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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
<b>Blue Lake Forest Education Society</b>		
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
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		\$34,000.00

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<b>Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network</b>		
Wild Voices for Kids in RDEK		
<p>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.</p> <p>The goals of the Wild Voices program include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways.</li> <li>2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,300.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	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
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		\$12,000.00

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<b>Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History</b>		
Making History Public		
Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History (CBIRH) will undertake work to extend and expand the Columbia Basin Image Bank, by digitizing, preserving and making publicly accessible 600 new historical photographs of the East Kootenay District. Through this project CBIRH will bring historical photos that are currently inaccessible to the general public. The photographs will be accessible for public viewing for free on CBIRH's website <a href="http://www.basininstitute.org">www.basininstitute.org</a> .		
These are the communities/areas: City of Cranbrook - 110 images; City of Fernie - 50 images; City of Kimberley - 80 images; District of Elkford - 30 images; District of Sparwood - 50 images; Electoral Area A - 40 images; Electoral Area B - 100 images; Electoral Area C - 110 images; Electoral Area E - 30 images.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,250.00
	City of Fernie	\$750.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$750.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$750.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,550.00
	Electoral Area E	\$450.00
		<hr/> \$13,000.00

**Cranbrook Lacrosse Association**

**School Program and Safety Equipment Upgrade**

The Cranbrook Lacrosse Association(CLA), is a vibrant, non-profit organization that has seen substantial growth over the last 8 years, more than tripling the number of youths registered in lacrosse during that time. The growth is directly related to the development model that has been adopted by our Association that ensures registration costs are kept low in order to keep the sport of lacrosse accessible and inclusive for the engagement of all youth. With tremendous growth and limited revenue generated from registration fees the CLA has not had the opportunity to upgrade and replace some of the key equipment required to run our lacrosse program and with the addition of a new turf for the Memorial Arena, we now require the ability to maintain the cleanliness and integrity of the turf. The project involves the acquisition of new goalie equipment, lacrosse goals, youth lacrosse sticks, shot clocks and an industrial vacuum for the turf. In acquiring these items, the CLA will be able to improve the quality of outdated, worn-out equipment, ensure enhancement of our school program, and ensure that all current safety standards are met. The addition of the turf to our program last year was a substantial purchase but to maintain the integrity and cleanliness of the turf surface the purchase of an industrial vacuum is essential.

City of Cranbrook	\$19,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$8,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$7,500.00
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<b>Cycling Without Age (CWA) Fernie Foundation</b>		
CWA Fernie Trishaw Purchase 2024		
<p>The project is the acquisition of the funds required to purchase a new Trishaw. The original Trishaw was purchased second-hand in 2018 and now has significant problems with its mechanical parts and the battery. This has limited our services to having only 2 trishaws available at any time to take people on outings. Having a third trishaw bike would allow more people in the community to enjoy being outside and feeling the wind in their hair. Three trishaws would allow CWA to expand our operations while continuing to provide rides to more users. The cost of a new Trishaw is approximately \$21,700 and CWA Fernie has been fundraising for the past 2 years in order to acquire the necessary funds. A grant from ReDi would be a significant addition to help support the purchase of this new trishaw.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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<b>East Kootenay Invasive Species Council</b>		
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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**Elk River Watershed Alliance**

Elk River Floodplain Restoration

The Elk River Alliance seeks ReDi support for purchasing fencing supplies and watering systems to support streambank restoration on three historical pasture fields along the Elk River. In 2024-25, work will focus on installing protective fencing, watering systems and revegetation along 600 m of Elk River streambank. Two sites are located between Elkford and Sparwood: The 'Big Ranch' and 'Elk River Lodge'. The third 'Morrissey Meadows' site is located 18 km south of Fernie.

Livestakes (cut branches) and seedlings of cottonwood, red osier dogwood, and willows will be collected from existing groves. They will be re-planted within 10 m of the riverbank to produce dense barrier vegetation. A watering system will be installed to maintain soil moisture for two years, which will allow the plants to create a viable self-sustaining root network. Temporary fencing will be installed to protect young plants from herbivores.

