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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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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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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
	$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

Elk River Watershed Alliance

Youth Watershed Education Program

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

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

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

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

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Elk Valley & Area Hospice Society

Update Core Volunteer Training Manual

Project: Updating our current training manual.
Goal: Our current course was donated to us by the previous facilitator; it is outdated and needs considerable updating. This will bring our current outdated core training manual up to date, offering efficient, effective, and appropriate course material to properly train volunteers and educate the public. This project will allow us to deliver an up to date training course, ensuring we can build volunteer capacity and knowledge.
Action: We will hire an Education Designer, a specialist who can take our existing Companioning the Dying course material and work with the Elk Valley & Area Hospice board to create a revised training manual.

City of Fernie	$3,000.00
District of Elkford	$3,000.00
District of Sparwood	$3,000.00
Electoral Area A	$3,000.00
Electoral Area B	$3,000.00
	$15,000.00

Elk Valley Family Society

Rooted in Place: Integrating Ktunaxa Culture

This project will advance Truth and Reconciliation within Elk Valley Family Society (EVFS) housing by installing permanent Ktunaxa land acknowledgement signage and commissioning Ktunaxa artwork in EVFS housing located on QukinÊ”amakÊ”is, the unceded traditional territory of the YaÊ”qit Ê”aÂ·knuqâ±¡i'it.

The project will make Ktunaxa land, language, and culture visible within everyday housing spaces, moving beyond symbolic acknowledgements toward meaningful, lasting recognition. Permanent land acknowledgement signage will be installed in each building, featuring Ktunaxa language alongside English translations. By embedding Ktunaxa culture into daily life, these signs honour Ktunaxa land titles and rights while serving an educational role for tenants, staff, visitors, and community partners.

Additionally, the project will display original artwork by local Ktunaxa artists in common areas of each building. Artwork will celebrate Ktunaxa culture, contribute to culturally safe and inclusive housing environments, and support economic reconciliation by providing paid opportunities for Indigenous artists.

The project will be achieved through collaboration with Ktunaxa knowledge holders and artists to ensure cultural accuracy, respect, and integrity. EVFS will oversee the design, fabrication, and installation of land acknowledgement signs and will coordinate the commissioning and installation of artwork in each building. Together, these components will create educational and lasting contributions to reconciliation that strengthen relationships with Ktunaxa communities and foster respect, belonging, and accountability within EVFS housing.

District of Sparwood	$10,600.00

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Fernie Chamber of Commerce

Griz Days 2027 - 50th Anniversary

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

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

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

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Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club

Freestyle Training Equipment Replacement

The Fernie Freestyle Club is a community-based organization dedicated to developing athletes and promoting safe participation in freestyle skiing and snowboarding. Through structured coaching, training environments, and youth programming, the club provides opportunities for athletes of varying skill levels to develop technical skills, confidence, and lifelong engagement in winter sport.

Our programs serve local youth and visiting participants by maintaining a safe, professionally managed freestyle training environment. The club operates in partnership with local mountain facilities (Fernie Alpine Resort and Wapiti Ski Club) and relies on well-maintained equipment to construct and maintain terrain park features that meet safety and training standards.

The club's current terrain park and course maintenance equipment has reached or exceeded its service life. Aging tools and hardware reduce efficiency, increase maintenance downtime, and pose safety risks to both staff and athletes. We will achieve our goals with the purchase and replacement of aging snow fencing, bamboo poles, generators, rope, shovels, rakes, tampers, and snowblowers.

City of Fernie	$3,000.00
District of Elkford	$3,000.00
District of Sparwood	$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	$1,500.00
	$10,500.00

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Fernie Heritage Trust Society

Knox on 2nd Classical Music Series

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

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

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

Fernie Pets Society

Elk Valley Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)

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

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

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Fernie Pride Society

2026 Elk Valley Pride Festival

The Elk Valley Pride Festival is a multi-day community festival hosted by the Fernie Pride Society that celebrates Pride and brings together 2SLGBTQ+ people, families, and allies from across the region. It is a community initiative designed to create an affirming and welcoming space while supporting connection, visibility, and inclusion in the Elk Valley and South Country regions.

The project will celebrate diversity, strengthen community relationships, and promote inclusion through a range of accessible cultural, recreational, and educational experiences. The festival welcomes participants of all ages and backgrounds and offers opportunities to connect, learn, and engage in community activities that highlight queer arts, voices, history, and experiences.

This will be achieved by organizing a five-day program of events such as parades, flag-raising ceremonies, workshops, youth programming, arts activities, outdoor recreation, performances, and community gatherings. It also involves collaboration with volunteers, vendors, artists, and local organizations that provide resources, services, and interactive activities. Programming is largely free, hosted in accessible venues, and supported by community participation and sponsorship to ensure broad engagement and impact.

City of Fernie	$6,500.00
District of Elkford	$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	$2,000.00
Electoral Area A	$3,000.00
Electoral Area B	$3,000.00
	$16,000.00

Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation

The Ghostrider Adventure Camp

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

City of Fernie	$1,500.00
District of Elkford	$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	$1,500.00
Electoral Area A	$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	$1,500.00
	$7,500.00

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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

Reel Canadian Film Society

Reel Canadian Film Festival

This volunteer-run event is dedicated to the talent, skill, and diversity of Canadian FIlmmakers. RCFF, in collaboration with a number of private and public partners, showcases Canadian film from a number of genres including drama, comedy, documentary, and animation. Over one weekend in January, RCFF showcases five feature films, film maker interviews, short films from emerging Kootenay filmmakers, and an opening and closing reception

City of Fernie	$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	$600.00
	$1,600.00

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Rocky Mountain Village Auxiliary Society (RMVAS)

Celebrating Special Occasions for the Elk Valley and South Country Senior's

The project is to intentionally celebrate and bring the joy to all residents on every holiday we can. RMVAS and community members will work together to get this done.

