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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
AIDS Network Outreach and Support Society		
ANKORS Peer Engagement		
<p>This will be a peer led project with supervision in Kind by ANKORS Peer Development Coordinator/ANKORS Team Lead. The ANKORS Peer engagement Project is a peer engagement initiative focused on a number of things to aimed at reducing stigma, connecting homeless and those at risk to be homeless to community and promoting wellness. The project is a initiative that gives honorarium to homeless people that we recruit to do jobs at Moir encampment and other areas where folks are camping. Honorariums are provided to peers engaged in community clean ups, business clean ups, syringe sweeps etc. The idea of this project is when people who are homeless are given honorarium for same day work, then they are less likely to engage in survival crimes like stealing to buy food etc. We know that this same day honorarium idea engages homeless people, in acquiring work skills, helps them have pride in themselves and feel connected to their community. Community stigma is also replaced with the broader public being thankful for the work and their efforts. We recognize that survival crime is at a all time high and we believe we can reduce these incidences by this project. So its the most vulnerable, the homeless who will be receiving honorarium.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$10,000.00
Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy Society		
Physical Literacy Community Outreach		
<p>The Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy Society (ACPLS) project will provide awareness, education and practical experience on physical literacy to a variety of organizations in Cranbrook and the geographical region. Physical literacy is how humans interact with their physical environment and includes agility, balance, coordination and stability as fundamental skills that assist anyone to participate in and perform physical tasks, including activities of daily living (ADLs) as well as recreational and sports activities.</p> <p>The project will provide physical literacy kits, including a variety of basic equipment like floor dots, rope and floor "ladders", balls, and cloth material to use in demonstrations and for organizations to develop enjoyable physical play activities and games to promote healthy social play in their space. By reaching out to various organizations, including, government, business, recreational and social groups in our community and area, we will increase the general awareness and uptake of healthy physical activity and assist in promoting and building a more health aware community.</p> <p>The success of Mobility Enhancement at Western Financial Place (WFP), and the Child Development Centre's Preschool Action Kits, have demonstrated the need and potential of creating a more physically literate and physically functional community. We will share and increase that success with this Physical Literacy Outreach Program and CBT/RDEK support.</p>		
"Just Move & Feel Great"		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
		<u>\$3,000.00</u>

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Always Climb Association		
Beyond the Walls		
<p>This project is geared towards providing sustainable opportunities for recreational climbers, as well competitive athletes. The project will enhance accessibility, as well initiate opportunities for all levels and ages of climbers. From youth after school programs, to national level athletes, as well equipment that allows the full experience of climbing; the project hopes to provide these resources for future success in the community. This will all be achieved through the purchasing of climbing equipment (Climbing holds, volumes, training equipment) and safety equipment (ropes, auto belays, flooring mats, belay devices, harnesses), and scholarship offerings to various recipients (National athletes 3-6 recipients, after-school programming: 3-6 recipients). The time and energy it takes to put this project together would be the biggest contribution. Beyond Always Climb associates, families and climbing enthusiasts donate their time to ensure follow through of such goals. The staff at Arq are the most wonderful people, and their energy and dedication to the sport allows for volunteered time towards ensuring the success of our project.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
Blue Lake Forest Education Society		
Blue Paddle Campaign		
<p>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.</p>		
	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>

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Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors Society		
Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
	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	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
		\$10,000.00

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network		
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"> 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. <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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Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History		
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 www.basininstitute.org .		
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
		\$13,000.00

Community Connections Society of Southeast BC

Cranbrook Food Recovery - Food Workbees

Cranbrook Food Recovery (CFR) partners with local grocery stores, bakeries and restaurants to recover food that is still edible, but no longer valuable for sale. We also recover produce from farmers in Creston.

CFR then distributes the majority of that food to community organizations. Anything that is no longer human grade is donated to local farmers for livestock feed.

Our chef also uses a portion of recovered food to create 450 meals every week. Meals are distributed to the homeless shelter, to the Salvation Army, and distributed weekly to anyone who who needs or wants frozen, ready-to-eat meals.