The project will stabilize banks, restore terrestrial and aquatic habitats, and improve flood resilience. Dense roots will trap soil and stones and allow the bank to resist water erosional forces naturally. Riparian vegetation will be also vital for a healthy habitat for mammals, birds, and fish. This work will forward a long-term goal of developing a functional floodplain forest ecosystem on the sites, and connect the floodplain corridor along the Elk Valley.

City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
District of Elkford	\$10,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area A	<u>\$4,606.00</u>
	\$34,606.00

**Elkford Housing Society**

Maintenance Equipment Shed

The equipment shed will be of a size to include the storage of winter snow removal equipment (ie snowblower, shovels, etc) and lawn and gardening equipment (ie mowers, fertilizer, etc). The shed will be a minimum 300 sqft to a maximum of 625 sqft, depending on the type of building acquired. Included in the building of this structure will be a concrete pad, a garage door (or 2 depending on size and cost), electrical, heater and labour.

District of Elkford	\$20,000.00
Electoral Area A	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$30,000.00

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<b>Fernie Citizens Housing Society</b>		
Replacement of Front Entrance Glass Doors, Opener and Windows		
The current aluminum storefront doors, automatic opening mechanism, and windows at the entrance of the Trinity Lodge building need to be replaced. They have outlived their predicted lifespan by 10+ years. The replacement will increase energy efficiency and resident comfort. It will also alleviate the society with the financial burden of repairing the aging infrastructure. This will be achieved by contracting the project out.		
	City of Fernie	\$20,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$20,000.00
		<u>\$40,000.00</u>
<b>Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club</b>		
Fernie Freestyle Radio Purchase		
To source and purchase twenty (20) two-way programmable radios for Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club coach use starting in the 2024-2025 ski season.		
The radios will be purchased through SparComm. They have identified the Kenwood MX-1200 radio as the most appropriate for our needs.		
Currently, we have 20 coaches that rely primarily on personal cell phones for communication with with each other, as well as with Fernie Alpine Resort operations and ski patrol. This is an issue as there are frequent battery problems, phones not overly accessible while on the person, etc. We aim to purchase the required number of radios to ensure that coaches are able to provide the safest ski experience possible for participants, families, and the ski hill itself.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,840.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,700.00
		<u>\$8,040.00</u>
<b>Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society</b>		
Researching the Life and Times of the 923 Internees of Section D		
Clean 923 grave sites in Section D.		
Photograph new GPS pictures in Section D for 923		
Write a narrative about the life and times of the internees in Section D.		
Make video using the narrative to put on the web sites (fernierheritagecemetery.com) and (ourfernier.ca)		
	City of Fernie	\$1,250.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,250.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,500.00
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>

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<b>Fernie Heritage Trust Society</b>		
Knox Concert Series Programming		
This grant funding will support and develop our annual music programming. Primarily supporting artist/musician fees, we will be able to bring exceptional concerts to Knox on 2nd delighting Elk Valley audiences. Knox concert series programming will be curated to represent a broad range of music genres.		
	City of Fernie	\$8,000.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$10,000.00
<b>Fernie Pets Society</b>		
Elk Valley Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)		
This program provides subsidies to area residents who require financial assistance in order to spay or neuter their cats. Approved applicants pay a nominal fee of \$50 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	\$900.00
	District of Elkford	\$300.00
	District of Sparwood	\$900.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$900.00</u>
		\$3,000.00



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**Fernie Pride Society**

**Elk Valley Pride Festival**

The 8th Annual Elk Valley Pride Festival is a 5-day celebration of diversity, inclusion, and Pride for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and allies and takes place primarily in Fernie, BC. The 8th annual celebration is scheduled for September 18-22, 2024 and will feature cultural events for all ages, educational opportunities, a queer arts day, and a myriad of other events.

The Elk Valley Pride Festival format in 2024 will again be a hybrid one. The Festival has demonstrated growth year-to-year and in 2021, the growth allowed us to create an exciting new component; Spectrum Queer Arts Day. Spectrum has become a cornerstone of the Festival and features live music, refreshment garden, info booths, a skateboard jam, and an art market.

In addition, 95% of Festival events are free to attend, take place only in universally accessible venues, and are appropriate for people of all-ages. We work directly with local suppliers as much as we can and value our community partnerships and the efforts they invest for marginalized communities.