City of Fernie	$500.00
District of Elkford	$250.00
District of Sparwood	$250.00
Electoral Area A	$400.00
Electoral Area B	$400.00
	$1,800.00

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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Sparwood Coal Miner Days Society		
Coal Miner Days Coal Miner Days is our week long Community celebration that has something for everyone, from sporting events to kids festivities, parade and everything in between. CMD proceeds have been raised to support: Lilac Terrace expansion, new Sparwood Skate Park, Raise a Child UP, Sparwood EDC Committee, Sparwood Food Bank, Search & Rescue as well as sporting groups in our community. Coal Miner Days are packed full of exciting events, fun for the entire family.		
	District of Sparwood	$5,000.00
Sparwood Farmers Market Society		
Sparwood Market Kids Fest The primary objective of the 2026 Kids Fest is to stimulate local economic activity by attracting diverse crowds to the Sparwood Market through a dedicated family-oriented celebration. Since its inception in 2019, the Kid's Festival has evolved into a cornerstone summer tradition, entering its eighth successful year as a staple of the Sparwood community. By integrating parent-focused market shopping with high-draw children's entertainment-including bouncy houses, professional face painting, balloon artistry, and carnival-themed food-the event creates a unique environment that grows brand awareness for local vendors and increases overall market attendance. Funding from the 2026 Redi Grant will be utilized to secure these essential attractions, specifically covering the rental of a bouncy house and the hiring of professional entertainers, ensuring the festival remains a vibrant, accessible, and highly anticipated destination for families across the region.		
	District of Sparwood	$2,000.00
	Electoral Area A	$875.00
		$2,875.00
Sparwood Golf Club		
Power Conversion Shed Power Conversion Shed and Site The golf course is doing a total power upgrade, new poles, wires, new transformer sites, re wiring maintenance shop, and burring power at clubhouse facility. Our infrastructure is 48 years old and needs upgrading. The conversion shed is where the main power comes into the course, it will house the main transformers. We will prepare the site, remove trees, build a 10/8 building, on a 10/8 cement pad. It will be insulated with 3/4" plywood. BC Hydro will run power to shed, and we will install 2 leads that will separate our power. There will be 2 breakers, one will go to the irrigation pump house, and the other to the maintenance shed/clubhouse facility. We need the shed for the electrical panels and easy safe access.		
	District of Sparwood	$16,250.00

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Sparwood Minor Soccer		
Equipment Shed Upgrades and Training Equipment Remove leaking roofs on existing Sparwood Minor Soccer (SMS) sheds and install new sheet metal. Remove old shelving and install new wracking to store old and new equipment. Replace old nets that have met their end of life.	District of Sparwood	$3,803.00
Sparwood Old Age Pensions Society (S.O.A.P.S.)		
Roof Replacement Roof replaced on building structure as it is over 40 years old. To have this replaced stops leakage and weather damage of any sort. Will get a few different quotes from contractors before moving forward.	District of Sparwood	$20,000.00
Sparwood and District Chamber of Commerce		
Tourism Promotion Display and Materials Upgrade The Sparwood Visitor Centre Tourism Promotion Display Upgrade project will develop a new illuminated backdrop and updated banner display featuring current, high-quality imagery that showcases Sparwood's outdoor recreation, community amenities, and visitor experiences. The project will modernize the Visitor Centre's mobile promotional display used at regional outdoor and travel shows, including the Calgary Outdoor & Travel Show. The project will also include updated brochures using the new photography, as well as a branded tablecloth and supporting display materials to create a professional and cohesive presentation while having brochures for visitors to keep. The upgraded display will strengthen Sparwood's presence among competing destinations, attract visitor attention, and more effectively communicate key destination messages. By using updated visuals and professional design, the project will support tourism growth, encourage visitor spending, and contribute to local economic development while promoting community pride. The project will be achieved through the design and production of a portable, illuminated display system and complementary banner materials. Imagery will be sourced from recent local photography to ensure an authentic and current representation of Sparwood. The display will be durable and reusable, allowing the Visitor Centre to leverage the investment at multiple trade shows, community events, and regional promotions, ensuring long-term value and continued benefit to the District of Sparwood and the local business community.	District of Sparwood	$8,000.00

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Uplift Community Support Association

2026/27 Individualized Support Services

UPLIFT provides individualized, one-on-one support for each client and their family, guided by the client's unique goals. Support may include building skills such as self-awareness, self-esteem, self-regulation, social, academic, and communication skills. We focus on fostering growth that aligns with each client's values while promoting overall wellness.
This program supports youth ages 3-19 thoughout the Elk Valley. Many of our clients have disabilities, developmental delays, or would otherwise benefit from additional support.
Our staff work with youth using play-based therapeutic models that prioritize connection, self-discovery, and the development of intrinsic motivation for long-term personal growth.
Some clients also access support in a group setting. UPLIFT organizes small groups led by youth support facilitators that encourage peer connection and naturally support skill development through play and organic interaction.

City of Fernie	$1,500.00
District of Elkford	$225.00
District of Sparwood	$500.00
	$2,225.00
Total Funding Requested:	$89,678.00