In the summer and fall, we have made impromptu trips to Creston to recover produce they can't sell, but also can't store. Last year we recovered 3500lbs of locally grown (delicious) fruit and veg, and brought it back to be distributed freely within Cranbrook and Kimberley.

This funding will allow us to hold weekly workbees that invite community members to join us in processing food.

These will be social, inclusive 2-hour events, and will focus on how to preserve ingredients for future cooking use.

We will also purchase a sealer that allows us to transition ready-to-eat community meal packaging away from single-use tinfoil to a sealable heat-resistant compostable package.

City of Cranbrook \$5,250.00

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Community Connections Society of Southeast BC		
Cranbrook Urban Farm - Site Beautification		
ReDi funding will be used for site development of Cranbrook Urban Farm. We want the farm to be an inviting, welcoming space for the community. This includes applying community sourced artwork to our enclosed growing units, and completing some site prep/beautification.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$14,000.00
Community Connections Society of Southeast BC		
Public Produce Garden 2024 Events		
Although this community managed, free public space that aims to increase food security and local food education has been around for over a decade, it is still not well known in the community. We would like to hold five community events in the garden in the 2024 season. These events will allow us to build community and showcase this amazing space.		
Events would include:		
1. Learn to garden, food growing for beginners		
2. The bees knees, an old-fashioned tea party		
3. Container gardening, growing food in unconventional spaces		
4. Art in the garden, appreciation for all things beautiful		
5. Farm to Table Harvest Party, a celebration of local food		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,600.00

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Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Society

Cranbrook Landmark Restoration

The Restoration Project aims to renew the exterior of the iconic Cranbrook Water Tower and Elko Train Station, integral components of our community's local history. This endeavor is dedicated to safeguarding these significant landmarks, thereby actively supporting the implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Urgent attention is required for the restoration of both structures, addressing issues such as deteriorating siding and renewing the protective painting.

Situated prominently along the arterial highway through Cranbrook and in close proximity to Cranbrook's Downtown, these prominent structures play important roles as historic landmarks in the community. Their restoration is not only essential for preserving our heritage but also serves as a strategic initiative to enhance the appeal of the city to tourists. The revitalization of these landmarks is poised to attract visitors, encouraging them to pause and explore the city, thereby contributing substantially to community vibrancy and the overall economic development of the City.

City of Cranbrook	\$28,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$29,000.00</u>

Cranbrook Food Bank Society

Redesign and Accessibility Upgrades to Receiving and Distribution of Donated and Recovered Food

This project is to update the current equipment we use for the receiving and distribution of food to increase both safety and efficiency at the Cranbrook Food Bank. These upgrades will also make many areas of the Food Bank more accessible to our diverse team of over 80 volunteers.

Beginning in June 2024, we will switch some of our table scales to floor scales. This will allow carts to be rolled onto the scales, increasing efficiency and decreasing the risk of injury from improper body mechanics. We will also upgrade carts in our warehouse and operational area. We will purchase an adjustable-height cart to accommodate our volunteers with diverse abilities. The addition of an electric pallet jack for the receiving of shipments and large donations will also increase our efficiency and make it safer for volunteers to move pallets of food.

We will implement this project by purchasing the equipment from suppliers both locally and online and then we will switch out the new equipment for the older equipment that needs replacing. We will provide in-person training for all the volunteers and employees who will be using the equipment and will include the training in our volunteer manual.

We will have all the equipment purchased and the volunteers trained by the end of August 2024.

City of Cranbrook	\$11,761.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	<u>\$17,261.00</u>

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Cranbrook Lacrosse Association		
School Program and Safety Equipment Upgrade		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$19,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$8,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$7,500.00
		<u>\$39,500.00</u>

Cranbrook Pickleball Club

Cranbrook Pickleball Club, Kinsmen Court Sound Reduction

The Cranbrook Pickleball Club will be completing the installation of sound barrier to the fencing on the west side of the Kinsmen Pickleball Courts. Acoustiblok, is the highest rated sound barrier available and has been used with great success across North America. Installation of this sound barrier to the fencing on the north side of the courts in 2022 was very successful in reducing the noise to the adjacent neighbourhood. We would like to give the residents west of the courts, the same benefits of noise reduction.

