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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Blue Lake Forest Education Society		
Blue Paddle Campaign		
The Blue Paddle Campaign provides subsidies for local youth to attend Blue Lake Camp programs. Our programs can range from one day to week long programs. There are overnight options, and day long options. This money will be used to support kids getting outside, learning about the natural world, and improving their leadership skills. This money will go to individual kids who's families have a financial barrier to participating. This funding will ensure every child can attend camp without their families' finances being a burden to them.		
	District of Sparwood	\$2,400.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,800.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area F	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area G	\$2,400.00
	City of Cranbrook	\$6,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,400.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,200.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,400.00
		<u>\$34,000.00</u>

Bright New Minds Child Care Society

Early Years Speech & Language Enrichment Pilot

The Columbia Valley is a large area with many children who require childcare, many of whom were infants during the COVID-19 pandemic and who now struggle with a variety of behaviours and language delays, stemming from limited socialization opportunities and impressionable time in their lives as infants where they did not see peoples faces or hear the annunciation of words; not to mention the emotional trauma some children still face when they see someone wearing a mask. Bright New Minds in conjunction with Dorie Jones an SLP with Cascade Speech Therapy is willing to work with the educators at Bright New Minds to offer regular curriculum and attend the centre monthly to facilitate games, rhymes and activities to build these much needed language skills that children in our entire centre should be able to benefit from; not just those children who see Interior Health for specific speech and language support.

District of Invermere	\$5,582.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$7,582.00</u>

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Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors Society

Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers

The project "Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers" would provide gas and meal vouchers to low income family caregivers who are driving senior's to medical appointments out of community, or to visit their senior loved one who is placed in long term care out of community on the "first available bed" policy. The Caregivers Network supports over 200 family caregivers throughout the East Kootenay, and at minimum another 200 senior care recipients who benefit from our support. In a recently conducted needs assessment, we have determined that approximately 1/3 of our clients are low income and struggling with the cost of caring for a loved one.

We would like to invite our low income clients to register in this travel assistance program on an individual as needed basis. We have six paid staff in the largest communities in the East Kootenay each with their own client base and means to distribute gas and meal vouchers. We would provide low income clients with meal and gas vouchers to help offset the cost of caregiving for a senior loved one needing to travel out of community.

City of Cranbrook	\$5,500.00
City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Christmas Bureau of the Columbia Valley

Christmas Bureau of the Columbia Valley

The project is to provide Christmas to needy families and individuals. We do fund raisers and canvas for donations to business and individuals.

District of Invermere	\$10,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$5,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$5,000.00
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network		
Outdoor Learning Social Enterprise Development		
<p>This project will allow us to expand our social enterprise - the Outdoor Learning Store - with 100% of proceeds going back to supporting outdoor and environmental learning initiatives. It will allow us to purchase the equipment and tools required to serve a growing need, while also generating revenue to go back into local programs and initiatives.</p> <p>Specifically, it will allow us to purchase additional shelving, tables, an efficient heating system and door to help us become more energy efficient, thus reducing costs and environmental impact. This will also allow us to provide a work environment that is better for our local staff, and will allow us more space to be able to accommodate future staffing needs.</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$5,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
		<hr/> \$7,500.00

Columbia Lake Stewardship Society

Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring and Education

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors and Columbia Lake Stewardship Societies are joining forces to strengthen the protection of the Columbia River headwater lakes by implementing the Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring and Education Project. 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 primary activities of this project include water quality and quantity monitoring of Columbia Lake, Lake Windermere, tributaries, and the upper reaches of the Columbia River. It also involves promoting the protection and restoration of shorelines, participating in species surveys and monitoring, and facilitating community education and outreach initiatives. The data collected will inform decision-making, governance, and restoration efforts in the headwaters region. We engage with the community through various initiatives, such as providing opportunities for citizen science water monitoring, participating in community invasive weed pulls and community cleanups, and delivering community educational programs, including outreach booths, workshops, in-school sessions, and summer camps. By sharing information with stakeholders, we aim to create collective action to preserve the freshwater ecosystems and natural environment of the Columbia River headwaters. By enhancing community knowledge of water resources, we aim to empower citizens and decision-makers to take proactive measures to safeguard the headwater lakes, benefitting ecosystems and communities now and in the future.