City of Fernie	\$7,500.00
District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

**Fernie Trails Alliance Association**

**Ancient Cottonwood Signage**

Last year the Fernie Trails Alliance (FTA) had the opportunity to take over the management the Ancient Cottonwood Trail from the Elk River Alliance (ERA). The ERA was unable to manage the trail due to lack of funds. The FTA worked diligently with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to have the land use agreement enacted. Once the FTA had the land use agreement in place the FTA then met with the Conservation Officers at NCC and a local Arborist to begin the work to the make the trail safe to users again. Once the high danger trees were assessed and mediated the FTA Trail Crew began working on clearing brush, repairing bridges and fences. Now that the trail is safe and open the signage on this trail was about 15 years old and in disrepair. The FTA is asking for funding to support the upgrading of signage and repairing of bridges in this much loved family friendly trail.

City of Fernie	\$3,955.00
Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$9,955.00</u>

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<b>Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation</b>		
Ghostrider Adventure Camp		
<p>The Ghostrider Adventure Camp provides a one week residential program for the children of the Elk Valley who do not have the opportunity to experience a week away at camp due to their home social environment. We offer a range of activities including rafting, hiking, crafts, survival skills, canoeing to name a few. All of our activities are designed to increase self esteem, self- reliance and develop stronger social skills. This year we hope to raise \$30000 to able to accommodate 36 kids aged 8-12yrs and 6 teens in our leadership training program all from the Elk Valley.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$1,400.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,400.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,400.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,400.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,400.00
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		\$7,000.00

### **Michel Natel Sparwood Heritage Society**

#### Artifact Storage and Preservation

Preservation and exhibition of historical records benefits future generations both online and in person tours. These records act as memory aids that allow us to recall, relive and discuss activities and events and to re-communicate information about them at some point in the future. Detailed and accurate archiving using museum collections software, archiving materials for storage and photographs of each item, ensures quick access to artifact information and will assist in developing new and exciting exhibits and refreshing current installations. Also, with the addition of merchandise and record attendance at our museum in 2023, efficient workflow will save time and ensure we are providing quality tours and a meaningful experience for our patrons.

Electoral Area A	\$6,300.00
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### **Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch**

#### East Kootenay Family Support

The East Kootenay Family Support Project will assist families travelling to access necessary medical care for their ill or injured child. We provide fuel, food, and accommodations to families who must leave their home community along with emotional support and access to other agencies.

City of Cranbrook	\$11,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$4,000.00
District of Elkford	\$500.00
Electoral Area A	\$500.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
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	\$17,500.00

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<b>Rocky Mountain Village Auxiliary Society (RMVAS)</b>		
Keeping Elk Valley and South Country Senior's Warm and Happy		
Project Warm: We would like to purchase two more blanket warmers, and 96 flannel blankets to keep residents warm and comfortable during stressful times. We are in the process of buying our first blanket warmer currently.		
Project Happy: we would like to purchase 3 sets of virtual reality goggles to allow residents to safely travel to a place of their choice.		
	City of Fernie	\$5,100.00
	District of Elkford	\$5,100.00
	District of Sparwood	\$5,100.00
	Electoral Area A	\$600.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,600.00
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		\$19,500.00

**Senior Citizens Club of Fernie & District**

**Fernie Seniors Centre Facility Painting**

To continue to ensure the provision of a well maintained community facility, we are aiming to repaint the interior of the Fernie Seniors Drop-In Centre as well as some of the exterior features such as handrails and window sills. Proper maintenance of the facility ensures the ability to provide a safe and clean community gathering space for many years to come.

The interior was last repainted in 2016 and the exterior in 2012.

City of Fernie	\$4,500.00
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	\$6,000.00