As well as providing the highest possible noise reduction, the installation of Acoustiblok on the west side will improve the aesthetics of this City of Cranbrook facility.

As was done with the first phase, the fencing will be reinforced with a concrete and metal bracing system to maintain the structural integrity after the addition of the very heavy sound barrier material. All costs associated with this portion of the project will be covered by The Cranbrook Pickleball Club, including materials and installation.

City of Cranbrook	\$9,623.00
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Cranbrook Public Library

Our Library, Our Communities, Our Story: The Cranbrook Public Library's 100th Anniversary

The Cranbrook Public Library will be turning 100 on July 4th, 2025.

And that is something worth celebrating.

The "Our Library, Our Communities, Our Story" project will enable the citizens of Cranbrook to celebrate the library's extensive past and exciting future, through year-long programs, activities and special celebrations. A commemorative book will also be published, charting the Library's evolution alongside the citizen's it served (and continues to do so).

City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	<hr/> \$15,000.00

Cranbrook and District Arts Council Society

"What is that Building next to Encore?" Cranbrook Arts needs a Sign!

What is the Project?

- An exterior "Cranbrook Arts" sign for our building
- A "1401 Gallery" sign for the side of the building

The project will:

- bring awareness to our new location and help us reach more people in the community
- allow us to complete our exterior/building renovation project, which began in 2019 and is continuing into 2024
- is a more economical avenue than a free-standing sign, and will not utilize much needed parking space
- support our Community Arts Engagement Program - making it easier for patrons of partner organizations to find us
- along with our exterior renovation, add to the aesthetic of Kootenay S N

Signage will achieve this by:

- clarifying who we are (not a daycare building, gym or boutique)
- letting the community know where we are:
 - our moving of the gift shop from Baker St
 - our street address does not align with our building frontage
- bringing our exterior project to completion, restutling in an attractive, noticeable building with a clear identity

City of Cranbrook	\$12,980.00
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East Kootenay Chamber of Mines Society		
Traveling Outreach Booth		
We would like funding to purchase our own booth to take to community functions within the East Kootenays. We attended functions and festivals throughout the East Kootenay region to do Outreach. We have been invited to festivals and parks where we bring Fossils and Minerals to show those in attendance the types of Minerals in our region and what they are used for as well as the fossil we are known for. Currently we have had to rely on those hosting to provide us with a tent and tables. We would like to purchase our own to show a bigger presents and be able to go more places		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,543.00

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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
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		\$17,000.00

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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	\$815.00
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$500.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
		<u>\$3,315.00</u>

Fisher Peak Performing Artists Society

Summer Sounds 2024/25

Summer Sounds 2024 will present live, free family-friendly music concerts, featuring local and regional performing artists on the following Thursdays: July 4, 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 29; and also Saturday, Aug. 24. 9 shows total will be presented in Rotary Park, Cranbrook. Each show will be comprised of 2-3 acts, and will include special features such as dance demonstrations, DJ's, and youth spotlights. A beer garden operated by Fisher Peak Brewing and food vendors will also be present. Summer Sounds historically attracts 500 patrons weekly, providing revitalization to the downtown core, attracting residents and tourists. This project is achieved through collaboration with the City of Cranbrook, Cranbrook Rotary Clubs, and many sponsors and members. The program is delivered by a hard working volunteer Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers. We now enter our 11th season and FPPAS has demonstrated capacity and resilience in providing opportunities to local and regional performing artists. The core business has been to provide great concerts free of charge to the public in order to be as inclusive as possible. This proposal also includes the purchase of sound and light components, which will improve the sound quality, visual appeal and safety in Rotary Park. This equipment will be utilized for Summer Sounds in 2024, and for years to come for free live events.

