their own Community. In Canal Flats we have a youth space available where they can feel comfortable and safe to visit. It is available every Thursday 4-8pm for youth to participate in activities, network and connect with supports. We will have two youth facilitators available for each youth activity to ensure safety protocols are in place.		
	District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$5,840.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
		\$11,840.00

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Flats Fest Society

Flats Fest Music Festival

Flats Fest is a two-day outdoor country music festival held annually in Canal Flats, British Columbia, designed to celebrate live music while strengthening community, tourism, and the local economy in the Columbia Valley. The festival will feature approximately 20 top country and regional artists performing across two stages, offering a diverse mix of established headliners and emerging talent. In addition to live music, Flats Fest will include local food and beverage vendors, artisan market booths, licensed areas, and on-site camping, creating a full destination festival experience for attendees.

Flats Fest is produced by the Flats Fest Society in partnership with local governments, sponsors, community organizations, and volunteers. The festival will be delivered through professional event planning, artist booking, production management, and community coordination to ensure a safe, well-organized, and high-quality experience. Key components include securing appropriate permits and insurance, contracting professional staging, sound, and lighting services, implementing comprehensive health and safety and security plans, and engaging trained volunteers to support operations.

Marketing and promotion will target both local residents and regional visitors through digital advertising, social media, radio, tourism partners, and community outreach. By combining strong programming, professional delivery, and community collaboration, Flats Fest will be achieved as a sustainable annual event that benefits artists, audiences, and the surrounding communities.

District of Invermere	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$7,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	\$14,500.00

Freestyle Panorama Ski Club

Freestyle Event Hosting Infrastructure

This project involves the purchase of essential event infrastructure for Freestyle Panorama, including professional-grade tents and timing equipment, to support the delivery of freestyle ski competitions, training events, and community programming at Panorama Mountain Resort.

District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	\$7,000.00

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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

Groundswell Network Society

Garden Fence Replacement Project

The fence protects Groundswell's Food Forest, full of fruit trees and bushes, our ¼ acre Market Garden and our 18 Community Gardens. After 17 years in existence our fence has deteriorate to the point that it is no longer safe in many places. Phase 2 would replacing the second half of our current fence around our Market Gardens and Community Gardens. We have been working on finding funds to replace the fence for the last 3 years, with an all metal fence that will have a longer lifetime. We have been able to attract 8.5K of funds towards phase 1 of the fence replacement. Mike Christensen at OneTime Fencing has assured us that we can replace the fence in Phases.

District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$2,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
	\$10,000.00

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Headwaters Arts Society		
Member-Led Activities, CKCA Tour, School project		
Citizens of Canal Flats have enjoyed our member-led activities. We find that we have good turnouts when a structured class is offered so we would like to continue to do so every couple of months from the fall to late spring. This year we have 5 members who want to be a part of the CKCA Tour. We would like to enter our information together as Headwaters Arts Society so that we may all benefit from a shared venue and support. Lastly, we would like to offer assistance to the Parental Advisory Committee @ Martin Morigeau Elementary school by way of supplies and instruction/guidance for a creative holiday craft activity in December of 2026.		
	Electoral Area F	\$400.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$3,400.00</u>

Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley

Positioning Hospice Without Fear: Rebranding Initiative

Many people report that they associate hospice services with the intense emotions associated with grief, loss, and bereavement. The perception is that these feelings are negative. As a result, individuals and families may be discouraged from seeking support services. At the same time, active citizens may be discouraged from volunteering.

This fear may prevent people from finding healthy ways to express their grief, leading to poor mental health, less community involvement, and other crises. The Hospice Society seeks to address this feedback by highlighting hospice as a free, community-based support service for everyone in the Columbia Valley.

The initiative will involve updating and improving hospice branding and educational materials to reassure the public that quality of life, family wellness, community involvement, and personal dignity are all part of a compassionate community. Rebranding the hospice will connect the public to the Hospice's vision that no one should grieve or die alone.