District of Invermere	\$10,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,895.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$895.00
Electoral Area F	\$8,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$900.00
	<hr/> \$22,690.00

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Columbia Valley Arts Council		
Replacement Tent Canopy		
<p>CV Arts occupies the Pynelogs historic building in Invermere and runs programs from this location. As part of our summer operations we have a large canopy awning that provides shelter and shade such that we can expand our programming to a covered outside area. The existing 20x20 canopy is at the end of life and requires replacement in order for us to continue to leverage this large outdoor area throughout the late print through early fall. The replacement of this awning is critical at this time as we are restarting some pre-covid programming that has been absent for the past four years. Mountain Mosaic is set to relaunch July 1, 2024 and in prior years saw thousands of people enjoying a variety of activities and programs in and around the Pynelogs building. We have received a quote to replace the awning from the local supplier who sets up and takes down our awning annually and have been informed that our existing canopy is very much at the end of its life, they are able to source and supply a replacement for \$3472.00</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$3,472.00
Columbia Valley Pride		
Permanent Thermoplastic Rainbow Crosswalk		
<p>The project is the installment of a Permanent Rainbow Crosswalk downtown Invermere between Village Arts and The Panorama Mountain Centre. We are working closely with the DOI and in consultation with other Pride organizations. Angela Maclean with the DOI has obtained an initial quote from a contractor they work with and has been in discussion with them for the best possible option for us, in terms of the most durable and lasting option and an option in which there is the possibility of being able to repair any damaged area. The installment of the crosswalk is best done 2 months after the installment of new asphalt. The DOI is replacing the asphalt at this intersection this year - date yet to be set. The crosswalk will be installed 2 months after the pavement is installed. Thus the estimated dates included in the application are just that an estimation, but the installment will definitely be by the fall of 2024, hopefully sooner.</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$7,000.00</u>

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Columbia Valley Rockies Booster Society

Expand and Relocate Bull Riding in the Rockies for the Columbia Valley Community

In partnership with the Shuswap Band administration, the Columbia Valley Rockies Booster society is looking to expand and relocate the Bull Riding in the Rockies to a permanent location. The current location that has been used to host the Bull Riding for 30+ years has been sold and no longer available for the event. This grant will be used to provide much needed seating upgrades at the new location. This will allow for a better, safer experience for the guests at the event. The purposed new site will be a shared location where the bleachers/seating we already own (but aging) will reside to be used for other events like the Salmon Festival to make a better, safer venue for everyone. More bleachers will also allow for a bigger event and to get people off the dirt, into proper seating and away from the bull riding ring for everyone's safety. We currently own sets of aging bleachers that need to be replaced and expanded.

District of Invermere	\$8,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$4,000.00
	<hr/> \$20,000.00

Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association

Youth Soccer Equipment

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 not a financial barrier for families wishing their children to participate.

District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
	<hr/> \$8,000.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council		
Spreading the Word, NOT the Invasives - Reducing the Spread of Invasive Species through Education and Outreach		
This project will promote increased environmental stewardship and positive behaviour change for invasive species prevention. EKISC will directly increase community knowledge, awareness, and understanding of the impacts of invasive species on natural environments and the region as well as identification and best management practices.		
This project will provide invasive plant and animal education and awareness through in person workshops and training; interactions at events such as farmers markets; connecting with youth through schools and girl guides/scout groups; interactions with boat owners at boat launches to spread the message of Clean, Drain, Dry; connecting with pet stores about the Don't Let It Loose program; weed pulls which enable hands-on experience identifying and controlling invasive plants; distributing invasive plant resources and spending one-on-one time with landowners; and online communications such as webinars and engaging social media posts.		
This project will aim to increase engagement with community members and groups that EKISC has not worked with previously or groups in which there is a lack of or need for invasive education.		
The funding from last year was used at events such as plant walks, invasive plant pulls, our "Watercolour With Weeds" workshop and community garden presentations, there was much gratitude from the community for our presence and feedback showed the public appreciated these engaging events and there was demand for more such events.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$2,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$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	\$500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
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		\$17,000.00

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Family Dynamix		
Valley Wide Youth Programs		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will have two youth facilitators available for each youth activity to ensure safety protocols are in place.</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$5,840.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,500.00
		<hr/> \$11,840.00