City of Cranbrook	\$26,927.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$27,927.00

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Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC		
Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Programs 2024-25		
<p>The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for Outreach Programs based out of The Kootenay Trout Hatchery and associated Visitor Centre and Community Fishing Pond (KTH) in Electoral Area C, as well as surrounding communities such as Cranbrook, Kimberley, and Jaffray. The Kootenay Trout Hatchery is a tremendously valuable resource for the public; particularly residents as well as visitors to the area with nearly 15,000 visitors and over 5,000 Outreach Program participants annually. Programs offered include Learn to Fish; a program designed to introduce participants to sustainable recreational fishing practices as well as Environmental Stewardship Programs, Sturgeon Conservation Educational Programs and Hatchery Tours. Seasonal Outreach Instructors (primarily university students) will be hired, and trained on program delivery. These Instructors will deliver the programs, tours, as well as engage with drop-in visitors at the facility.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$46,610.00
		<u>\$68,610.00</u>
Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library		
World of Curiosities!		
World of Curiosities!		
<p>The Summer Reading Club's theme, "World of Curiosities" will stimulate a large section of Cranbrook and Area C's school children to continue their literacy journey over the summer months. This incentive program helps kids build their confidence in reading, while having fun and building stronger connections with their public library over the summer months. Studies continue to show that children attending the Summer Reading Club do better in school in the fall.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$7,788.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,947.00
		<u>\$9,735.00</u>

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Key City Gymnastics Club		
Gymnastics Equipment Replacement		
<p>Gymnastics Equipment Replacement Project</p> <p>Providing safe, reliable, quality gymnastics equipment is a priority and essential to the safety and learning ability of all participants and members of Key City Gymnastics Club (KCGC).</p> <p>KCGC provides classes and learning opportunities to over 2000 participants each year through pre-school, recreational, competitive, trampoline and free running gymnastics classes; adaptive needs programs and private lessons; Seniors Can Move classes; cross-training; educational partnerships which support school programs; public access programs such as birthday parties; child, youth, adult and family drop-in opportunities, and camp programs which provide a full day of gymnastics, games, crafts and fun anytime school is out.</p> <p>With high and rising costs of specialized gymnastics equipment, we endeavor to purchase and replace equipment on a rotational basis. With the high-volume equipment usage, it is a financial challenge to keep up with the purchases and replacements required to run our programs.</p> <p>We will be kicking off a fundraising campaign to raise the funds required to replace equipment that is showing signs of wear and tear and/or has reached the end of its maximum use recommendation. The campaign, along with fundraising opportunities will be posted on our website and social media platforms along with photos and a tracking method to monitor how close we are to achieving our goal.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$21,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$6,849.00
		<u>\$27,849.00</u>

Key City Theatre Society

Ed Fest 2024

The 2024 edition of Ed Fest in Cranbrook, BC, is a multi-day celebration of creativity and expression, culminating on September 6th and 7th at Rotary Park. This festival is designed to engage the community through a diverse array of performances, workshops, and activities suitable for all ages, with the aim of fostering an appreciation for various forms of art, including music, dance, literature, theatre, and more. The project is a collaborative effort by local artists, not for profits, and community members committed to creating a unique and memorable experience for attendees.

The festival is named after Ed the Elephant, who famously escaped from a traveling circus in Cranbrook nearly a century ago, and the event embraces a circus escape theme. Attendees are encouraged to wear carnival costumes to enhance the festive atmosphere. The Cranbrook History Centre will provide insight into Ed's story during the festival. Key City Theatre will be organizing interactive live performances alongside Fisher Peak Performing Artists who will be delivering two days of Music concerts, and Cranbrook Arts will organize art workshops and installations. Additionally, an artisan market will be hosted in partnership with the Cranbrook Farmer's Market.

Ed Fest is inclusive and open to everyone, free of charge, and aims to be a platform where creativity, music, art, and community spirit are celebrated without barriers.