Printed materials and digital content will be used to facilitate the rebrand. Name tags and shirts will be developed to assure clients that they can feel safe, understood, and confident in contacting our trained hospice volunteers. Clients and the public will also be able to identify staff to ease any concerns they may have.

District of Invermere	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$2,500.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$9,000.00</u>

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Invermere Companion Animal Network		
ICAN Community Spay/Neuter & Kitten Crusade		
This project has two pillars: 1) An Assisted Spay/Neuter Program providing financial vouchers to low-income residents for cat sterilization; 2) The "Kitten Crusade," which takes in pregnant cats, fosters them through weaning, and covers the cost of spaying the mother before returning her to her owner.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$2,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$15,500.00</u>

Invermere Pickleball Society

Pynelogs Pickleball Courts

This is a multi-year project delivered in phases (expected 2026-2028). For the purposes of this grant application, funding is being requested for year one of the build process, which includes site preparation (excavation, base materials, compaction) and construction of the asphalt pad. Subsequent years/phases will complete sport surfacing, fencing, noise mitigation, net systems, and supporting infrastructure.

The District of Invermere (DOI) and the Invermere Pickleball Club (IPBC) are working together to develop eight outdoor tournament-level pickleball courts, including two wheelchair-accessible courts, located near Pynelogs Rotary Ball Park in Invermere, British Columbia. This site is District-owned land. This project will establish Invermere as the pickleball hub of the Columbia Valley, bringing together players from across the region. The project is managed by the DOI, with IPBC as the major stakeholder responsible for fundraising and advisory support. Once complete, the courts will be owned by the DOI and open to public use when not scheduled for club programming. Two courts will always remain available for public use, except during tournaments.

The project is designed to support community health (especially supporting seniors), tourism, local business activity, and inclusive sport opportunities for wheelchair users while creating capacity to expand children/youth programming (ages 8-17), adult programming, and host multiple tournaments annually.

District of Invermere	\$31,750.00
Electoral Area F	\$6,358.00
Electoral Area G	\$5,862.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$6,529.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$10,901.00
	<u>\$61,400.00</u>

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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		
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
		<u>\$4,995.00</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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Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society		
Lake Windermere Monitoring and Education Project		
This project focuses on water quality and quantity monitoring in Lake Windermere and the upper reaches of the Columbia River, while also supporting habitat protection and restoration, species surveys and monitoring, and community-based education and outreach initiatives. The growing popularity of the Columbia Valley as a tourism and recreation destination is placing increasing pressure on Lake Windermere including escalating threats from shoreline development, infrastructure, habitat disturbance, toxic algal blooms, increased risk of non-native and invasive species, and impacts from motorized water recreation. These pressures are compounded by climate-driven changes, including prolonged droughts, flooding, and the effects of forest fires on water quality and aquatic ecosystems. Building on established baseline datasets is critical for understanding ecological conditions and detecting change over time. Monitoring support of trained citizen science volunteers, increases data coverage and community stewardship. The data collected enables long-term assessment of human and climate-related impacts and provides accessible information to support informed decision-making, governance, and restoration initiatives. Community engagement is central to the project. Opportunities include citizen science water and invasive species monitoring, shoreline cleanups, outreach booths, workshops, and kid summer camps. These activities foster stewardship and local capacity to care for the watershed. Monitoring results are shared through annual reports, presentations, and recommendations to support collaborative protection of aquatic ecosystems and the long-term health of the Lake Windermere watershed.		
	District of Invermere	\$5,500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$5,500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,050.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$600.00
		<u>\$12,650.00</u>