Groundswell Network Society

Community Sustainable Gardening Initiative

As a living classroom equipped with fully functioning permaculture market gardens, Green-energy Greenhouse, and community rental Gardens, we endeavours to teach the community how to garden sustainably. Groundswell had over 1000 student visits to our Mt Nelson Community Gardens, Greenhouse and Market garden in 2023 where they learned about soil, amendments, seeding times, watering, harvesting and sharing the produce with the Food Bank. Back in the class the students learned about starting seeds indoors, transplanting and the care of young plants. As the year progressed we had visits from these same students to the greenhouse to learn about our market growing program. To see the growth of tomatoes, peppers and a large variety of greens and herbs. We engage volunteers and adults in additional gardening programs which include visits to local farms and functioning gardens where they can learn from the experts, as well as honing their skills planting building greenhouses, learning about biological controls, water conservation technics etc... Our 2024 program is expanding as more schools want to have the ability to grow their own food and learn the value of having food in your own backyard. As well we have adult gardening workshops, tours and talks to help new gardener and established gardeners learn more about sustainable gardening practices.

District of Invermere	\$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,250.00
Electoral Area G	\$1,250.00
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Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley

Hospital Volunteer Visits

Our community Hospital serves a diverse population facing various chronic/life limiting illnesses and end-of-life challenges. Hospitalization often brings stress and emotional strain to patients and their families. Research demonstrates that volunteer visits have a significant positive impact on patients and overall hospital experience (National Institutes of Health, de Sandes-Guimares, March 2023). Volunteers provide emotional support, companionship, and assistance with non-medical needs, fostering a more comforting and conducive environment. This project aims at developing and offering hospital visits from the Hospice Society volunteers. After discussions with the Home Care Nurses, it was confirmed that currently, there is no volunteer visiting program and that too often, patients are left alone because staff do not have the time to spend time with their patients. This project will be achieved by developing hospital visiting guidelines in collaboration with the hospital nurses, and by training volunteers interested in hospital visitation.

District of Invermere	\$5,200.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$3,344.50
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$5,200.00
Electoral Area F	\$5,200.00
Electoral Area G	\$3,344.50
	<u>\$22,289.00</u>

Invermere Judo Club

Certified Coaches Travel Costs & Training for Upcoming Coaches

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	\$4,061.33
Electoral Area F	\$4,061.33
Electoral Area G	\$4,061.34
	<u>\$12,184.00</u>

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Lake Windermere District Lions Club

Lake Windermere District Lions Campground - Second Washroom

The Lake Windermere District Lions Club has built a 48 site Campground south of the Crossroads into Invermere. Phase one is has been completed at a cost of \$750K. The second phase of the Campground will cost \$150K. It includes water & power to 10 additional sites (\$60K), Cookhouse (\$30K), additional site work (\$20K) and second washroom (\$40K).

We are requesting \$20K in the form of a ReDi grant to help build the second washroom. The second washroom will house 3 rooms. Two of the rooms will have a toilet, sink and shower. The third room will have a toilet, bathroom sink, kitchen sink and an on-demand hot water system. The second washroom is necessary as there could be as many as 150 nightly Visitors to the Campground.

District of Invermere	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$10,000.00
	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

Peaks Gymnastics Society

Peaks Gymnastics New Equipment Purchase

For over 20 years, Peaks Gymnastics has served the Columbia Valley. We have designed recreational and competitive training to serve a range of skill-levels and ages, from toddlers to adults. Accessible and affordable recreation and sport in our valley is a goal of Peaks Gymnastics.

Peaks Gymnastics is currently building a new facility to be our permanent home. In addition to gymnastics, this space will provide opportunities for new and additional programming including cross-training (dance, skating, cheer, and skiing) and camp based programs. Our new facility will have space for an in-ground trampoline, tumbling trampoline, foam pit, as well as additional training space for programs.

We are seeking funds from the ReDi grant to purchase equipment specific for the facility. We currently own a variety of equipment that will be moved into the facility, however, we require additional and specialized equipment, including foam for the foam pit, trampolines, additional mats and spotting systems. The purchase of this equipment will allow our athletes to safely develop new skills, and will also allow us to offer new programming such as tumble and tramp programs, aerial training (for gymnasts or skiers), and a fun place to have birthday parties, summer camps, and more.