City of Cranbrook	\$9,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$4,500.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

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Kimberley Health-Care Auxiliary		
Kimberley Thrift Store Lift Installation and Upgrades		
This project will assist the Kimberley Health-Care Auxiliary in continuing with renovations to the lower level of the Kimberley Thrift Shop. The current plan is to continue with the finishing of the lower level, and installation of a lift that will transport goods up and down in a safe manner. The installation of the lift will be completed by Seymour Engineering Ltd., and meet the requirements of Technical Safety BC-Elevating Division		
	City of Cranbrook	\$24,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$63,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$11,641.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$5,000.00
		<u>\$118,641.00</u>

Kootenay East Soccer Association

KESA Quality Programming and Coaching

KESA obtained a Member Association Level 1 with Canada Soccer in 2023. This is a recognition of the quality of KESA's programming and a commitment to hold our coaches and programs to a higher standard. KESA will purchase two portable video systems to help our REP teams improve by recording games/practices and replaying them back to learn and grow as players/team. Video is needed for graduating players to apply for soccer scholarships to Colleges/Universities when they are trying to get on a post secondary soccer team. This video system will aid in coach education by giving the chance to video and send out drills as well as aid in coach evaluations. Being a Canada Soccer Member Association Level 1, we are committed to providing coach education. This year we will run a Learn to Train and Fundamentals Soccer course. These at no cost to our volunteer coaches. KESA runs a Ref course yearly at no cost to our members. KESA works hard at keeping costs down for our programs for our families by covering costs of Tournament fees, Field Rentals, and Jerseys kits for house players. KESA is looking to order a Soccer Ball Launcher to provide REP/DEV teams advanced skill development and goalies more precise training.

Electoral Area E	\$5,500.00
City of Cranbrook	\$25,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$9,500.00</u>
	\$50,000.00

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Kootenay Livestock Association		
Kids Learning Agriculture		
<p>An Ag Education Program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students within the Kootenay basin. While the broad scope of this program is fundamental agriculture knowledge and understanding the basics of where food comes from, the focus of the program is Kootenay basin production agriculture. This program consists of many different learning and connection opportunities for students such as field trips, industry speakers, lesson packages and education for teachers and in class learning opportunities - science experiments and hands on learning opportunities. Knowing and understanding where food comes from, what food comes from our local area, how it is grown, processed and marketed as well as the environmental impacts are the main focus of this program. This program allows a connection from producers to students. With only 1.6% of Canada's population being involved in agriculture it is an area of interest and excitement for most students. The Kootenay Livestock Association holds education as one of it's top priorities.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,400.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$100.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Child and Family Service Society		
Foundry East Kootenay Food and Menstrual Product Pantry		
<p>Foundry East Kootenay is a part of a province-wide network of integrated and inclusive health and social services for youth aged 12-24 and their caregivers. Core services include physical health, mental health, substance use support, social services, peer support, and e-health services. Foundry East Kootenay serves all youth and families in the Kootenay region - Indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+, youth with disabilities, new Canadians and many more. The building, located close to schools and the downtown core, makes for an ideal space for at-risk youth to access vital services.</p> <p>Through the food and menstrual product pantry program, youth will have safe access to food and menstrual products (tampons, pads, etc.) in a judgement-free space. With increased economic pressures, more youth are at-risk or experiencing food insecurity and do not have access to menstrual supplies. Food insecurity and a lack of period products has profound impacts on education, employment and overall wellness. The pantry at Foundry East Kootenay will ensure any youth or family member accessing the space can access the products they need, when they need it - this helps to reduce challenges youth may be facing in their lives.</p> <p>Foundry East Kootenay staff will ensure the pantry remains fully stocked and will work with youth and families to identify areas of improvement.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$18,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>

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Living Lakes Canada Society

Water Monitoring for Local Climate Change Adaptation

Living Lakes Canada has developed an innovative methodology to gather the data and information necessary to build climate resilience in the Columbia Basin. We are implementing a coordinated water monitoring network that reflects local priorities while also addressing scientific data gaps.