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Living Lakes Canada Society		
Monitoring for Wilmer Watershed Management Planning		
For the past year, Living Lakes Canada has been collecting water data from Lillian Lake, Neave Creek, and Boulder Creek, along with meteorological data from the Boulder Creek watershed, to develop a hydrological model. Following the completion of the initial model, it has been identified that additional monitoring and updates to the model are needed to inform sustainable water management decision-making. Field reconnaissance at Neave Creek and Boulder Creek has revealed the need for additional water monitoring stations. Four additional hydrometric stations will be installed on a short-term basis at strategic locations in these creeks. Living Lakes will install these temporary water monitoring stations upstream of major diversions and on diversion channels within the project area. These stations will provide a more comprehensive understanding of water supply and flow direction, particularly in the context of creek diversions. Expanding the monitoring network will significantly improve the accuracy and resolution of the hydrological model. With more data points, Living Lakes Canada will be able to better track seasonal changes in streamflow and more precisely estimate how much water is being diverted from the main creek channels. This enhanced understanding will support more informed water management decisions, help identify potential impacts on downstream users and ecosystems, and improve the ability to anticipate changes in water availability under varying climatic and land-use conditions.		
	Electoral Area F	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$4,000.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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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 unsprayed 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
		<u>\$17,700.00</u>

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Peaks Gymnastics Society		
Peaks Equipments Upgrades		
Peaks Gymnastics Society is a non-profit gymnastics organization serving the Columbia Valley. Our purpose is to provide safe, inclusive, and high-quality gymnastics programming that supports physical literacy, confidence, and lifelong participation in sport. Our mission is to provide quality gymnastics programs where every athlete is supported to achieve their personal best. We offer programming for children and adults of all ages and abilities, from early childhood through adulthood, including gymnastics, parkour, trampoline and tumbling, birthday parties, and drop-in opportunities. The Equipment Upgrade Project addresses the need to replace and update aging gymnastics equipment to ensure a safe, developmentally appropriate training environment for all participants. Updated equipment will benefit athletes across all programs and levels, supporting skill development, injury prevention, and positive sport experiences. This project ensures Peaks Gymnastics Society can continue to deliver high-quality programming and meet the needs of a growing and diverse community.		
	District of Invermere	\$4,500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$12,000.00</u>

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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
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

The Invermere Judo Club

Volunteer Coaches Travel and Training

This project is to cover all associated costs for travel of the Invermere Judo clubs NCCP certified coaches and upcoming training of qualified judoka for coaching certification. We live in a rural area and costs associated with keeping our coaches certified as well as sending certified coaches to competition and training is costly. All our coaches are volunteers and as a club we try to ensure that they don't incur any expenses associated with traveling for competition or certification requirements. We will achieve being able to cover all travel costs associated with competition and training through funding such as grants, fundraising and club membership.

District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
	<u>\$6,500.00</u>

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The Windermere Valley Child Care Society Sponsoring: Serenity Farm		
Rooted in Community Rooted in Community is a farm-based, inclusive community initiative that supports children, youth, and families through accessible, relationship-centered programming rooted in play and connection to the land. The project delivers weekly playgroups for children from birth to school-age, providing developmentally appropriate, play-based experiences in a natural environment. These playgroups support early learning, social-emotional development, and caregiver connection, while strengthening protective factors such as belonging, attachment, and community support. Inclusion Days are intentionally designed for children who benefit from smaller group sizes, reduced sensory stimulation, and flexible participation. Programming is responsive and adaptable, allowing children to engage at their own pace within calm, predictable environments. These days prioritize emotional safety, self-regulation, and meaningful engagement, ensuring that individual needs are recognized and supported without pressure to conform to typical group expectations. The project also offers evening programs for preteens ages 9-12, creating safe, inclusive spaces for them to connect with peers, develop leadership skills, and engage in land-based and creative activities. These evenings support positive youth development, social connection, and community belonging. Through accessible, inclusive, and developmentally responsive programming, Rooted in Community strengthens families, reduces barriers to participation, and fosters a connected, resilient community where children and youth of all abilities feel valued and supported.		
	District of Invermere	\$2,850.00
	Electoral Area F	\$3,800.00
	Electoral Area G	\$950.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$950.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$950.00
		<u>\$9,500.00</u>

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The Windermere Valley Ski Club