District of Invermere	\$10,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,500.00
Electoral Area F	\$12,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$2,500.00
	<u>\$28,000.00</u>

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Steamboat Mountain Music Society

The Thirteenth Annual Steamboat Mountain Music Festival

The Thirteenth Annual Steamboat Mountain Music Fest is a three-day event. On Friday evening, July 5, the festival opens with five sequential porch parties at various locations around Edgewater, featuring a different local performer at each place. The evening will wrap up with a big jam at Frank's Rink. On Saturday, July 6, the community park and hall in the centre of town will feature alternating performances on a main stage and a tweener stage, running non-stop from noon until 10:00 pm. The indoor dance party in the hall will feature more live music from 10:00 pm until 1:00 am. On Sunday, July 7, aspiring musicians will gather at the All Saints Churchyard for workshops led by seasoned performers.

District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area G	\$4,000.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Summer Concerts at St. Eugene Mission and Columbia Valley Centre in Collaboration with A'qam Community

Symphony of the Kootenays will present concerts at the Columbia Valley Centre on Saturday July 6, 2024 and the St. Eugene Mission on Sunday July 7, 2024 in collaboration with the ?aq?am Community. In preliminary discussions Nasu?kin (Chief) Joe Pierre stated "the Ktunaxa people are excited about the possibility of hosting the Symphony at ?aq?am next summer." The collaboration will include participation by dancers and drummers from the community as available. This concert is intended to be a celebration of two cultures. Organization and logistics will be arranged by the Symphony administration in consultation with ?aq?am and other local indigenous artists.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$500.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	<u>\$8,000.00</u>

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Village of Canal Flats		
Canal Flats Arena Media Equipment, Tables and Chairs		
<p>The Canal Flats Arena has 27 stackable chairs in the mezzanine that have become unsightly and require replacement. The arena recently added a concession and eight additional plastic tables are needed. A television for the mezzanine would provide entertainment for younger siblings attending hockey games with their families. Two smaller tv's would be placed in the entrance and in dressing room area showing tournament schedules and dressing room assignments.</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$9,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$11,000.00</u>
Wildsight Invermere		
Resilient Communities		
<p>The Resilient Communities project will address community based climate change concerns and solutions in the Columbia Valley. Working together with existing community groups we will provide resources and learning in areas that concern people the most and where we can have the most impact - housing, transportation, food/waste and nature-based-solutions. By bringing existing groups and organizations together we will capitalize on economies of scale and uplift each other's work. Working together we will provide educational events, workshops and webinars highlighting the good work that is already being done in the valley, the positive solutions that exist and the areas where more work is required.</p>		
Proposed events		
1. Biological Reserves		
2. Local Sustainable Food		
3. Building Sustainably		
4. Make it Don't Buy it		
5. Guided Foraging and Hunting		
6. Gear Swap		
7. Retrofits and Rebates		
8. Columbia Valley Food Festival		
	District of Invermere	\$1,400.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$900.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,400.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,400.00
	Electoral Area G	\$900.00
		<u>\$6,000.00</u>

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Windermere District Farmers Institute		
Market Building Roof and Safety Upgrades		
<p>We propose to install hand rails and a ramp in the Market Building along with signage and high visibility floor markings to ensure safe access in the Barn for all customers; particularly seniors and people with accessibility issues. This part of the project has been discussed in detail with a RDEK by-laws officer, in order to find the best outcome. Additionally We propose to replace the metal roof and fascia boards of the market building measuring approximately 10 by 30 meters. The building was constructed in the 1950 and the roof has reached the end of its serviceable life. Please see the quote attached.</p> <p>We would like to see the roof replaced and repairs made early Spring 2024.</p>		
	District of Invermere	\$4,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$20,800.00
	Electoral Area G	\$2,518.00
		<u>\$30,318.00</u>

Windermere Valley Snowmobile Society

Forster Recreation Area Storage and Maintenance Shelter

This project will see the acquisition and erection of a manufactured steel storage building on the previously constructed foundation at the WVSS maintained Recreation Site located at ~19 km on the Forster Landing Service Road. The purpose of the facility is manifold: provide secure storage for the groomer and mogul master (replacement value of approximately \$250,000) and related supplies; provide a safe, sheltered location to our numerous volunteers and specialized technicians who are dedicated to the maintenance of the equipment and trail system.