In 2022, we implemented this approach in the RDEK within the Columbia-Kootenay Headwaters Hydrologic Region and the Elk River Valley which is part of the Upper Kootenay Hydrologic Region. In 2023 we expanded to the rest of the Upper Kootenay region (map attached). Activities include monitoring of stream flow; water temperature; climate; high elevation ecosystems; groundwater, wetland and lake level; water quality and biodiversity at 42 locations across the RDEK.

To support local capacity building and youth engagement in water monitoring and stewardship, we offer community workshops and training on water monitoring protocols, volunteer opportunities, internships and employment opportunities.

The monitoring network is capturing critical long-term data to support community and ecosystem resilience in the face of climate disruption. The improved knowledge of our watersheds will support local climate adaptation and water stewardship initiatives.

City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	\$2,000.00
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	\$14,000.00

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Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society

M2BL Trap and Release (TNR) Expansion

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society's pivotal project aims to enhance and sustain our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Currently M2BL is the sole registered domestic animal rescue conducting this service in the East Kootenay. In 2023, we were involved with well over 200 spays and neuters, with at least half attributed to TNR efforts. However, we are hindered by the absence of suitable recovery spaces for feral cats post-surgery. Managing feral cats demands specialized care, and our few volunteers equipped to provide that care quickly become overloaded.

Our project centers on acquiring a dedicated piece of land, providing a location for 30 individual cat containment units. These units will serve as safe havens for feral cats during their recovery period or for kittens rescued from feral environments being treated for health issues. By addressing this critical gap in infrastructure, our organization can substantially improve the efficiency and impact of the TNR program. With the generous support of the ReDi Grants, New Dawn Development, FR Rentals, and skilled volunteers, we anticipate purchasing a plot of land and completing the construction of cat containment units on-site by June 30, 2025. Simultaneously, M2BL will hold a fundraising campaign to fund construction of a small building on the land which can be used to house animals with nowhere else to go for a short term.

City of Cranbrook	\$40,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$30,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$33,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$45,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$34,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$20,000.00
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	\$206,000.00

North Star Rails to Trails Society

North Star Rail Trail Enhancement and Improvement

We have 4 projects this year: invasive species control, repair of benches, clean-up of graffiti and application of reflective tape to crossing gates.

City of Cranbrook	\$10,778.55
City of Kimberley	\$3,836.40
Electoral Area C	\$6,850.75
Electoral Area E	\$1,370.30
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	\$22,836.00

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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
		<u>\$17,500.00</u>

Rotary Club of Cranbrook

Moir Park Trail Phase 3

Phase 1 of the Moir Park Trail Project was completed in September 2022. Phase 2 was in September 2023 and it constructed an additional 470 m of 2.5 meter wide, wheelchair-accessible asphalt trail around the upper Northwest portion of Moir Park. Both Phases of the project have already been a massive success, but expansion is needed for this project to meet the potential this tremendous community seeks. Phase 3 will commence in June 2024 and finish in August 2024, it will connect the previous two phases to both the dog park area at Moir Park and connect the previous portions of the trail to the existing City of Cranbrook sidewalk making the trail more user-friendly and accessible.

Cranbrook's Moir Park is the perfect site for this project, and the popularity already displayed by Phase 1 and 2 shows the vast community impact that Phase 3 will have on the park. Moir Park is a jewel, with breathtaking views of the surrounding scenery. Creating an expansive walking path for all members of the community is the best way to highlight the incredible community asset Moir Park is. Phase 3 will continue the goal of making Moir Park a Cranbrook landmark that residents are proud to call their own.