Athlete Video Room & Warmup Shelter

The Athlete Warming Hut project will replace the Windermere Valley Ski Club's aging athlete facility at Panorama Mountain Resort with a new 20' x 20' wood-framed warming hut built on the existing footprint. The new structure will provide a heated, electrically serviced, ski-in/ski-out space for athlete video review, team meetings, and warm-up during cold training sessions. It will include seating and audio/visual capability for coaching and performance analysis, plus secure consolidated storage for training equipment previously dispersed across multiple locations. The existing building will be safely dismantled and removed prior to construction. The new building will be transported to the site and placed on a concrete pile foundation for stability, standard wood-frame techniques for durability and local building code compliance, and insulated finishes to ensure year-round usability. Electrical and heating systems will be installed to support A/V equipment and occupant comfort. Placement beside the Old Timer run ensures immediate access during training and events. The project will be delivered through contracted local builders with volunteer support from club families for site prep and non-technical tasks, and overseen by WVSC leadership to meet schedule, budget and safety standards.

District of Invermere	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$8,000.00</u>

Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club

Youth Nordic Ski Programs

This project supports the delivery and enhancement of Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club's youth programs, with a focus on Ski S'kool and youth skill development programming during the 2026/27 winter season. These programs introduce children and youth to cross-country skiing, build fundamental movement skills, and create clear pathways for ongoing participation in sport and recreation. Ski S'kool functions as the entry point to the club's broader youth programming pathway, with equipment, apparel, coaching, and volunteer resources shared across all youth programs.

ReDi Grant funding will be used to replace and maintain shared ski equipment, purchase teaching and coaching supplies designed to enhance the athlete experience, support youth-focused on-snow team-building and skill-building events, and provide consistent team apparel for athletes, coaches, and volunteers. These shared assets are used across the full youth programming pathway, from Ski S'kool through skill development programs. Equipment replacement ensures that participants - many of whom are trying Nordic skiing for the first time - have access to safe, functional gear regardless of family income. Apparel improves safety, visibility, and a sense of belonging while representing the club and community positively, and building a sense of team pride and camaraderie.

This project directly strengthens program quality, reduces participation barriers, and supports long-term sustainability of youth Nordic programming in the Columbia Valley.

City of Cranbrook	\$500.00
District of Invermere	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

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Wildsight Invermere		
Columbia Valley SHIFT Circular Economy Program		
Columbia Valley SHIFT is a new initiative of Wildsight Invermere that creates opportunities for residents and businesses to make simple changes, shifting our community toward ecological, social, and economic sustainability. This program will provide action-oriented entry points for those who may be interested but not necessarily know where to begin or how to engage.		
Programs will comprise one major event, the SHIFT Fair, along with a series of repair cafes and workshops throughout 2026 and 2027. Programs will offer knowledge and skill-building opportunities focusing on core theme of "circular economy". We will create hands-on activities that empower residents to repair items like gear, textiles, small appliances, and more.		
Other initiatives coming under the Columbia Valley SHIFT umbrella will include:		
- A digital directory that will serve as a one-stop shop to help residents find community assets related to SHIFT (i.e. repair experts, tool lending).		
- Operation of the summer bike valet service (established in 2025 at the Invermere Farmers and Artists Market).		
- An affordable community 'party kits' program, providing reusable items for parties to community members		
- a "Sustainable September" business outreach campaign, as an evolution of the successful Plastic Free July initiative led by Less to Landfill in 2025.		
Columbia Valley SHIFT will adopt an equity lens and prioritize access, offering a win-win for affordability and climate alike.		
	District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$9,000.00</u>

**Resident Directed Grants
Summary of 2026/2027 Proposals
Electoral Area F**

Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Wildsight Invermere		
Sponsoring: David Thompson Secondary School Climate Club		
Transit Pilot Project		
The Transit Pilot Project aims to provide a short-term solution to the transit scheduling problem, a solution that leads to long-term changes in the transit schedule. The current transit schedule does not meet the needs of visitors or residents, including local students. Without evening service, students are unable to access after-school employment, extracurricular activities, or social opportunities such as sports, music, arts, and clubs. Other demographics face similar challenges accessing employment or social opportunities. While BC Transit requires demonstrated ridership to justify schedule changes, the lack of service makes it impossible to show that demand, creating a classic "chicken-or-egg" challenge. A short-term evening transit pilot would remove this barrier by providing a practical, real-world test of demand. By offering reliable evening service, the pilot would generate the ridership data needed to demonstrate community need and support future adjustments to the BC Transit schedule.		
	District of Invermere	\$2,760.00
	Electoral Area F	\$2,760.00
	Electoral Area G	\$2,760.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$2,760.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,760.00
		<u>\$13,800.00</u>