Specifically this Project calls the for purchase and erection of an approximately 30' x 50' Quonset hut style steel building closed on both ends with overhead and man doors on each. Note: level of completion will be commensurate with level of funding secured and may be scaled back to allow for later installation of ends and doors.

District of Invermere	\$15,752.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$6,444.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$15,752.00
Electoral Area F	\$9,308.00
Electoral Area G	\$24,344.00
	<u>\$71,600.00</u>

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Windermere Valley Snowmobile Society		
Forster Recreation Site Staging Area Drainage Improvements		
Grade and install granular to facilitate effective seasonal drainage of the Recreation Site which serves as the staging area for the Forster Recreational Area.		
	District of Invermere	\$2,706.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,107.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,706.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,599.00
	Electoral Area G	\$4,182.00
		<u>\$12,300.00</u>

Windermere Valley Snowmobile Society

Seasonal Snow Storage

This project involves clearing a small area (approximately 0.5 Ha) at the ~42 km point on the Forster Service Road where snow scavenged at the end of the winter season will be stored through the summertime by insulating it with a thick layer of sawdust. This stored snow will, at the start of the winter-season be pushed into the frozen river to form a seasonal snow bridge allowing mechanized access to the remainder of the winter trail to the cabin. This will allow for an earlier start to grooming as compared to waiting for sufficient snowfall in the current season to facilitate a snow bridge. Note sufficient snowfall accumulation has been delayed further and further into the winter season. By way of reference as of the submission of this proposal at the end of January 2024 there is insufficient snow to develop the snow bridge.

Without the snow bridge there is approximately 1 km of trail which does not get groomed and becomes very difficult to traverse. This is a major deterrent to using the Forster Recreation Area.

District of Invermere	\$1,342.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$549.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,342.00
Electoral Area F	\$793.00
Electoral Area G	\$2,074.00
	<u>\$6,100.00</u>

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Windermere Valley Snowmobile Society

Transportable Snow Grooming Equipment

This project involves the purchase of a snow groomer that is easily transportable via small trailer as well as an appropriate utility snowmobile to groom trails that WVSS has to date not been able to. While WVSS grooms the majority of the trail to the Forster Recreation site with its large dedicated groomer, it has not been able to groom snow on the trails to the Doctor Creek, Brewer Creek or Rocky Point areas. Additionally, a critical section of the Forster trail cannot be groomed until later in the season with the large groomer. When not groomed, these trails become very difficult if not impossible for snowmobilers to travel.

This project would eliminate this problem and profoundly increase the value that WVSS is able to offer the users of these trails by maintaining access to key recreation areas.

Additionally, WVSS would use this equipment to facilitate the maintenance of previously undeveloped snow trails on seasonally-out-of-service roads for skiers, snowmobilers, ice-fishers and other outdoor enthusiasts to recreate. It is intended that this use would start modestly in and around the Forster Recreation Site establishing a base of operations at the shelter proposed there.

District of Invermere	\$7,235.36
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,959.92
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$7,235.36
Electoral Area F	\$4,275.44
Electoral Area G	<u>\$11,181.92</u>
	\$32,888.00

Windermere Valley Youth Centre Society

Youth Roots Magazine, 3rd Edition

The purpose of Roots Magazine is to provide a platform for local youth to express their creativity, display their activities, and inspire imaginative ideas throughout the Columbia Valley. This magazine has been a testament to the creative spirit of our youth, with the previous two editions featuring a plethora of articles, art, photos, and creative writing submitted by them. Starting this February, we will initiate our Creativity Collective project to spark inspiration in the youth to dabble in a variety of creative art forms and get in touch with their inner self. This series of creative workshops will focus on mental health and self-reflection to enhance creativity. Ultimately, we envision the magazine as a celebration of the boundless creative energy of our youth, as it provides them with the opportunity to showcase their creations for the public to see and appreciate. We are hoping to have it ready for September 2024, to be distributed at the beginning of the new school year.

District of Invermere	\$3,850.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$300.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$100.00
Electoral Area F	\$200.00
Electoral Area G	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$4,700.00

**Resident Directed Grants
Summary of 2024/2025 Proposals
District of Invermere**

Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
		Total Funding Requested:
		\$126,500.69