City of Cranbrook	\$60,000.00
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Spirit of the Rockies Society		
2024 Spirit of the Rockies Festival		
<p>The Spirit of the Rockies festival rallies Cranbrook businesses, clubs, organizations and volunteers to bring a primarily free city-wide 3 day festival to citizens and visitors. Activities such as public breakfasts/ bbqs, multiple sports tournaments, friendly competitions, music/ entertainment, a grand parade, market, games and demonstrations will showcase our city's infrastructure, culture and pride in our community. The festival coordinates more than 50 activities and attracts delegates from near and far. The festival brings social unity, showcases local talent and provides skill/ leadership development opportunities to the citizens of Cranbrook and surrounding areas. Free family activities remain accessible to all regardless of financial status.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$28,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$12,000.00
		<u>\$40,000.00</u>
St. Aidan Orthodox Church		
St. Aidan "Breakfast for the Vulnerable" Program		
<p>Our St. Aidan breakfast for the vulnerable program has now been in continuous operation for more than 5 years, serving Monday and Wednesday free breakfasts from 7:30 - 9:30am to Cranbrook's vulnerable sector. It has recently (Oct. 2023) returned to St. Aidan Church and our newly expanded and renovated kitchen! We now provide a full service menu with a menu of 3 choices of eggs, 3 meats, pancakes, fruit, yogurt, hash browns, cheese, tomatoes, toast, fresh ground coffee, juice etc. In addition we supply 40 (up from 35 last year) freshly made sandwiches (2 scrambled eggs, extra thick heritage bacon, and cheddar cheese on a toasted bun) to the Travel Lodge homeless shelter at 8:00am every Monday and Wednesday morning 52 weeks of the year with no exceptions. We hosted our second annual Free Christmas day meal - 7 Turkeys, 5 hams, and 18 volunteers serving over 100 meals and giving away hundreds of Christmas gifts. We distributed well over \$8,000 in food cards over the last year as well. The main goal is to both provide a most excellent breakfast and to provide some companionship and caring support to our struggling patron friends.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$18,000.00
Symphony of the Kootenays Association		
Christmas Celebration Concert including Student Concerto		
<p>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.</p>		
	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	\$500.00
		<u>\$8,000.00</u>

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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 ?aqł'am Community. In preliminary discussions Nasu?kin (Chief) Joe Pierre stated "the Ktunaxa people are excited about the possibility of hosting the Symphony at ?aqł'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 ?aqł'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
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	\$8,000.00

Wasa Recreation Society

Fire Doors (4) Hardware Replacement & Service

This project is to replace door hardware on four doors that are not functioning as required. This project will bring these doors up to safety standards. A certified contractor will install necessary hardware on all four doors.

City of Cranbrook	\$200.00
City of Kimberley	\$200.00
Electoral Area C	\$200.00
Electoral Area E	\$3,600.00
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	\$4,200.00

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Wildhorse Cycling Club		
Consolidation Park Legacy		
<p>The ReDi Grant funds will be used to initiate the feasibility phase of the project and to acquire the information necessary for developing a work plan. Several contractors will be utilized for professional reliance and community support.</p> <p>The Consolidation Park Project aims to develop a multi-use park in Cranbrook, integrating biking trails, a skills park, and accessible walking trails to connect existing networks with city resources. This initiative seeks to capitalize on the area's natural beauty, fostering outdoor recreation, community engagement, and overall well-being. The project's objectives include enhancing physical activity opportunities, promoting economic growth through tourism, and positioning Cranbrook as a leader in front country recreation.</p> <p>To achieve these goals, the project will undergo a feasibility phase funded by the ReDi Grant. This phase will involve a comprehensive site assessments, and stakeholder consultations. By utilizing grant funds for contractor fees and project-related expenses, the feasibility phase will lay the groundwork for subsequent planning and implementation stages. Through strong partnerships with stakeholders and a focus on economic, social, and cultural value, the project will generate enthusiasm and support within the community. Ultimately, the Consolidation Park Project, facilitated by the ReDi Grant, will transform Cranbrook into a hub for outdoor recreation, bolstering community health and wellness while showcasing the town's natural assets to residents and visitors.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$40,000.00
	Total Funding Requested:	\$533,515.55