Windermere Community Association

Windermere Community Hall FireSmart Completion and Exterior Renewal

The Windermere Community Association proposes to complete the final FireSmart improvements and exterior upgrades to the Windermere Community Hall. This project includes three components:

Upgrading and expanding the outdoor irrigation system to maintain healthy, green grass around the facility,

Repainting exterior trim, doors, and benches to protect building materials and improve the facility's appearance, and

Completing minor repairs identified in the 2025 FireSmart assessment.

Maintaining short, green grass is a key FireSmart strategy that reduces wildfire risk by limiting dry fuels around structures. The irrigation upgrade will help ensure the grounds remain resilient during increasingly dry summer conditions. Exterior repainting will protect wood surfaces from weather damage and extend the life of community assets.

The Windermere Community Hall can play an important role in local emergency preparedness. With its kitchen and washroom facilities, the hall can function as a warming or cooling centre during extreme weather events and as an emergency reception or shelter space if evacuations occur due to wildfires or other regional emergencies. These upgrades will help protect and maintain a facility that supports community safety, resilience, and emergency response capacity.

Electoral Area F \$5,830.00

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Summary of 2026/2027 Proposals
Electoral Area F**

Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
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Windermere Valley Historical Society

Valley Echo Digitization Project

By scanning and digitizing the paper archive copies of the Valley Echo and working on having these digital records available and searchable through online platforms, we believe that a significant amount of the 'valley' history will be more accessible and better documented for the general public to access. This can be useful for general knowledge, research projects, and for helping newer residents having a better sense of the place and the history. It is unclear at this time how many decades of the Valley Echo can be digitized in this initial pilot project, the hope is to digitize as much as possible, but if the entire archive is not possible to digitize in this project the equipment and processes learned through this project will make future work and future digitization projects easier to accomplish.

District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$12,500.00</u>

Windermere Valley Saddle Club Society

Arena Watering System and Infrastructure Up-Keep

Upgrade to our water system for our communal horse riding arena in the rural Invermere area. It will allow us to properly water our arena to keep down the dust to ensure safer conditions for our horses, and riders. We are also desiring to purchase a laptop to keep track of classes, clinics, riders, and horses. Also we need a microphone, speaker system, and timer to appropriately make announcements during use in our arena. We would also like to touch up painting around the riding club grounds, and a shed is needed to house our quad in order to lock it sufficiently for security. The project will help ensure that our grounds are well taken care of, and as safe as possible for all of our members and horses. We will achieve this project with all of our volunteer members hard work and effort.

District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$4,399.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	<u>\$7,399.00</u>

**Resident Directed Grants
Summary of 2026/2027 Proposals
Electoral Area F**

Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Windermere Valley Youth Centre Society		
Summer Hiking Program		
In July and August, once a week, we will take teens (12 to 18 years old) out on adventures around the Valley.		
8 hikes		
- 3 half day hikes with up to 12 participants		
- 5 full day hikes with up to 6 participants		
- all including transportation and snacks		
- lunch for full day hikes		
The Columbia Valley receives thousands of tourists each year who are fortunate to roam our backyard, yet lots of our own teens have never had the chance to explore it. In July and August 2025, we took local teens on local trails like Pedley Pass, Brewers Lakes, Jumbo... The participants asked if we would do it again before our adventures even ended. This project helps the youth take ownership of the land they share with the visitors each year. It helps them appreciate what surrounds them.		
We will hire Playwest again this year as they are they have most professional and experienced guides and they can provide transportation.		
	District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$632.00
	Electoral Area G	\$633.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,100.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$7,365.00</u>
	Total Funding Requested:	<u>\$136,163.14</u>