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<b>South Country Cowboy's Association</b>		
Elko Equestrian Riding Arena Enclosure and Foundation		
Build an equestrian riding arena enclosure 144' x 226' with a soil and sand foundation at the Elko Park, (former Elko Rodeo Grounds). This project will provide a safe facility filling the gap from the loss of the arena at Brian Ironmongers' and the Fernie site. The sand and soil base foundation of 5 inches deep will be distributed evenly throughout the arena. This foundation plays a crucial role in supporting the horses. The arena foundation gives horses assurance of stable ground while training so they can perform their best during events. Our communities will thrive and come together to hold many equestrian events, such as, gymkhanas, roping, barrel racing, equestrian training workshops, 4H, community events, auctions, dances and farmer's markets. Preserving the heritage of the western lifestyle, keeping the traditions alive for our communities now and future generations. The project will construct a riding arena enclosure for use by the local community groups and organizations.		
	Electoral Area A	\$4,335.00
	Electoral Area B	\$21,916.00
	Electoral Area C	\$23,556.00
		<u>\$49,807.00</u>
<b>Sparwood Curling Club</b>		
Rock Maintenance		
The rocks must be sharpened every 10 years. It is important to sharpen rocks so they work correct on the ice for curling. The club has 64 rocks, and they need to be shipped to		
	District of Sparwood	\$14,677.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$16,677.00</u>
<b>Sparwood Farmers Market Society</b>		
Kid's Fest		
The main goal of the Kid's Fest each year is to attract more people to the market through a family oriented event, which grows awareness of the market and the vendors.		
The Sparwood Market has hosted a Kid's Festival in Sparwood since 2019, which has been highly successful and well attended. Many families attend this event because the market provides kids entertainment with bouncy houses, face painting, balloons and carnival food! Many families expect this event each year and the combination of a market for parents and activities for children is a staple of our community summer events.		
The funds from the Redi grant would be used to rent a bouncy house for Kid's Fest, as well as hire face painting and balloon makers for the Kid's Festival.		
	District of Sparwood	\$2,175.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$3,675.00</u>

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<b>Sparwood Golf Club</b>		
John Deere HD200 Select Spray Purchase		
Our club is purchasing a John Deere ProGator, we would like to purchase the 2 attachments, Select Sprayer,(for applying chemicals) and the Top dresser for sand. This will help make the maintenance of the course easier and faster for our volunteers. We may have to finance the Gator, but if we could receive grants for the attachments, it would help us financially		
	District of Sparwood	\$16,000.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$18,000.00
<b>Symphony of the Kootenays Association</b>		
Christmas Celebration Concert including Student Concerto		
Symphony of the Kootenays (SotK) will present a concert on November 23, 2024 featuring a piano concerto performed by 3 local piano students. The balance of the program will feature guest artists in a folk-based genre to engage community members who may not otherwise be inclined to attend a Symphony concert.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area E	<u>\$500.00</u>
		\$8,000.00
<b>The Elk Valley Dolphins Swim Club Society</b>		
Replacement of Failing Equipment		
We would like to purchase:		
1- Backstroke Start Devices: provide a consistent and safe start method for swimmers competing and training, our current ledges are starting to lose traction		
2- Backstroke Flag Line: safety feature that shows swimmers distance to the wall to avoid concussions or initiate turns appropriately, ours are at the end of their life, sagging and mildew covered.		
3- False Start Device: used during competition, our current false start system is sagging from years of use and older swimmers hit it during backstroke event potentially causing injury		
Replacement of failing equipment will improve training and competition for developing and competitive athletes.		
	City of Fernie	\$11,500.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$1,143.00</u>
		\$12,643.00

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<b>Wildsight Elk Valley Branch</b>		
Little Sprouts		
<p>The Little Sprouts program is a garden-based, science-focused, parent &amp; tot program to get families outdoors, into the garden, and connecting with where their food comes from.</p> <p>This program operates once a week in July and August at the Fernie Community EcoGarden in Fernie, British Columbia. It is developed for children (ages 0 through 6) and their caregivers.</p> <p>Each week stations are set up throughout the EcoGarden that encourage parents and their children to explore a different science-based, garden theme.</p> <p>Little Sprouts provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Different garden-themed, science-based activities each week</li> <li>- Parent-led stations with signage on how to engage with your child</li> <li>- Outdoor library with garden-focused books</li> <li>- Healthy snacks and hand-washing station</li> <li>- Sandbox and water table</li> <li>- Gardening activities and educational activities.</li> </ul> <p>Little Sprouts is a scheduled social activity for parents and children at a time of year when most regular programs do not operate. The program is brought to life weekly by a facilitator who leads the program and supports children and their caregivers in engaging with the activities</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$2,200.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
		\$3,200.00
Total Funding Requested:		<u>\$83,684.00</u>